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SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2019

Second Sunday of Lent - Year C

The transfiguration follows on Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi. The two events are intimately related. At Caesarea Philippi Peter had declared that Jesus was the Messiah. In response, Jesus had made a threefold disclosure: that the Messiah must suffer, that his disciples must be prepared to share his suffering and that his suffering and theirs must be seen against a background of ultimate and certain glory. Now on the mountain the disciples have a prevision of the glory to come and hear a voice from heaven bidding them heed the words of God's Son.

But the transfiguration cannot be seen simply as a stage in the education of the disciples. The chief significance of the experience was for Jesus himself and this is what Luke emphasises. He was headed for Jerusalem where rejection and death awaited him. The incident was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken. It was comforting to know that the road he was travelling was marked by the feet of prophets such as Moses and Elijah.



Lenten Events ...

Inspiration & Insights from John's Gospel: Led by Fr Kenneth in St Andrew's hall from 7.00pm - 8.30pm:

27 March - Week 2 The conversation with Nicodemus Jn 3:1-21

3 April - Week 3 The woman caught in adultery Jn 8:1-11

10 April - Week 4 I am the Way, the Truth and the Life Jn 14:1-31

17 April - Week 5 The priestly prayer of Christ Jn 17:1-26

Stations of the Cross:

St Theresa's Wednesday evening before Mass

St Peter's Wednesday at 7.00pm

St Andrew's Friday at 7.00pm

St Philip's Sunday morning after Mass



Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am

St Philip's: Sat 9am

St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am

Thu 7pm to 8pm

Sat 4.30pm to 5pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am

St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat

9.15am

Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

9.30am to 12.30pm

Shared News ...

Youth Club: Sunday evenings from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn Centre.

St Peter's is Open: For prayer between 3.30pm - 4.30pm on a Sunday afternoon. Why not give up some time to be quiet to prepare for Easter? Reflection sheets for the Lenten display are now available beside the display.

Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation: Will take place on Wednesday 20 March at 7.00pm in St Theresa's, Tuesday 26 March at 7.00pm in St Andrew's, Wednesday 27 March at 7.00pm in St Peter's and Saturday 30 March at 10.30am in St Philip's.

Come and experience the healing power of Jesus: The New Dawn in Scotland Ministries has arranged a Healing Service on Wednesday 20 March at 7.30pm in St Andrew's. For more information, see the poster on noticeboards.

Time to Remember & Reflect: Given the tragic deaths of two young people in our parishes over the past months, St Margaret's Academy is organising a short event on Friday 22 March at 7.00pm in the school to which all are invited to remember our young people and to support all who have been affected by their deaths.

CIC: The next class will be on Saturday 23 March at 10.00am in St Andrew's hall.

Lenten Retreat: Led by Fr George Antony on Saturday 23 March from 10.00am - 4.00pm in St Joseph's, Whitburn. The theme is 'By his bruises we are healed'. Everyone is welcome.

PPC: The next meeting will be on Thursday 28 March at 7.00pm in St Margaret's.

Day for Altar Servers - Saturday 30 March: As the weather is so unpredictable at this time of year, we are going to meet at St Peter's from 11.00am - 3.00pm for activities and hopefully finish with a BBQ. This is for serviettes and servers in all four parishes and also any young people who are passkeepers. We need to know numbers as soon as possible so please speak to your sacristan or priest today.

SCIAF Second Collection: This will take place on the fourth Sunday of Lent, Sunday 31 March, in our four parishes. By giving, reflecting and acting with SCIAF during Lent, our parishes are helping people like Lydia from Uganda to work their way out of poverty. By supporting SCIAF this Lent you can ensure this vital work continues.

Next Sunday's Readings (24.03.19): Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12; Luke 13:1-9.

Recently Deceased: Nancy Muir, William Stewart, Margaret Dunn, Marta Patyk **Anniversaries (March):** Iain MacGillivray, Fr Charles Barclay, Sandy Eadie, Kirsty Wallace, Donald Munro, Hannah Moffat, Benny Lynch, Margaret Horsburgh, John Lawlor

Safeguarding Audit: The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh has been chosen to be reviewed by an external audit team from the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)/Children in Scotland from 26 – 28 March 2019. The audit team would like to hear from anyone who has disclosed abuse, shared concerns of unsafe people or practice and also from survivors of non-recent Church-related abuse, their families and friends. Copies of a notice containing further information and contact details for the SCIE are on the poster at the back of the church.

ST PHILIP'S ...

Tuesday 19th: The children from P2 will join us for Mass.

Last Sunday's Collection: £531.26;
200 Club: TBC;
Sanctuary Candle:
Norah Devitt & Family
RIP

ST PETER'S ...

Knit & Natter Group: Meet every Wednesday at 12.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Stations of the Cross: On Wednesday evening at 7.00pm, this week led by SVDP.

200 Club Winners: January - 1st Joseph Crumley, 2nd Elizabeth Bradbury; February - 1st Winnie Marzella, 2nd Nima Rodrigues; March - 1st Stephen Egan, 2nd Isobel Shaw. £290.00 was donated to the parish in 2018. Thank you to all members for your continued support.

Last Sunday's Collection: £942.56; **Church Stall:** £56.76; **Building Fund:** £372.78

ST THERESA'S...

SVDP: As we have to finalise the SVDP bank account before the end of the month, we will not be taking any more collections until 7 April. This will enable us to start the new financial year afresh when merging with St Andrew's.

Last Sunday's Collection: £470.82;
Bonus Ball Winner: No 2 St Theresa's

ST ANDREW'S ...

Fairtrade: Stall this weekend.

Stations of the Cross: Weekday morning at 8.45am when there is Mass. Also, Friday evenings at 7.00pm led by One World Group (22nd) & Eucharistic Ministers (29th).

2020 Meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th at 7.00pm.

Parish Finances: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Building Fund last weekend - nearly £306 was raised - a marvellous effort. Also, in response to my appeal for gifts of £500, I am very happy to receive smaller gifts to help reduce our debt. Keep up the good work!

Tombola Thank You: To everyone who donated and supported the Tombola stall last weekend. Tobi raised £157 for her Malawi trip. Thanks also to the Ladies Group who very kindly donated £100.

Last Sunday's Collection: £690.17;
Building Fund: £305.99; **200 Club:** No 29 & No 40; **Sanctuary Candle:** Albert Wardlaw (Birthday Anniversary)

Inter-religious dialogue and peace – the concept

Inter-religious dialogue simply means 'promoting and working for peace using God's way'. Inter-religious dialogue is understood as a method of peace building bringing people together to learn to live in peace especially with those living in conflict areas like ours (the area of Yendi Diocese). Inter-religious dialogue and peace building seeks to bring together people of different religious denominations to work towards the building and maintenance of peace.

The difference between peace building and peace making

Peace building is the work of priests, pastors, Imams, educators/teachers, social workers, psychologists, etc. Their aim is to bring people together to enter into dialogical and educational processes that are aimed at helping people to figure out how to live in peace with each other.

This is called 'people to people programmes'. They seek to bring about long term psychological, educational and spiritual transformations which will lead eventually to the maintenance and sustenance of peace.

Peace making is the work of lawyers, politicians, diplomats, etc. Their goal is to create peace treaties between governments (documents are prepared, agreements are reached, public ceremonies take place, lots of publicity and photo opportunities). They are considered 'historic' and offer new frameworks and possibilities for the people suffering through intractable conflicts for many years or decades. The weaknesses of peace making are that after agreements have been signed, sealed and delivered, both sides spend the next many years blaming the other side for not living up to its part in the agreement.

Importance of peace building programmes

The strong belief in the importance of peace building programmes is due to the fact that the political processes are hardly functioning or have failed. Peace building programmes on the other hand have raised the confidence of many people in the following ways: they keep the flicker of hope burning on alive in an ongoing conflict; they point the way to the future; they remind us that the goal of peace is normalisation not separation; they train people for the possibilities of peaceful co-existence among people even if it is not a reality of the present moment; inter-religious dialogue and peace means and tells us that religious leaders must and ought to do their part to help reduce conflicts in the world.

To be continued ...

Fr John



WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Drodzy – modlitwa jest pierwszym z naszych wielkopostnych obowiązków – w tym za Kościół i za Papieża. Minęło 6 lat od wyboru Papieża Franciszka, który tuż po wyborze prosił: „pamiętajcie, by modlić się za mnie!” Zobaczcie skrót 10 najważniejszych wydarzeń tego odważnego pontyfikatu: **1. Adhortacja *Evangelii gaudium* z 2013 roku** - dokument programowy pontyfikatu Franciszka; **2. W 2014 w Europie** - Franciszek odwiedził dwie najważniejsze instytucje polityczne Europy: Parlament Europejski oraz Radę Europy w Strasburgu, życząc aby Europa odkryła na nowo swoje historyczne dziedzictwo i odnalazła młodość ducha, która uczyniła ją owocną i wielką; **3. Encyklika *Laudato si* z 2015 roku** została poświęcona ochronie naturalnego środowiska człowieka; **4. Adhortacja apostolska *Amoris Laetitia* w 2016** wywołała polemikę, zwłaszcza jej rozdział VIII zatytułowany „*Towarzyszyć, rozpoznać i włączyć to, co kruche*”, dotyczący sytuacji osób rozwiedzionych i żyjących w nowych związkach; **5. Wizyta w obozie uchodźców na greckiej wyspie Lesbos w 2016** wraz z patriarchą Konstantynopola i prawosławnym arcybiskupem Aten, gdzie razem wezwali oni świat do reakcji na ten kryzys humanitarny; **6. Światowe Dni Młodzieży w Krakowie w 2016**, które przebiegały pod hasłem: „*Błogosławieni miłosierni, albowiem oni miłosierdzia dostąpią*”; **7. Jubileuszowy Rok Miłosierdzia w latach 2015-2016** z rozesłaniem po świecie 1071 kapłanów - misjonarzy miłosierdzia; **8. Adhortacja *Gaudete et exsultate*** o powołaniu do świętości w świecie współczesnym ogłoszona w 2018; **9. Wizyta w Zjednoczonych Emiratach Arabskich** w lutym 2019 roku i dialog międzyreligijny z muzułmanami, z odprawioną tam katolicką Mszą św. dla 180 tys. emigrantów zarobkowych. Tę podróż Franciszek nazwał jedną z „niespodzianek Boga”; **10. Ochrona małoletnich w Kościele w 2019 roku**, gdzie na koniec spotkania z przewodniczącymi episkopatów całego świata Franciszek zaapelował o walkę przeciwko wykorzystywaniu w Kościele. www.gosc.pl/doc/5388393.10-najwazniejszych-wydarzen-pontyfikatu-Franciszka Módlmy się zatem! Ks. Piotr

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 17 Mar	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Steven & Becky Bann</i> 5.30pm Mass SH	9.30am Mass SH <i>John Lawlor</i>	11.30am Mass KO <i>People of the Parish</i>	2nd Sunday of Lent - Year C
Mon 18 Mar	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Monday 2nd week of Lent
Tue 19 Mar	9.30am Mass JS <i>Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien</i>	6.00pm Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Hannah Moffat</i>	No Service	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 20 Mar	9.30am Mass KO <i>Rose & Jimmy King</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Joe Fagan</i>	No Service	6.00pm Mass JS <i>Mary O'Donnell</i>	Wednesday 2nd week of Lent
Thu 21 Mar	9.30am Mass KO <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Nora & Dan Devitt</i>	No Service	Thursday 2nd week of Lent
Fri 22 Mar	9.30am Mass KO <i>Haas & Kathleen Morrison</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	No Service	Friday 2nd week of Lent
Sat 23 Mar	9.30am Mass KO 5.30pm Vigil KO <i>Apolo Family</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Donor's Intention</i> 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass JS <i>William Caffrey</i>	No Service	Saturday 2nd week of Lent
Sun 24 Mar	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>Monica Duncan</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>William O'Hara RIP</i> 5.30pm Mass Fr Francis <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>Charles Jarvis RIP</i>	3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C