

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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Second Sunday of Lent February

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GOSPEL : Mark 9: 2-10



Gospel exegesis:

The objective: The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. Finally, by describing the theophany of Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

LIFE MESSAGE

(1) Every sacrament we receive transforms our lives: Baptism, for example, transforms us into children of God and heirs of heaven while Confirmation transforms us into brave witnesses of and warriors for Christ and Reconciliation transforms sinners into saints.

(2) The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the Source of our strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are transformed into the body and blood of Jesus by transubstantiation. Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our Source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with Jesus should be the Source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to others.

(3) Christ's Transfiguration gives us the message of encouragement and hope: In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, pain and suffering, the thought of our future transformation in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son." Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord so that, through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may grow closer to Jesus.

**REMEMBER MASS AND FRIDAYS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6PM**

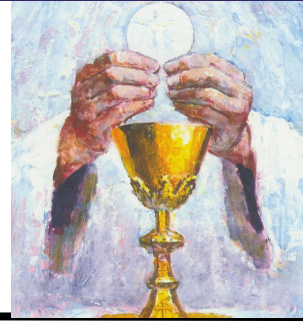
**THERE IS MASS IN ST JOSEPH
MALPAS, NEXT SUNDAY 3RD OF
MARCH -6PM**

**Say your daily rosary for peace in
the world**

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.
 Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
 Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
 From the wicked foe, defend me.
 At the hour of my death, call me and bid
 me come to you.
 That with your saints I may praise you
 For ever and ever.
 Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 24th February	6:30pm	Mildred Miles
Sunday 25th February	9:30 am 11:00pm	Cynthia Smith Pat Cummins
Monday 26th February	10:00am	Iris Philips - recovery
Tuesday 27th February	10:00am	VICKI
Wednesday 28th February	Sacristy	Private
Thursday 29th February	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 1st March St. David, B. Patron of Wales	6:00pm	Vocations
Saturday 2nd March	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 3rd March	9:30am 11am	Susanna Parishioners

Sat 6:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 11:00am
Jo Williams	Guy Churton	Helena Bells

Lent Lunch - 28th February

The lunch next week (at the Watergate Centre 12-2pm) will be hosted by St George's. Please support this event!

Film Evening - Friday 8th March - Sir John Talbot's 7.30pm

'Undaunted' is the story of a boy growing up in harsh and difficult circumstances but whose life was turned around by faith. 'Churches Together' in Whitchurch are promoting this event and admission with refreshments is free for a voluntary contribution. Everyone welcome.

The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Amen

Mass Offering for 18th Feb—£331.50

Standing orders—£118.25

Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm, 30mins before and after mass and on request.

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke