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NEXT WEEK in

Holy Trinity:

Monday 4 March

Saint Casimir

Mass at 9:15am

Tuesday 5 March

Mass at 9:15am

Wednesday 6 March

Thursday 7 March

Saints Perpetua and

Felicity

Mass 9:15am

Friday 8 March

Saint John of God

Prayer for Peace 9:15am

Saturday 9 March

Saint Frances of Rome

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 10 March

Mass 11am

Fourth Sunday of Lent

ALL WELCOME

[Weekday Masses in our sister parish St Teresa's Charlbury 9.15am on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.](#)

Sunday 3 March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

Last week we journeyed with the Lord up Mount Tabor for the Transfiguration. There His Divinity was revealed to his closest disciples Peter, James and John, to fortify them in the dark days coming up in the Passion. Christ will be rejected, scourged, beaten and humiliated as a common criminal executed in the most brutal Roman fashion, on a Cross.

At that Transfiguration, the Old Covenant figures of Moses and Elijah...the Law and the Prophets...appeared alongside Jesus, they now relegated to minor roles in the unfolding of the New Covenant.

What then of the Temple, that glorious place of sacrifice, the epicentre of Jewish life, the Holy of Holies? Travelling with the thousands of pilgrims to Jerusalem for the great Feast of Passover, Jesus fulfils the requirements of the Law, eats the Passover Seder meal with his Apostles, and then on the next day, He ascends the throne of the Cross as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The Temple veil is ripped in two. The debt is paid.

Man is reconciled at last with His God, the created and the Creator at peace with each other after the disastrous fall from Grace in the garden of Eden. Christ, the second Adam, restores the eternal relationship through His self-offering at Calvary. Mary, the second Eve, gathers His body to herself as the Lord of Life descends to the very pit of our existence. The prophecy of the old man Simeon, when Mary brought the baby Jesus into the Temple, is fulfilled: A sword shall pierce your heart.

As we travel through Lent, let us try to fix our gaze on that Lamb of God, the Suffering Servant of the Prophet Isaiah. In some quiet moments, we can reflect on the great work done for our salvation, by the Lord Jesus, and let us thank our Father for this Sacrifice.

God Bless Everyone

Fr Clive

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

This weekend there is a Second Collection for Cathedral maintenance.

Holy Week times will be posted soon.

Friday 8th March: a day of prayer for peace in the Holy Land. Please find some time to pray or better, join the Rosary group for Peace at 9.15 am in Holy Trinity.

Talk at St Josph'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 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.

