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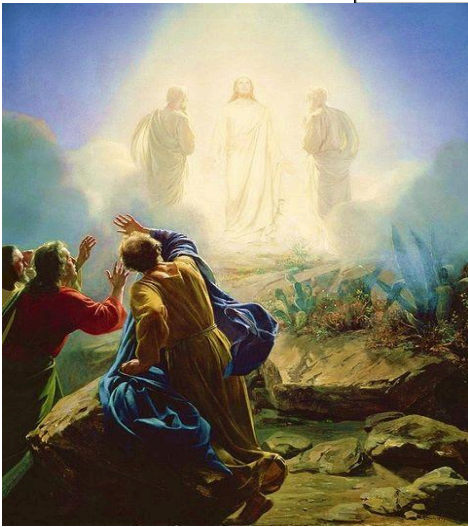
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Lent – Year B**

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During this transfiguration Jesus' Disciples saw Him in a whole new way. For the first time they saw from the outside what He is on the inside, the glorious Son of God. And although this transfiguration portrays Jesus in glory, it still bears a striking similarity to the Agony in the Garden.

Like the Agony in the Garden which took place on a mountain, the Mount of Olives, the transfiguration also took place on a mountain, Mount Tabor. Like the Agony in the Garden, the transfiguration was witnessed by only three Disciples: Peter, James and John. And like the Agony in the Garden which took place at night, the transfiguration also took place at night. And in both instances, the Disciples fell asleep while Jesus remained awake praying.

On Mount Tabor, the three Disciples saw Jesus in a moment of ecstasy, when His divinity shone through in a way that it had never done before. At the Mount of Olives, on the other hand, they saw Jesus in a moment of agony and crisis. Then His humanity shone through in a way that it had never done before. In both events we see a striking contrast: the humanity and the divinity of Jesus. The total Jesus.

There are two sides to us. We contain both the human and the divine. There are times in life when we experience moments of ecstasy, times when everything is going well, when life is good. When we hug our friends and forgive our enemies. Sickness and death take a vacation.

On the other hand, like Jesus on the Mount of Olives, we also experience moments of agony, when life is miserable. We find fault with our friends and curse our enemies. And we lose faith. And we doubt God.

At these times, remember that Jesus experienced the same highs and lows in His life. But in good times and in bad, we always find Jesus praying. He always had faith in His heavenly Father. Prayer and faith were His strength, His rock.

When the times get rough, faith can move mountains: mountains of fear, mountains of doubt, mountains of despair. Faith is not weakness. Faith is power: the power of God. And faith is achieved through prayer.

St. Paul tells us that when our faith is strong nothing can come between us and the love of Christ. Even if we are troubled or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. He goes on, when our faith is strong neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing

still to come, not any power or height or depth, not any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Rev Alan

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer Psalter Week 2 (Lent) **Lectionary** Sunday Year B: Week 2 of Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass, Friday evenings at 6.30pm and 12pm on Sunday (in Romanian).

SECOND COLLECTION- THIS WEEKEND

For CAFOD, Lent Fast Day. Please collect an envelope from the porch if you are a tax payer and would like to gift aid your donation. It will be collected this weekend.

FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA

This will continue on **Friday 1 March** in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT DATES

AFTERNOON CLUB- is meeting on Wednesday 28 February in the hall.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP- Friday 1 March in the hall at 7:30pm

QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 15 March. **SAVE THE DATE!**

SVP YOUTH COFFEE MORNING- Sunday 24th March – The Youth SVP would like to start up a second coffee morning each month all proceeds will go specifically for the Redbridge Food Bank as part of the Youth Lenten action

ACUPUNCTURE

Veronica will be in the hall this Sunday after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Donation is £10 which will be for the Church.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING DATE

LECTIO DIVINA – every Friday during Lent after morning Mass in the hall. Our focus will be on the Passion of the Lord according to St Mark.

LENTEN ALMS & INTENTIONS

Pieces of paper are available at the back of the Church to be placed in the basket at the Sanctuary for our Lenten intentions. We will be donating our Lenten Alms to Aid to the Church in Need's for its various projects in the poorest areas. The red fire extinguisher will be used for the collections.

LENTEN TALKS

At Brentwood Cathedral, all at 7.30pm.
Wed 28 Feb Fr Jan Nawotnik
Wed 6 March Dr Austen Ivereigh
Wed 13 March Bishop Nicholas Hudson.
Please see poster in porch for more details.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR LENT

Commentary on every Scripture reading from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org. Click on 'Scripture Readings' and 'Lent Readings'. The commentaries are also available in book form from Darton, Longman and Todd www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk.

40 HOURS DEVOTION

40 hours of Continuous Eucharistic Adoration during Lent (night and day except during Mass) the weekend of 16-17 March at St John Vianney Catholic Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall, Ilford IG5 0HE, with Mass of Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 7am on the Saturday and ending with Benediction at 11pm on the Sunday. All are welcome to take part in this very special devotion.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. This next programme is on 12-14 April in Brentwood; for further details please contact: Mary: 0208 647 4760, or Maura: 07795 498445, email besouthofengland@gmail.com

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

for St John Bosco Children's Camp: on Saturday 13 April 2024 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster, 7-9pm. Come and enjoy an exciting variety show of music and entertainment, to raise money for the camp,

which provides holidays for over 100 children. The camp is restarting under the umbrella of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood. Wine and refreshments included. Adult tickets £10; children £5. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings and more details: www.boscocamp.co.uk/events

BE A VOLUNTEER

At the St John Bosco Children's Camp; from 27th July – 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: www.boscocamp.co.uk

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

will host an Anniversary Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel, Southend-on-Sea on **Tuesday 23 April 2024** 1.30pm with Bishop Alan, as guest of honour. Tickets are £34 per person to be purchased by Monday 8 April <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> or here: <https://form.jotform.com/240354018762352>, Advise Julie (07912 277413) of any special dietary requirements or seating requests by email jabbott@bccs.org.uk. Guests will be seated at tables of 12.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2024

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: Lourdes@brcdt.org

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill or isolating. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church**.

BRENTWOOD DIRECTORY 2024

On sale in the porch. Price £2.95. Please place money in the wall box marked 'CTS & publications'.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.

Mass Intentions 24th Feb – 3rd March

Mass on Monday is celebrated privately. Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass.

Saturday 24th 9.30am

6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 25th **2nd Sunday Lent**

9.30am People of the Parish

11am

12.30pm Mass in Romanian

Monday Holy Souls

Tuesday 7pm

Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am

Saturday 9.30am

6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 3rd **3rd Sunday Lent**

9.30am

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Mass in Romania

Intention for the week - "We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. Lord hear us".

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 26th February – 3rd March

Mgr Jules van Meenan, Mrs J Greer, Michael Cleary, John Lucid, June Cassidy, Francis McGurgan, Esther Prior, Yvonne Garman, Albert Alldiss, F Riley, Joseph Brennan, Hannah Enright, Miss A Comerfold, Cecil Farrier, Norah Walls, Margaret Dennehy, William O'Reilly, Joseph C Thompson, Sylvester Burke, Dominic De Menezes, Francesca Henry & Lucia Rava.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 222.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/safeguarding/>

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday morning & afternoon and Friday mornings.