

**The Catholic Parish
of
Our Lady, Star of the Sea**



2nd Week of Lent, Year B
Sunday Cycle B, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week II

“ ‘it is wonderful for us to be here;
so let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah’.”

Mark 9:5

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Parish Newsletter: Items for consideration need to be sent to Fr Pádraig - frpmfoh@gmail.com – by Wednesday Evening please. The Completed Newsletter will be posted on the Website each Saturday.

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Gospel Reflection

“On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter’s confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus’ prediction about his passion. After this there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship. In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew’s and Mark’s Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yhwh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yhwh. Some Jews believed that Elijah’s return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus’ disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel’s history with Jesus signifies Jesus’ continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel. On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter’s offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter’s confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God’s Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus’ baptism. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus’ Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples’ confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus’ Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus’ Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus’ passion and death.”

Please do visit the “Wednesday Word” Website each week for short Reflections on the Sunday Readings: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>

Lenten Devotions

Throughout the Season of Lent the Rosary will be prayed in Our Lady’s Chapel (Front/Right of OLSS) 30 minutes before the start of each weekday Mass, and Stations

of the Cross will take place 5 minutes after the end of each weekday Mass. Please volunteer to lead either devotion on a particular day by signing the List. The Deanery Station Mass takes place on Thursday 7th March in St Mary's, Great Yarmouth; Exposition and Confessions from 6pm, Mass at 7pm followed by refreshments. Confessions in the Parish continue to be heard on Saturday Morning and by appointment.

Dates for your Diary

09/03/2024 – Beetle Drive in the Stella Maris Hall at 6:30pm – entry £5 Adult £2 Child, light refreshments included + Tea & Coffee, but please B.Y.O.B. (or alternative drinks!) If you hope to attend then please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church so that we can make arrangements to cater for the event. Thank you..

Inviting young adults (age 18 -30) to walk the Camino

Join Bishop Peter as he leads a walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela from 21st – 29th July 2024. For more information and to book a place, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Places are limited and bookings accepted on a first come first serves basis.

Action against Modern Slavery

A new group is forming in the Diocese to help to reduce modern slavery here and is looking for young & older volunteers to join the group. No previous knowledge or experience required, just a wish to end slavery in our Diocese. Please contact john_simong@hotmail.com to discuss possibly volunteering and read the leaflet about St Bakhita (regarded as the patron saint of Modern Slavery) at: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery>

Upcoming Second Collections for 2024

20th/21st April – Vocations Sunday – for the Formation of Priests.

11th/12th May – World Communications Sunday – Catholic Communications Network.

15th/16th June – Day for Life – Bishops' Conference Life Charities.

29th/30th June – Peter's Pence – The Holy Father's Charitable Works.

13th/14th July – Sea Sunday – the Work of Stella Maris.

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £364.45 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£477), and £176.01 for the second collection which goes to support the Holy Places of the Holy Land. Your continued financial support for your parish, the diocese and the wider Universal Church is much needed and very much appreciated.

We Pray for...

We pray for all in our Parish who are currently unwell and who are suffering from illness of one kind or another, praying especially for the housebound who are not able to join us for regular worship. We pray also for those who have recently passed away and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time; may they rest in peace. Names of the Sick and the Deceased may be written in the Parish Prayer Books and will be prayed for.

Mass & Service Times for the Coming Week: February 25th – March 2nd

- Saturday 24th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** *(2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B)*
Offered for: Seamus Divine (RIP)
- Sunday 25th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** *(2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B)*
Offered for: Neil Pearson's Intention
- Sunday 25th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** *(2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B)*
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Monday 26th - 08:00 - Our Lady's** *(Lent Feria)*
Offered for:
- Tuesday 27th - 12:00 - Our Lady's** *(Lent Feria)*
Offered for: Mary Howarth (RIP)
- Wednesday 28th - NO MASS TODAY** *(Lent Feria)*
Offered for:
- Thursday 29th - 12:00 - Our Lady's** *(Lent Feria)*
Offered for:
- Friday 1st - 19:00 - Our Lady's** *(Feast, St David)*
Offered for:
- Saturday 2nd - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Lent Feria)*
Offered for:
- Saturday 2nd - 17:00 - Our Lady's** *(3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B)*
Offered for: Louisa Savage (RIP)
- Sunday 3rd - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** *(3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B)*
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 3rd - 11:00 - Our Lady's** *(3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B)*
Offered for:

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place every week during Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (from 9:30 to c.10am) following the 9am Mass on Saturday Morning. One may also make an appointment with Fr Pádraig for confession at another suitable time.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, living or deceased, or for a particular intention (exams, interview, etc.), please collect a pre-printed envelope from the back of the church. Details of your request, including the preferred date, can then be entered on the front of the envelope (legibly please) and then your offering may be placed inside before being given to Fr Pádraig.
