

# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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**Second Sunday of Lent 16 March 2025**

**Gospel: Luke 9: 28--36**

**The Transfiguration of Jesus**



In the Transfiguration account in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Him to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death, and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of his 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. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration experience is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really IS. Describing 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) 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 become "transfigured" or transformed (transubstantiated) into the living Body and Blood, soul and Divinity of the crucified, risen, and glorified Jesus.

(2) Each time we receive one of the Sacraments, we are transformed: For example, Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness.

(3) The Transfiguration of Jesus offers us a message of encouragement and hope: In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our own transfiguration in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words to Jesus: "This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased — listen to Him!" and so share the glory of His transfiguration.

4) We need "mountain-top experiences" in our lives: We share the mountain-top experience of Peter, James, and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent. Fasting for one day can help the body to store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking.



## **Prayer to St. Joseph**

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### 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 15 March	Souls in Purgatory	6:30pm
Sunday 16 March	Sheila McCullough	9:30am 11:00pm
Monday 17 March ST PATRICK,	Pat Cummins's intentions	10:00am
Tuesday 18 March St. Cyril of Jerusalem	Peadar Spencer RIP	10:00am
<b>Wednesday 19 March</b>  ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Tony Podesta RIP	10:00am
Thursday 20 March	Sanctification of Priests	10:00am
Friday 21 March	<b>Kent &amp; Eve William &amp; Family</b>	6:00pm
Saturday 22 March	Souls in Purgatory	6,30pm
Sunday 23 March	Parishioners	9,30am 11am

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



Our Lady says: I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

St George's Lenten Lunch - Thursday 26th March

We will be hosting this event as part of the Wednesday cycle of Lent lunches at the Watergate Centre in Whitchurch. Anyone who is available to help that day (approximately 11.30 until 2pm) would be most welcomed. We also need offers of soup to serve with the lunch - 6-7 portions would be ideal. Please speak to Eileen, Helen or Nora if you can help or need to know more. Thank you.

<b>Sat 6:30pm</b>	<b>Sun. 9:30am</b>	<b>Sun. 11:00am</b>
Hazel Spencer	Guy Churton	Alicia Gabrielle

Mass Offering for 09 March----£390.50

Standing orders-----£112.00

**Confession is before and after  
mass or at any convenient time  
you want. Arrange with the  
Parish Priest**

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke