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Second Sunday of Lent

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Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 9AM - 7PM

Fri 6PM - 7PM

Sun 9AM - 10AM

Confessions

Fri 6PM, Sat 10AM,

Sun 9:30AM



On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured... Welcome to you all, the Gospel readings this week we hear about the Transfiguration, which reminds us that we are not just reaching for Easter during Lent — we are reaching for eternity. Just as the First Sunday of Lent's Gospel is always Jesus' Temptation in the Desert, so the Second Sunday's is always his Transfiguration. Which could be due to God and the Church wanting us to keep our priorities straight. Lent is about overcoming sin. But why do we overcome sin? Because we "wait in eager expectation for the glorious revelation of the children of God" (Romans 8:19). The Transfiguration is about Jesus. It is a "revelation of God." It is an incredibly profound and dramatic moment. In order to represent the grandeur that would be His after His suffering and death, He decides to make His divine mission known. Along with Moses and Elijah, the Saints Peter, James, and John are selected to see this revelation. Elijah stands for the prophets who predicted the coming of the Messiah, while Moses, to whom God handed the Ten Commandments, represents the Law. As the Father proclaims from Heaven, Jesus is that Messiah—the fulfilment of the Law and the long-awaited Saviour. The appearance of Moses and Elijah, combined with the Father's words, demonstrate without question that Jesus is the promised Redeemer. As witnesses to this event, the Apostles represent us as followers of Christ who believe in both his humanity and divinity. The message of the Transfiguration is one of hope - a glorious future to which we are all called. Even though we may suffer, experience pain and face hardships, we must never forget who we truly are: brothers and sisters of Jesus, sons and daughters of God through baptism. In this, we find strength, knowing that each of us will experience the dramatic glory of the transfigured Christ. **...on Calvary He is lifted up on the Cross and with Him we are all transfigured!**

Stations of the Cross

Join in the mini pilgrimage of Stations of the Cross on every **Friday** after the Evening Mass at about 7:25 PM, throughout the Lent.



Sat 15 th Mar 2025	Lent Feria	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Thanksgiving
Sun 16 th Mar 2025	Second Sunday of Lent	10:00 AM 18.00 PM	Cahill Family, Mel etc. Tom Donnelly RIP
Mon 17 th Mar 2025	Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Nancy Kent & Christine Deery RIP Chinnamma Kuriakose
Tue 18 th Mar 2025	Lent Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Andre Couloute Thomas Adiyappallil RIP
Wed 19 th Mar 2025	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Maria L Faro Kurian Kuriakose
Thurs 20 th Mar 2025	Lent Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Patrick O'Neill RIP Eileen Deery RIP
Fri 21 st Mar 2025	Lent Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Patrick O'Neill RIP Thanksgiving
Sat 22 nd Mar 2025	Lent Feria	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Deceased members of Watts Family

This Week's Gospel – Luke 9:28b-36

'As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered.'

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' - not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Catechism Classes for Children

Catechism classes for children will be held on **Sundays** from **11:15 AM to 12 noon, in Coach House**. Forthcoming classes,

- Group 3** (ages 9 to 11) : **16th March**
- Group 4** (ages 12 to 14) : **23rd March**
- Group 1** (ages 3 to 5) : **6th April**
- Group 2** (ages 6 to 8) : **13th April**

St Patrick's Day Celebration

There will be a get together on **Mon, 17th Mar** after the **10AM Mass in Hibberts Hall!** There will be shared table, raffle, and live music to celebrate the occasion. Monies raised from the raffle will go to the **Church Restoration Fund**. Please bring any food for the shared table to the hall before mass. For more details or questions please contact Louise at **07876656398**.

Prayer Meeting of Youth Group

There will be prayer meeting of the Youth Group on **Thurs, 20th Mar** at **6 PM in Coach House**. Please ensure to bring your bible.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Notice

The next meeting of the UCM will be held on **Mon, 24th Mar** after 10 AM Mass in **Hibberts Hall**. Raffle prizes to be brought by Iris Edwards and Teresa Doolan.

Gift Aid

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributes to the parish through weekly donations. **For those using Gift Aid Envelopes, please pick envelope box labelled with your name** and start using them from Sun, 7th Apr. If you are a taxpayer and not part of Gift Aid system, consider joining. Parish will receive 25% extra from Government AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU! Please fill the Gift Aid form from back of church and pop it in Collections Box or contact Mike Borg **07796283054**

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The envelopes are ready for collection at the back of the church. Please return monies by **30th Mar**.

THIS SEASON OF LENT

- ✓ Half hour **Adoration** before morning Mass.
- ✓ **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays after evening Mass.
- ✓ Take the '**Walk With me**' Booklet for daily readings.
 - ✓ Choose a **Saint** to read about.
- ✓ Follow www.facebook.com/StMariesCatholicChurchRugby for '**40 Days at the Foot of the Cross**' reflections and prayers.

Parish Retreat

Half day parish retreat by Fr. Chris IC will be held on **Sat, 5th Apr** starting with the **9:30 AM Mass** and thereafter in Hibberts Hall until **12:30 PM**. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Lenten Penitential service

The Lenten Penitential service and confession will be held on **Tue, 15th Apr** from **6 PM to 7:30 PM**. Deepen the closeness to Jesus Christ by availing the Sacrament of Confession.

Young Discerners Group

Are you in school Years 9-13, and want to explore a vocation to the priesthood? Join Fr Craig Szmidt (Vocation Director) at **St. Mary's College, Oscott** in Birmingham on **Sat, 5th Apr** from **10:30 AM to 4 PM**. Spend time in discussion and prayer with others who are also considering vocation. Speak with seminarians and join for the Holy Mass and lunch. To book your place contact Deacon Owen Gresty at **0121321135 / deacon.owen@vocations.org**

Parish Meeting

There will be a parish meeting in **Hibberts Hall** on **Tue 8th April** at **6 PM**. Please attend if you can, to stay updated on parish events and for forming a parish action group.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome

As the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' is now underway we will be looking to make a pilgrimage to Rome and enter through the Holy Door. We will be looking to put a package together for **Sun, 26th Oct to Thurs, 30th Oct**. We will confirm the approx. costs based on the number of people willing to attend. Please write your name on the list at back of the church as an expression of interest before **Fri, 4th Apr**. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Teresa Summersgill, Patrick O'Neill, Fr Bill Curran IC

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Helena Rudnicki, Janet Doyle, Andre Couloute, Gloria Barrett, Eileen Deery, Cynthia Hutchins, Molly Boulton, William Williams, Mary Smyth, Denis Deery, Derek Larkin, Beatrice Potter, Janina Machnik

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Philomena, Lenny & Marie Niner, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Smith, Michael Duffin, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Stuart Woodcock, Terry McSweeney, Johnny Stott, Alan Parish, Emariciana D'Souza, Joseph Deery, Raymond Bunning, Filipa Faro