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6th August 2023: The Transfiguration of the Lord

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FIRE SAFETY NOTICE: If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.

Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 5th August	Vigil: Transfiguration	6pm (SSJFTM)	Sr Margaret Mullany RIP
Sunday 6th August	The Transfiguration of the Lord	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Gary Potter RIP George Wolstencroft RIP (Ann) Rocco, Luicia, Lucia, Giovanni Concetta, Salvatore & Little Carlo RIP
Monday 7th August	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Tom Corry RIP (Bday)
	Funeral Service	1pm (St T)	Angela Kennedy RIP
Tuesday 8th August	St Dominic	9.15am (St T)	Bridie Burke RIP (Ann)
	Funeral Mass	10.30am (SSJFTM)	Julia Purcell RIP
Wednesday 9th August	No Mass		
Thursday 10th August	St Lawrence	9.15am (St T)	John Corcoran RIP (Ann)
Friday 11th August	St Clare	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 12th August	Vigil: 19th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Edward & Bridget Cheevers RIP

Confessions Saturdays 10am-10.40am St Teresa's & 5pm-5.40pm SSJFTM

Liturgy of the Word - 6th August 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him . Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	1 Kings 19:9,11-13, Psalm 84:9-14 Rsp. V8, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33

Fr Dominic writes: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him"

What happened on that mountain of the Transfiguration was an explosion of unearthly, "Unborrowed" light that shone around & from within Jesus. The Transfiguration was, & is, a moment of challenge & promise to the Apostles & to us. On that mountain, they glimpsed the divinity of Jesus. They realised then & there that Jesus was more than a great teacher, a charismatic personality, a reformer, a healer. Jesus was the son of God. The voice of the Father said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." That means that Jesus' teaching is God's teaching & Jesus' forgiveness is God's forgiveness. That is why the church was so careful to preserve his words & gestures in the Gospels & the teachings of his apostles in the rest Of the New Testament. We don't have to wonder what God wants of us because it is all clear in the gospels.

There is a tendency today for people to give greater study to "private revelations" than to the clear teachings of Jesus in the Gospels. What Jesus had to say to the Pharisees was not just to them but to us. What Jesus had to say to the self righteous people at his time was not just to them but to us. What Jesus had to say to the repentant people, the ones seeking spiritual healing was not just for them but also for us. When we read the gospels, we aren't simply reading a transcript of what happened in history. We are reading God's message to us today.

That is why every detail in the gospel accounts & all the teachings in the New Testament have been preserved through the Holy Spirit and are proclaimed each Sunday. We stand out of respect when the words of the gospel are read. They have been the subject of whole libraries of study, meditation, reflection and exposition. They have been treasured by the Church & should be treasured by us as the definitive & final revelation of God's will that is the sure guide to salvation for everyone. "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." When Jesus speaks, God speaks to us. Read the New Testament in this light & it will open up new worlds of strength & peace for us today. What Jesus said to the people of Palestine, he is saying to us.

The Transfiguration is also a moment of promise, It was a kind of "fast forward" for the Apostles to show them what is beyond Good Friday & to strengthen them for the trial of Jesus' crucifixion & death.

It is also a promise of what awaits every follower of Jesus, the glory that we see in Jesus will one day be ours.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 425

Loose Plate £ 554.97

Contactless donations £ 515

Total for weekends of 16th & 23rd July £ 1,494.97



The Parish Office will be closed from 4th - 21st August.



BAPTISMS: We welcome Samuel-Jay, Mia & Anna-Maria who are all being baptised this weekend.

Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon, at either Noon, 1pm or 2pm, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website (under Sacraments) & Sue will get in touch once she receives it. You can have up to four Godparents - no more as we don't have space in the register! - one of whom must be a practising Catholic. You will also need to attend a Baptism Preparation Course - you will be asked to book via the website when you submit your registration. *Courses left for 2023 : 23rd September, 28th October & 25th November. 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Teresa's Church*



Centenary News

Celebration Mass Sunday 22nd June 2025

Celebration weekend—Parish Party 30th August 2025 & Mass 31st August 2025

The Fund Raising Committee are planning lots of events in the run up to our centenary and we will let you know soon the projects that we will specifically be funding. But here are two of the events planned for the rest of this year.

Saturday 23rd September: 7pm-9.30pm Family Night

Tickets £3 each or £10 for a family. A night of games, chat & music, bring your own refreshments. A chance to spend time together and with other families after the summer break. Tickets & more details to follow.

Saturday 18th November 7pm-10pm Curry Night

Tickets £12 each, bring your own drink. More details to follow



a simple solution to world hunger

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency, no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break especially if some of you have travelled abroad, we would like you to put all your foreign coins/notes aside; with special Mary's Meals envelopes available at the back of church. Just bring them back to us and we will send them all off together after the summer holidays. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education.

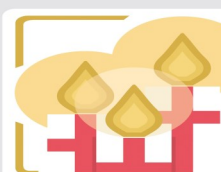


SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR 2023-24

ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW FOR FHC & CONFIRMATION VIA WEBSITE ONLY UNDER "SACRAMENTS" TAB.

CLOSING DATE: 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

FULL PROGRAMME DETAILS TO FOLLOW



EVENTS

Parish Sunday Lunch:
Sunday 2nd
September
2pm

International Lunch:
Sunday 1st
October after
Noon Mass

Family Night:
Saturday 23rd
September
7pm-9pm

Senior Citizens Party:
Sunday 10th
December

Curry Night:
Saturday 18th
November 7pm-
10pm

FREE EVENT

Park Events PRESENTS

FREE MINI FUN FAIR

FUN IN THE PARK

12:00 - 15:00

GAKMERE PARK, POTTERS BAR

MONDAY 21ST AUGUST

MEADOW PARK, BOREHAMWOOD

TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST

KING GEORGE REC, BUSHEY

WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST

FOR UPDATES ON FUN IN THE PARK'S AND OTHER EVENTS FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

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