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FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR)

Year A

5th – 6th August 2023

Daniel 7:9-10 Psalm 96 2Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9

High on the holy mountain in today's Gospel, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His transfiguration. Standing between Moses and the prophet Elijah, Jesus is the bridge that joins the Law of Moses to the prophets and psalms. As Moses did, Jesus climbs a mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud. As Elijah did, He hears God's voice on the mountain. The majestic voice declares Jesus to be God's own beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased. In the cloud of the Holy Spirit, the Father reveals His love for the Son, and invites us to share in that love as His beloved sons and daughters. Shadowed by the clouds of heaven, His clothes dazzling white, Jesus is the Son of Man whom Daniel foresees being enthroned in today's First Reading. He is the king, the Lord of all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. But is He truly the Lord of our hearts and minds? The last word God speaks from heaven today is a command— "**Listen to Him.**" The Word of the Lord should be like a lamp shining in the darkness of our days, as Peter tells us in today's Second Reading. How well are we listening? Do we attend to His word each day?

Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	05	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Holy Mass	Thanksgiving (Bincy Jennymon)
Sat	05	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Stan Williams RIP (Mary Williams)
Sun	06	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Chris & Liz Burger (NM)
Mon	07	Feria in Ordinary Time	12.00 noon	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Christine & Arthur Marsh RIP (Wedd. Ann) (Mary Marsh)
Tue	08	St Dominic, Priest	7.45am	Holy Mass	Emily & Rebecca Moore RIP (Sarah Moore)
Wed	09	Feast of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)		Private Mass	
Thu	10	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thu	10	Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon	7.00 pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Liz & Chris Burger Wedding Ann Mass (Mary Carroll)
Fri	11	Memorial of St Clare	9.15am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (Anne Cook)
Sat	12	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Holy Mass	Tom & Family Special Intention (Tom Jennymon)
Sat	12	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Bryan Joinson RIP ann (Grania)
Sun	13	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Barbara Innes Memorial Mass (daughter Louise Kettle and family)

HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed on some days via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk> or

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_tto

Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For World Youth Day

Fr Naz hears confession in the Confessional from 10:30am until 11am on Saturdays or by appointment.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Anne-Marie Elder, Margaret Coleman, Terry Warneford, Jessica and Christine Smith. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. **Amen**

RECENT DEAD: Mrs Jane Flanagan, Funeral Service on Wednesday, 23rd August 2023 at 11.00am

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Sara & Simon Milham: 7th August

100+ Club June 2023 Draw –

Congratulations to the winners who are:

1st prize £80 – Cecilia Wright;

2nd prize £40 – Natalie Preece;

3rd prize £40 – Ruth Harrison;

4th prize £20 – Pauline Smith;

5th prize £20 – Helen Normington

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to 100+ Club. We are grateful for your continued support and we also have received so many new applications! Hopefully all the standing orders are set up and ready to go next month! If anyone would like to know more about 100+ Club, please contact Sundrella Kirby at sundrellakirby@gmail.com.

World Youth Day Lisbon- The five-day-long event launched by Pope Francis is underway with more than one million young people from around the world in attendance. This year's theme is: *"Mary arose and went with haste"* (Lk 1:39).

Lyttelton Well Quiz Night - Saturday 12th August 2023

The next Lyttelton Well Quiz will be on Saturday 12th August when teams of four will be competing for almost fabulous prizes. The Main Hall door will be open from 6.45pm. If you are not part of a team but would like to come along, please do. The quiz will get going at about 7.30 once we have helped people arriving in ones and twos to join or form teams. An entertaining and sociable evening that just happens to have a quiz element, rather than a typical pub quiz. The cost is £2.50 plus any donation you might wish to make for teas, coffees, biscuits etc. All proceeds are used to support The Well Counselling Service.

The Holy Ghost (Spiritans) Mission Appeal Collection

will take place on the weekend of 19/20th August. Fr Martin Goba of the Holy Ghost Fathers will be making the appeal on behalf of his own missionary group.

Worcestershire Open Studios 19-28 August 2023

Meet artists in their creative spaces, see how they make their work and be inspired! Founded in 2015, this is the largest free art event in the county: 128 artists, 97 venues, 10 days. Each artist has a venue number so you can see where they are located on the maps online. Full details here - <https://www.worcestershireopenstudios.org/for-visitors>

SUNDAY, 5TH AUGUST TEA/COFFE AFTER THE 10AM

MASS: Chris & Liz Burger hosting will be hosting Coffee & Cakes after mass for their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the McEnnis Room

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The Parish Finance Team need a volunteer with technical knowledge to look after the two card readers that have become very useful for parishioners and visitors to contribute to the first and second collections. Find out more details from Mary Marsh or Chris Park or Fr Naz

Live Sustainably

Eat fruit and veg which is grown locally and is in season. Buying seasonal fruit and veg reduces the distance food is travelling to reach our plates, therefore reducing the environmental footprint of our shopping!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONFIRMATION 2023-24: The next Confirmation programme will start with a Parent and Child Meeting at 5pm on Monday 11th September 2023. Meanwhile all those baptised and not confirmed from Year Six onwards are invited to register for the programme. The Sacrament of Confirmation itself is with the archbishop booked for Sunday 21st January 2024 at the 10am Mass. Please pick a form from the Narthex to register and return it to Fr Naz or Sue Stubbings as soon as possible.

COMMUNION 2023-24 The first meeting with parents and children will take place on Sunday 17th September at 11.15am. We are inviting families with children who will be in year 3 or above in September, to apply for this Sacrament now. Application forms are available on the website. Applications close on 31st July 2023.

RCIA 2023-24 The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults draw closer to Christ and discern whether they wish to become Catholics. We will be having sessions every Tuesday from 7.00pm to 8.30pm starting from 12th September till Easter with a break over Christmas. Anyone interested to learn more about the Catholic faith is welcome. If you would like to find out more, without any obligation, please speak to either Fr Naz or Carol Ann Harnett as soon as possible.

PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES FREE IF YOU CAN

Sunday 3rd September – Diocesan pilgrimage and annual Mass for the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall – Celebrating 100 year of ownership of the hall and site by the Archdiocese with Archbishop Bernard as principal celebrant.

Sunday 10th September – Mass on the Malvern Hills with Bishop David Evans

A Day for Catechists Saturday 23rd September. Being a catechist is the responsibility of every Christian. A Catechist is someone who "echoes" what they have heard about Jesus Christ. We will be organising a day for all "catechists" and anyone else who would like to find out more about passing on the Good News of Salvation in Christ, on Saturday 23rd September, here at St Joseph's. Please keep that date free if you can.



MARCH FOR LIFE this year takes place on **Saturday, 2nd September in London**. The theme this year is 'Freedom to Live'. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at www.marchforlife.co.uk. There will be a coach leaving from St George's at 7.30am on the day and departing from London at 4.35pm to arrive back in Worcester at 8.00pm. Cost £25 for adults and £15 for under 16s. To book a place, please contact Isabel on – 07773501721. Payment in full must be made before travelling. You can pay, cash or cheque, made payable to **St George's RC Church**. Alternatively, if you wish to pay by BACS, the account details are as follows: Acc. **07099460** Sort code: **55-81-57** Please use **"Coach M4L"** as your payment reference along with your surname so that the payment can be easily identified. Thank you.

On the weekend of 12/13 August Isabel from 'March for Life' will be giving a talk at both Masses about Pro-Life matters and the March for Life in September.