

Our Lady Help of Christians

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Second Sunday of Lent

THE Transfiguration

The transfiguration experience was one that affirmed Jesus' identity as the beloved disciple of God and strengthened him for his future suffering. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, that have clarified your sense of who you are as one loved by God? On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with God.

For the disciples, the experience was a reminder that they had to listen to Jesus on the road to Jerusalem. This puts our Lenten efforts in context. What have you found helpful to listen to and understand more deeply the meaning of the life and teaching of Jesus?

Prayer for our Catechumens and Candidates

Father of love and power,
it is your will to establish everything in Christ
and to draw us into his all-embracing love.

Guide those chosen ones:

Strengthen them in their vocation,
build them into the kingdom of your Son,
and seal them with the Spirit of your promise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Baptism

This afternoon we welcome **Charles James Fisher** into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate his parents Andrew and Elizabeth. Reverend Peter Fisher, Andrew's father, will share in the celebration of the Sacrament.

There is an Optional Collection this Weekend for CAFOD.

Mass Intentions for the week beginning Sunday 28 February 2010

Saturday	6.00pm	Sheila Smith (Intention)
Sunday	8.30am	Roy Phoenix RIP
	10.30am	Mrs Breslin RIP.
Monday	9.30am	Dec. of Cartwright Family and Family and friends of Mary Power.
Tuesday	9.30am	Margaret Tabbener's Intention.
Thursday	9.30am	Dorothy Martin RIP.
Friday	9.30am	Dave Pearce RIP.
Saturday	9.30am	Anna Ferrie.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	6.00	Jackie Kelly (Birthday).
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish.
	10.30am	Joan Brooks (Intention).

Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church.
Private intention and Special Intention.

Mass and events beginning 1 March 2010

Prayer of the Church - Psalms Week 2.

Monday	1	Feast St David Patron Saint of Wales. 7.30 RCIA Meeting in the Narthex. Theme: The Eucharist and the Mass. SVP Meeting in the Parish House
Tuesday	2	Mass of the Second Week of Lent. Stations of the Cross after Morning Mass. 7 – 10pm Townswomen Guild Meeting in Hall.
Wed'day	3	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service.
Thursday	4	Mass of the Second Week of Lent.
Friday	5	Mass of Second Week of Lent. 2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer - at Cove Baptist Church

	6.30 – 9.30 Youth Club in the Hall. 7.30pm Stations of the Cross.
Saturday	6 Mass of the Second Week in Lent. 10.00 – 2.00pm First Communion Session. First Confessions.
Sunday	7 Third Sunday in Lent.. There will be a Collection (obligatory) on the weekend of 13/14 March for Clergy Assistance Fund.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

- 11: 2.00pm Mass for the Senior Parishioners.
- 22: 7.30 Meeting of the Liturgy Leaders in the Pastoral Area at St Swithun's Yateley.
- 24: 7.30 pm Parish Seder Meal in the Hall.
- 30: 11.00 The Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral.

April

- 2: **Good Friday 3.15:** The Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square
- 4: **Easter Sunday**

May

- 25: 7.00pm Confirmation in our Pastoral Area.
- 29/30: Rearranged [from 9/10th January] White Flower Appeal.

June

- 20: **First Holy Communion. Two sessions** - 10.30 and 2.30pm.

July

- 24/25: Annual Mission Appeal for the Sacred Heart Fathers.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sunday evening Mass at 5.30 will be reintroduced at Our Lady and St Dominic Cove, beginning on Sunday March 7.

John Henry Newman on Lent

"O my God, how can I look you in the face when I think of my ingratitude, so deeply seated, so habitual, so immovable – or rather so awfully increasing! You load me day by day with your favours, and feed me with yourself, as you did Judas, yet I not only do not profit thereby, but I do not even make any acknowledgement at the time. Lord, how long? When shall I be free from this real, this fatal captivity? He who made Judas his prey, has got foothold in me in my old age, and I cannot get loose. It is the same day after day. When will you give me your effective grace which alone can give life and vigour to this miserable dying soul of mine."

PARISH AND PASTORAL AREA HOUSE GROUPS

Second Sunday of Lent

"It is wonderful for us to be here..." (Luke 9:33)

In the Mass we have the opportunity to experience a personal meeting 'at the mountain top' with the glorified Christ. So transfigured, may we go out to love and serve Him joyfully in our communities. [For more information visit: www.preparingtheground.org.uk/lent2010.html]

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 9 – 23 August 2011.

The age range is 16 (present year 10) and 35.

The expected cost is **£900**. We need to let the Diocese know approximate numbers by **31 March 2010**. For further details, see Diocesan Website Youth Section, face book 'Portsmouth 2011 World Youth Day Madrid' or call Rebecca Page-Tickell on 01252 519061.

Services on Saturday morning

9.15	Morning Prayer of the Church
9.30	Holy Mass
10.00 - 10.40	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions
10.00 - 11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Let us pray for the Sick

Debbie de Bono, Mary Brady, Dominic Clark, Elizabeth Pearce, Joan Schieder, Claire Hilder, Anthony Leakey, Julie Hall, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Nora O'Connor, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the **Petition Book.**

DOROTHY MARTIN RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the soul of Dorothy Martin, Dominic Clark's sister who died on Wednesday. **May she Rest in Peace.**

We pray for our deceased parishioners

Brother Joe Carter SDB, Patrick Slaven, Alan David Morris, Mrs McLoughlin, Harry Kane, Eileen Kane, Joseph Burgess, Florence Hassett, Harold Smith, Eileen Butler, Lou McDonald.

May they Rest in Peace