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Sunday 25 February 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Year B

NEXT WEEK in

Holy Trinity:

Monday 26 February

Mass at 9:15am

Tuesday 27 February

Saint Gregory of Narek

Mass at 9:15am

Wednesday 28 February

Thursday 29 February

Mass 9:15am

Friday 1 March

**Saint David: First Friday of
the Month**

Prayer for Peace 9:15am

Saturday 2 March

**First Saturday of the
Month**

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 3 March

Mass 11am

Second Sunday of Lent

ALL WELCOME

**Weekday Masses in our
sister parish St Teresa's
Charlbury 9.15am on
Wednesday, Friday and
Sunday.**

Dear Parishioners

Last week we journeyed with the Lord into the wilderness. Today we are on Mount Tabor, in that remarkable episode of the Transfiguration, when the full Divinity of Christ is revealed briefly to the astonished inner circle of Peter, James and John. Moses and Elijah, signifying the twin Old Testament pillars of Law and Prophets, appear alongside, now relegated to a supporting role to Jesus, Himself the fulfilment and completion of the Old Covenant.

Through the history of Israel, the Lord God makes Covenants, only for them to be broken and discarded by a fickle people. Noah, Abraham, Moses, David...these great men of God plead mercy and forgiveness for a nation often heedless and feckless. Eventually Jeremiah, a prophet ignored and killed by his contemporaries, proclaims: "The days are coming, the Lord God declares, when I shall make a New Covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not like the Covenant I made with their ancestors...I shall forgive their guilt and never more call their sin to mind." Jesus Christ is The New Covenant, as He reminds the disciples at the Last Supper: "This is the blood of the New Covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

As we travel through Lent, and the shadow of the Cross grows larger over us, let us keep in mind that glorious Transfiguration, which assures us that sin and death are not the final word, and the words of St Paul from today's Second reading: "With God on our side, who can be against us?"

God Bless Everyone

Fr Clive

Parish Notices – Masses Holy Trinity – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15am.

Tuesday 27th: Parish pastoral council 7pm Holy Trinity.

Please take a " Walk with me" booklet to help with Lenten prayer. There is also a pro Life leaflet on the pews to read and action.

Talk at St Joseph's Banbury on Sunday 3 March - An excellent opportunity to hear the American Catholic Evangelist **Jimmy Mitchell** give a talk on the evening of Sunday 3rd March at 6.30pm at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Edmunds Rd, Banbury OX16 0PP **All welcome to attend.** As an international speaker, Jimmy has led thousands of people to have a deeper relationship with Christ. **"Draw close to God and He will draw near to you."** James 4:8 Wherever you are in your faith journey, this is a talk not to be missed! Young people especially welcome as Jimmy has spent a lot of his missionary work in Youth Evangelisation. **It promises to be an inspirational evening!**

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February 2024: For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March 2024: For the New Martyrs. For those around the world who risk their lives for the gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes: Carol Wilson, Tom Cantwell, Bridget Kennelly, Audrey Nellis, Richard O'Farrell, Mary Ward, Paula Biggs, Lynette Murphy, Betty, Ania.

In addition to your own daily prayers please remember: All those who mourn the loss of loved ones: The repose of the souls of those who have died: People whose anniversaries occur at this time: The people of the Middle East, Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Tammy Lawson.** Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

