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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

18th WEEK OF THE CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 06 Aug	5.30 pm	St George's	Michael Donovan RIP
Sun 07 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Barbara Nalukwago in thanksgiving for many things
	6.00 pm	St George's	For Fr Alan for recovery and good health
Mon 08 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	For Fr Alan's intentions, thanksgiving for recovery.
Tue 09 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Wed 10 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	Anne Eadie and family, especially for their good health.
Thu 11 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	For those seriously ill in the local hospitals and all their carers.
Fri 12 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony of Padua.
Sat 13 Aug	9.30 pm	St George's	Intention, Damian Kempar
	5.30 pm	St George's	Larry & May Morgan RIP
Sun 14 Aug	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	For deceased clergy we are to pray for.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: 'You were transfigured on the mountain, and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory. O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendour of the Father.'

This extract from the Byzantine liturgy beautifully expresses the wonder of the Transfiguration, which we celebrate today. On the mountain Jesus was revealed in his true glory and spoke with Moses and Elijah. It's significant that this occurred shortly before Jesus went up to Jerusalem to face his death. It was through the suffering of the cross that Jesus entered into his glory, and the Transfiguration reveals that the Suffering Servant is also the glorious Son of God. The appearance of Moses and Elijah, who represent the law and the prophets, confirms that Jesus is the fulfilment of everything promised in the Old Testament. The voice of God from heaven also affirms that Jesus is the One he has sent, who will save us if we listen to and follow him.

Jesus' dazzling glory on the mountain prefigures the glorious body he will have after his resurrection. It's a sign of our own heavenly destiny, when we too shall have new and glorious bodies. This feast can help us to lift our minds to heavenly things and focus on our eternal destiny. Already by baptism we're sharers in the resurrection mystery and are even now called to be evermore transfigured by the Lord. While on earth we await our own final transfiguration when Jesus comes again, for then he '.... will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body' (Phil. 3:21)

One reason why Jesus revealed himself to Peter, James and John was to give them encouragement for the difficult times ahead when he would be arrested and put to death. His transfiguration can also give us heart in whatever difficulties and sufferings we may be facing.

Lord Jesus, as we ponder your transfiguration let us see more clearly that we're being changed from glory into glory, and shall one day share fully in your transfigured life.

FR ALAN, RECOVERY:

Having arrived home to St George's after nearly a week in hospital, I take this opportunity to thank all who prayed for me and for your cards and visits. I thank God for the skill of the young surgeon who performed the successful keyhole surgery to remove scar tissue that was constricting the bowel.

I thank God also for the staff of the surgical assessment ward and ward 309, I think they are angels in disguise. How hard they work on their 12 hour shifts and what skills they have in their many and varied roles.

We are indeed blessed in Derby with such a wonderful hospital and with the large number of medical, nursing and support staff who work there.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament daily before the 9.30 am Mass and then other times as announced.-

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 8th Aug: St Dominic, Priest

Wed 9th Aug: St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross.
Virgin & Martyr

Thurs 10th Aug: St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

Fri 11th Aug: St Clare, Virgin

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE NOT WELL:

We have a number of parishioners who are not well, either at home or in hospital. Please pray for them that they may recover and feel a lot better. Please pray especially for any cancer sufferers that their treatment will be effective.

A Loaves-and-Fishes Prayer

They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments leftover – twelve wicker baskets full. Matthew 14:20

When I have a daunting day or week ahead, I can look at my to-do list and get discouraged. If I compare my energy or endurance to the path ahead and forget to calculate god's power into the equation, I come up short every time.

I have found a better way. I ask God in a simple prayer to "loaves-and-fishes-me" It may not be a grammatically correct prayer, but the childlike plea never goes unanswered. This prayer asks the following of God. Multiply me, amplify my energy and my efforts, expand my wisdom and capacity to serve and make me a conduit of your love. When my offering is combined with God's abundance and limitless capacity, there is more than enough to go around. Best of all, I am not spent or drained. I can take the fragments of my leftovers and have sufficient energy for self-care, for gratitude, for creativity and for fun. I am able to do without sacrificing my ability to be.

Kristin Armstrong.

A RECENT DEATH:

Please pray for Albert Woodcock who died recently at his home on Moorway Lane, and for his family, Win and Carol who have suffered such a loss of a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Albert was 91 years of age and not so well for quite a while and wonderfully care for by his loving wife, Win, at home with the help of carers. He was a great supporter of St George's parish and school. Albert was one of first Eucharistic Ministers back in Fr Maher's time and loved this important role.

For many years he served as a governor of our school and was an active fundraiser, running a stall at school fetes. He used to sell goldfish and then moved onto potted plants which he grew in his large garden. His career was in the technical side of the coal mining industry. Albert will be sadly missed by family, friends and parishioners. The funeral will be at St George's on Friday, 18th August at 10.30am.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There will be no children's church during the Summer holidays. It will commence again in September. If you are interested in supporting, please speak to Fr Alan or Tammie McNamara.