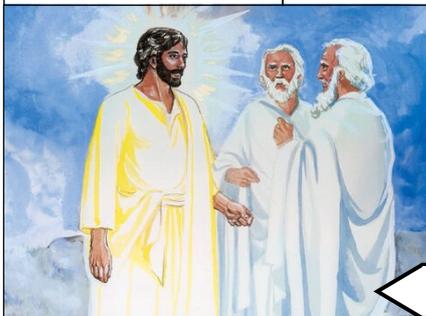


13th March 2022: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Mass Book Page 156	1st Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18 2nd Reading: Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1	Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 725 Offertory: 604	Communion: 775 Post-Communion: 210	Recessional: 770



THE LORD WILL TRANSFIGURE US

Jesus was transfigured in the presence of the apostles, and they realised how wonderful it is to be with him. Jesus is always with us, ready to transform our lives if through faith we believe in his power. He is as faithful to us as the Lord was to Abraham, who put his faith in him.

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 12 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Alan Mode RIP
Sun 13 09.30 11.00	✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C) Thanksgiving Mass for Priscilla's Birthday Doffou Nobert Ede RIP
Mon 14 09.30	Lional Bay RIP Rosary
Tue 15 09.30	Wellbeing of Maria Allan Rosary
Wed 16 09.30	Wellbeing of Philomena Anthony Rosary
Thu 17 09:30	<i>St Patrick</i> Thomas Healy RIP Rosary Coffee Morning in the Parish House
Fri 18 09.30	Myra Feeley RIP Exposition Stations of the Cross
Sat 19 09.30 18:30	<i>SAINT † JOSEPH</i> Tom Bell RIP <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Angelo Noto RIP
Sun 20 09.30 11.00	✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C) Special Intention of Mary & Michael Lloyd Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy

SHARING THE WORD

First Reading: (Gen 15:5-12.17-18) This reading tells of God's promise to Abraham that he would have numerous descendants, and that those descendants would possess the land of Canaan. As pledge of his fidelity, God made a solemn covenant with Abraham. This covenant led to the covenant at Sinai, and culminated in the new and eternal covenant, which Jesus sealed in his own blood on Calvary.

Second Reading: (Phil 3:17-4:1) The Philippians were Roman citizens. Paul reminds them that their real homeland is in heaven. He urges them to remain faithful to Christ, and promises them that one day they will share his glory there.

Gospel (Lk 9:28-36): The transfiguration follows on Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi. At Caesarea Philippi Peter had declared that Jesus was the Messiah. In response Jesus had made a threefold disclosure: that the Messiah must suffer, and that his disciples must be prepared to share his suffering, and that his suffering and theirs must be seen against the background of ultimate and certain glory. Now on the mountain the disciples have a prevision of the glory to come, and hear a voice from heaven asking them to listen to the words of God's son. Jesus was headed for Jerusalem where rejection and death awaited him. The transfiguration was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

As you know the primary school next door has been unfinished for some time as there have been planning problems with the Local Authority. A new planning

application has now been submitted and Parishioners are invited to register their support for the scheme. The planning application reference is DC/22/125634 and the detail can be accessed via the following link:

<https://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal= LEWIS DCAPR 113556&activeTab=summary>

You can support the scheme by leaving a message on the 'Comment' tab. Amongst others you may wish to suggest that you like the new design and its visual impact on the local area, that it is important to finish the school in a timely manner as it is an important community building where children spend their formative years and that local children deserve to have the best possible learning environment.

There is a public meeting on April 6th at the school at 7pm. The Governors and Head would be delighted if you could come along, look at the plans and the proposed materials and show your support.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Lady of Lourdes, Lee would like to invite Parishioners from Lewisham Deanery to join their Bible Study Group which has been running for almost two years. They meet in the Parish Hall, behind the Church (Burnt Ash Lane, Lee, SE12 0AE) at 5 pm every fortnight. The next two meetings are 26th March and 9th April. They are currently using the Ignatian study guide to John's Gospel. All are welcome. No previous knowledge or experience is necessary and all materials and refreshments are provided contact markhopper@gmail.com for further information.

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT

Pope Francis based his Message for Lent 2022 on a passage from St Paul's letter to the Galatians. **"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all (Gal. 6: 9.10).** Beginning with the image of the sowing and reaping, the Holy Father points out that 'Lent invites us to conversion, to a change of mind-set so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.' God, he explains, is the first to sow, sowing "abundant seeds of goodness in our human family". During the period of Lent, "we are called to respond to God's gift" by listening to His Word, so that it might "bear fruit in our lives." In this way, we become "God's co-workers", which is a grace of sharing in God's own "bountiful goodness."

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This Family Fast Day, we remember there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as **we are seeing now in Ukraine**, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen.

Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using the CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST, 18 -20 MARCH

The Marriage and Family Life Commission offer this weekend for those who have been bereaved. It takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life, and its aim is to help those who have suffered the loss of a loved one to begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, which is held at Aylesford Friary, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right the person enquiring. Contact Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670880 or mflgac@rcaos.org.uk

EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY

TRUSTING THE ORDINARY IS SACRED CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY NETWORK RETREAT 10.30 AM – 4 PM ON 26 MARCH 2022

This one-day 2022 Conference in Liverpool is intended to help participants explore where to find God in the ordinariness of life. There will be times of input with music and film, times of shared silence and times of sharing with others. **Speaker:** Chris Thomas **Conference Fees:** £30 / CSN members £25. To book contact Margaret Palladino catholicspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com for more details please see our poster.

CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT

Please note that as part of a diocesan initiative, our bank account has been renamed to **RCAS SYDENHAM** with effect from 1st March 2022.

Consequently, please make any cheques to the church payable to RCAS SYDENHAM. Thank you.

LAST WEEK

Offertory Gift Aided **£236** • Not Gift Aided **£435**

2nd COLLECTION Poor Parishes **£264**

Mass Count Sat 18:30 (40) • Sun 09.30 (107), 11.00 (121)

THIS WEEK 2nd Collection: **CAFOD**

NEXT WEEK 2nd Collection: **None**

DONATING

Gift Aid Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit www.olspn.church for details.

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