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Jesus is transfigured in glory.

On the mountain Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his apostles. his message o them "Do not be afraid", reminds us that God calls us to bear the hardships of this life in the knowledge that Christ is everything. He calls us to be prepared to leave behind all things in order to proclaim his Gospel.

Sundays Year A ~ Lent Season ~ Psalms Week 2

Second Sunday of Lent

8th March 2020

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.</i>	
First Reading	<i>The call of Abraham, father of the People of God.</i>	<i>Genesis 12:1-4</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.</i>	<i>Psalms 32</i>
Second Reading	<i>God calls and enlightens us..</i>	<i>2 Timothy 1:8-10</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Glory and Praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him". Glory and Praise to you, O Christ!</i>	
Gospel	<i>His face shone like the sun.</i>	<i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	7th March	2nd Sunday of Lent	6:00pm	Breda Keane
Sunday	8th March		10.30am	David McWeeny R.I.P.
Monday	9th March	Lent Feria	9.15am	Maureen Coleman R.I.P.
Tuesday	10th March	Lent Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	11th March	Lent Feria	7:00pm	William Tomlinson, Maureen Coleman & Cristina Merriman. R.I.P.
Thursday	12th March	Lent Feria	9.15am	Banny Kibblewhite R.I.P.
Friday	13th March	Lent Feria	9:15am	No Mass
			5:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	14th March	Lent Feria	10.00am	Parishioners
Saturday	14th March	3rd Sunday of Lent	6:00pm	Alice & William Secker R.I.P.
Sunday	15th March		10.30am	Bernard Lambe R.I.P.

Morning or Evening Prayer will be said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses.
 The Prayer Group meets every 'term time' Tuesday morning at 10am in the Garden Room
 Confessions are before Mass on Wednesday 6.00-6.30 pm and Saturday at 10.30-11.00am
 Exposition every Thursday morning after Mass until 10:00am

Sick and Housebound – Please pray for Geoffrey Smith, Yustyna Adamska, Una McWeeny, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany, Vivienne Anne Mallett and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – please pray for Shirley Woods, Rose Graves, Jean O'Sullivan, Gerald Pond, Joseph Delaney, Michael Dineen, Mollie Gooch, Verdon Thrower, Maureen Coleman, Diana Mair, Hazel Emmerson, Edith Judge, Gladys Nash, Arthur Paston, Elizabeth Whiff, Winifred Baldwin, Elsie Smith, Mary King, Kathleen Healy, Ada Melton, Natalia Welch, Valerie Ramsbottom, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

It was to a virgin woman that the birth of the Son of God was announced. It was to a fallen woman that his resurrection was announced.

Fulton J. Sheen (Bishop)

Caritas Festival for Norfolk parishes will be held at St George's, Norwich, on Sat 28th March, 10am-4pm. All are welcome at this celebration of sharing God's love with our neighbour. Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass at 10am and will then open the Festival with the Lord Mayor of Norwich. If you're interested to know what Caritas does, or if you're wondering how you might get involved in caring for those in need, come and see. See poster in porch. Contact: Jacinta on caritas@rcdea.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play and to visit the castles and lakes of Bavaria led by Fr Sean Connolly from St George's parish in Norwich. 16th-20th September 2020. 5 days, 4 nights. £1,199 pp based on a shared room. £99 single room supplement. Places still available but please book soon if you would like to come with a £400 deposit. More information and the booking form can be found at www.stgeorgenorwich.com

Youth Pilgrimage to Malta - Following in the footsteps of St. Paul Age 16 -35? Come and join the Diocesan Youth Service Pilgrimage to Malta. From, July 26th - 31st 2020. Places are limited and bookings must be received by April 13th. For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

The Diocese is recruiting a Stewardship and Fundraising Co-ordinator on 35 hours per week, to support parishes with developing stewardship and parish giving. Details can be obtained by emailing the Diocesan office at finance@rcdea.org.uk or go to <https://rcdea.org.uk/> and click on the link on the home page. The closing date is Monday March 9th and interviews will be in Poringland on Thursday 19th March.

HOLY WEEK READERS & MINISTERS: If you able to minister at any or all of the Services during Holy Week & the Easter Week-End, please put your name on the list in the porch so that the ministries can be shared out. The list will stay up until Sunday 15th March. Thanks

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at:

www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus

Collections 29th / 1st March £675.00
Many thanks

Archbishop Peter Smith: Please pray for Archbishop Peter Smith, former Bishop of East Anglia, who is in hospital having been diagnosed with cancer.

Saturday March 14th: Tea & coffee will be available in the Garden Room after the evening Mass - as long as someone signs up for it!

Books for Sale throughout March. Proceeds to our twin Parish, St. Joseph in Taken, Cambodia. Also, **Lucky Squares** for sale - £1 a go. 3 Fabulous Prizes to be won....a lovely mounted on canvas photograph of our Lady's statue in the grounds, wooden "Freddie" bookends and a game called "Patchwork", also all proceeds to Taken

Benedictine Meeting on Thursday 12th March from 11:00 to 15:00, in the Garden room. All Welcome.

Vision Evening Event - Monday 23rd March 2020 from 5:30pm onwards. Parents, children and friends of the St. Augustine's Community are invited to an event to lead the school's vision for the future. This will include a focus on children's needs and learning at our school, community links and planning the celebration of the school's 200th year anniversary. The evening will start at 5:30pm, with refreshments to begin the meeting officially at 6:00pm. Could you confirm your attendance with the school office for our planning purposes? Tel: 01603 743317 or email: office@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk

We have received £85.71 for the recycled newspapers/magazines. The money is being donated to the Christina Thomas Fund. Thank you to everybody

Lenten Station Mass: Our Deanery Station Mass with Bishop Alan and priests of our Deanery will be held at St George's Church, Sprowston Road, Norwich on Thursday March 26th. Exposition and confessions will begin at 6.00pm with Mass following at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be available after Mass.

Parish Dates for 2020: The list that was issued late last year has now been updated with some of the events being confirmed and a couple being added. The updated list is on the noticeboard in the porch and on the website. If you would like a copy, please ask Fr David.

Dowry of Mary: As you know, England is to be re-dedicated as the Dowry of Mary on Sunday March 29th. Although the main service will take place at Walsingham, we will hold a short service at St Walstan's at 12 noon on that day. Please attend if you possibly can.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers Rota: The new rota is now available in the porch.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening during Lent, usually at 7.00pm. If you would like to lead one of these services, please come and see me or Fr. David. Thank you, Pauline.

Are you planning a party or family gathering...

We have several things which are available for you to borrow including a large Party Tent; crockery, cutlery and glassware; a large folding table. The Garden room is also available for private functions. For more information please talk to Fr David or Pauline Stephenson.

Missio Red Boxes: Please bring your boxes for the half yearly submissions on the weekends of 7/8th and 14/15th March. Please also see the poster in the porch detailing the Novena Masses in March.

Marcia would be grateful if anyone is able to offer her a lift to church on Sunday mornings from 21 Cleves Way Old Costessey NR8 5EN. Tel No 01603 740393

LENT LUNCHESES: Churches Together in Costessey will again be holding Lent Lunches with all proceeds being forwarded to Christian Aid as a gift from the Christians in Costessey. The lunches will be on, March 14th at Costessey Baptist Church and March 21st at St Helen's from noon to 2pm. Please support as many of the lunches as you can.

EDP Plant to Plate Campaign: St Augustine's School is collecting the tokens from the EDP to receive a planting pack. There is a box in the church porch where you can place these tokens for the school. Thank you.

Items for the newsletter may be left at the presbytery (marked clearly "for newsletter" along with the date, and your name), or email newsletter@stwalstans.com. For all forms of communication, please provide a telephone number on which you can be contacted.

The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is Wednesday 6pm

The cake stall held last week raised £73.03. Many thanks for all your support.

Baptism Class: The next class for parents wishing to have their children baptised will be held in the Presbytery (behind the church) from 3.30 to 4.30pm on Saturday March 28th. Further details are available from Fr David or Deacon Bill.

On Tuesdays during Lent; 10th, 17th 24th 31st March, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the St John the Baptist Cathedral, for Prayer and Adoration for the intention of the Sanctity of Life. Adoration will take place between 12-1pm; it will begin with a Rosary for Life followed by silent prayer. All Welcome. Please join in prayerful support. Thank you.

The Diocese is recruiting a Clergy Welfare Co-ordinator for up to 21 hours per week, particularly to support our retired priests. Details can be obtained by emailing the Diocesan office at finance@rcdea.org.uk or go to www.rcdea.org.uk/Vacancies The closing date is Monday March 9th and interviews will be in Cambridge on Thursday 26th March.

Gift Aid 2020: The new Gift Aid boxes will be available soon. Please let me know if you have changed your address or if you no longer pay tax. Thank you. Christine Conrad

School Masses – Spring Term 2020
27th March

“You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I don't know how to pray!’ you can be sure you've already begun.”

Saint Josemaría Escrivá