

**5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

Mass Book Page <b>155</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8-10	Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 725 Communion: 842	Gospel Acclamation: 200 Post-Communion: 756	Offertory: 620 & 210 Recessional: 854



**Jesus is transfigured in glory**

On the mountain Jesus is transfigured in the presence of the apostles. His message to them, "Do not be afraid", reminds us that God calls us to bear the hardships of this life in the knowledge that Christ is everything. He calls us to be prepared to leave behind all things in order to proclaim his Gospel.

His face shone like the sun.

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For victims of abuse**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days**

Sat 04 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Franco RIP
Sun 05 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b> Birthday intention for Anthonia Adesite Dorothy Sinclair RIP
Mon 06 09.30	Thanksgiving for Wedding Anniversary - Bridie Hogan Rosary
Tue 07 09.30	Wellbeing for Rosa O'Connell Rosary
Wed 08 09.30	Josephine Anthony RIP Rosary
Thu 09 09.30	Luigi (Gino) Grossi RIP Rosary
<b>10.00</b> <b>14:00</b>	Funeral Mass of Margaret Wheeler at Kirkdale Funeral Mass of Michael Fahey
Fri 10 09.30	Holy Souls Exposition
<b>19:00</b>	Stations of the Cross
Sat 11 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Luigi RIP
Sun 12 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b> Birthday Thanksgiving for Priscilla Assemien Valerie & Edmund Nicholas and Mary & Dudley Wilde RIP

**Prayer Requests**

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter, it will run for a month per request. Please send an email to: [regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk).

**Those who have passed recently:**

Anniversaries for March: **Benjamin Ntiamoah**  
 Recently passed: **Michael Fahey, Margaret Wheeler, Martin Herrera, Elizabeth Seymour**. May they rest in peace.

**Sick and Housebound**

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take Holy Communion to them.

**Lenten Service of Reconciliation**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm. Confessions will be heard in English, Spanish, Polish and French.

**Sharing the Word**

**First Reading**

In the past, God acted by calling key individuals and it was by their response that a channel for the execution of God's purpose was carved out in the world. Abraham was one of those key individuals. In leaving his country, clan and family and setting out for an unknown destination, Abraham demonstrated extraordinary faith in God's guidance. Through his faith the whole human

race would be blessed because from his descendants would come the Saviour of all people.

### Second Reading

The call to become followers of Jesus is based not on our merits, but on God's grace granted to us in Christ. Faithfulness to the gospel will bring suffering to the Christian. But the power of God and the vision of the immortality enable the Christian to face the suffering.

### Gospel

The transfiguration. It is not possible to say what happened on the mountain. But something did happen, because years later Peter still remembered it and wrote: 'We were eye-witnesses of his glory on the mountain' (2 Pet 1:17-18)

The story is connected with the identity of Jesus. It happened on a mountain. In the Bible, a mountain is a place of divine manifestation. Two prominent figures from the Old Testament are seen with Jesus. Moses represents the law and Elijah the prophets. The cloud signifies the presence of God. Jesus is seen as bringing the law and the prophets to fulfilment. This event was meant to confirm Jesus in the course he had taken and also to prepare him for the cross. The apostles could see that Jesus was the Messiah and the Son of God.

### First Holy Communion Programme 2022-23

We meet in the hall on Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Mar at 10am for, Chapter 9: Do this in memory of me.

### Confirmation Programme 2022-23

We meet in the parish house on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Mar at 5pm for, Session Nine: Confirmation.

### Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

It has been suggested that it would be a good idea to meet in the Parish House on the first Sunday of the month for a coffee (maybe a biscuit!) and a chat. Some of our Parishioners have been attending Mass here for many years and still don't know anyone by name. Please come on Sunday 5 March after the 9.30am Mass and be surprised by how nice this Parish can be.

### Celebrate Parenting for Faith

A new online course for those with babies and toddlers, 5 weeks from February 23 – March 23. 8pm, 45 mins.

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/>

### Join CAFOD on the Lenten Journey 2023

CAFOD invites you to join them as we seek to make space and time to draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer this Lent. Each day in their emails they will share a reflection on one of the

readings of the day, stories of our global family, a prayer and a suggested action you might like to take as we prepare for Easter. Join us on this journey by signing up for the daily emails: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

Please give through our second collection, or at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

Last Week

*Offertory:* Gift Aided: £218, Not Gift Aided: £304

*Mass Count:* Sat (54), Sun 09.30 (116), 11.00 (103)

Second Collection

*Last week:* **CLERGY SUPPORT FUND (£668)**

*This week:* **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY (ENVELOPES /ONLINE)**

*Next Week:* **NONE**

Donate

*Gift Aid:* Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

*Card:* Card Machine in Church Foyer or [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church)

*Standing Order:* Email Treasurer for details.

*Cheque:* Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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