

6th AUGUST 2023: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Mass book page: 173 1st Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-19 Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 723
Gloria: 998

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 820
Communion: 968

Offertory: 967
Post-Communion: Hymn Sheet

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: 883



Jesus in his glory

Jesus was seen by Peter, James and John in his glory as the Son of God. It was wonderful for them to be there and witness his power, even though they were overcome by fear at what they saw. God reveals Christ to us too, and we look forward in joy and hope to sharing fully in his glory. We have no need to fear.

His face shone like the sun.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 05 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Arthur & Eileen McElroy RIP
Sun 06 09.30 11.00	✠ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD In honour of God the Father Loyola College, Ibadan, Nigeria - Old Boys Association Thanksgiving & Remembrance
Mon 07 09.30	Remembrance for Jacob Ayoade Adesite Rosary
Tue 08 09.30	<i>Saint Dominic</i> Wellbeing for Tony Odukoya In Malta, the funeral Mass of Julian Gracey RIP Rosary
Wed 09 09.30	<i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein]</i> Thanksgiving for many blessings—Fortune Belletty Rosary
Thu 10 09.30	<i>Saint † Lawrence</i> Tomás Brodrick RIP Rosary
Fri 11 09.30	<i>Saint Clare</i> Intention of Elizabeth Carabine Exposition
Sat 12 09.30 18:30	Eufrasia and Sylvester Rubaya RIP <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Souls in Purgatory
Sun 13 09.30 11.00	✠ NINETEENTH SUNDAY (A) Thanksgiving & Private Intention of Mary Anne Oparaji Wellbeing for Severinus Benedict Fihosy

Sharing the Word

The Transfiguration

Every year on August 6th, the church takes a break from the normal cycle of readings to reflect on Jesus' transfiguration.

Each gospel tells of this event or alludes to it. (Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-8; Lk 9:28-36; Jn1:14). But its meaning for Jesus' mission and our own discipleship remains a mystery.

This year the transfiguration account comes from the Gospel of Matthew. The disciples came to see Jesus as God sees him. The readings this Sunday help us to do the same.

The disciples had realized that Jesus was the Messiah, but they struggled to understand what that meant. What God showed Peter, James and John on the mountain revealed Jesus as God's beloved Son whose teaching and example they should follow without fear.

Jesus' transfiguration reveals to Peter, James and John that he is the Son of God. A cloud surrounds him, his face and clothing glow, and God reveals a Father's love.

The second reading says that every Christian who believes and pays attention can encounter the risen Christ transfigured. But the transfiguration is about more than Christ. Every person is beloved in the eyes of God. By recognizing the glory of the living Christ, we can apprehend the glory of every person on earth.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

We need volunteers to help with labelling and packing letters and other office duties at our HQ office in Kennington, London SE11 4AB. Suitable for all ages 16 and over. Lunch is provided and fares will be refunded. Please contact Elizabeth Foody on 020 7091 7091 or lizfoody@spuc.org.uk.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2023

The photographs taken at these sacraments are now available for collection.

Please see either Fr Regis after Mass, or Steven the secretary in the parish house weekdays 9am to 12 noon.

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.

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.

Forthcoming Diocesan Events

The Commission for Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark – Autumn Assembly – Saturday 23rd September 2023.

The Right to Stay: Free to Choose: addressing the motivations that affect decisions taken to leave one's native land. More info: justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities Seminar - Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Sat. 28th October.

Chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast and joined by contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. For information and registration visit: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. or write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion.

Registration is FREE.

Parish Secretary

The parish secretary will be away from the office from Saturday 12th—Monday 28th August, returning to the office on Tuesday 29th August.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £174, Not Gift Aided: £281

Mass Count: Sat (40), Sun 09.30 (82), 11.00 (87)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: None

Next Week: None

Donate

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