



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

'Listen to him.' In today's Gospel, we hear God's voice from the heavens directing Peter, James, and John, Jesus' closest disciples, to listen to Jesus. We can use this reminder as well. Are we listening to him? How is Jesus speaking to us today as we pray, as we hear God's word, as we celebrate this liturgy in memory of what he has done for us? Let us listen to him.



"In their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white."

(Gospel)

In today's difficult first reading, Abraham proves his faithfulness, trusting in God completely, unlike Adam and Eve, who had turned away. God blesses Abraham with descendants too numerous to count. Each of us is one. Indeed, each of us is blessed because Jesus, God's only Son, made the ultimate sacrifice for us and now intercedes for us. In the Gospel, he is transfigured in glory, a sign of his future place at God's right hand.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – Sylvia Delnevo, Bill Newall, Jan McLaren, Henry Downie, Tony Beck, Bruce Blaney, Elinor and James Crighton, May Cosgrove, Karen Dammer, Catherine Hill, Fletcher Ditchburn, Jon Gadalla, Madeleine Lamb, Christine Murray, Marjory Robson, Katie Shepherd, Cathie Soave, Joseph White and all those who are sick in our Parish and beyond: **that they may feel the healing power of Christ, both in body and spirit.**

Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith – for the souls of Ledice da Cruz Welsh, who has died recently and George and Mary Routh, Annie McShane, Kevin Kane, Rev John Mackay and Ferdinando Soave whose anniversaries occur around this time: **that they may be with their Saviour in paradise.**

SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL 2021



**28 FEBRUARY (2ND SUNDAY OF LENT)
TOGETHER, WE CAN END POVERTY.**

By reflecting, giving and acting with SCIAF during Lent, your parish is helping to change the lives of some of the poorest children in the world. By supporting SCIAF this Lent you can ensure this vital work continues. For more information about SCIAF's Lent campaign please go to www.sciaf.org.uk or call 0141 354 5555.

UK AID MATCH will DOUBLE all donations received by 11 May. Please have a look at SCIAF website. Thanks for your support.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A short form of Stations of the Cross for use at home during Lent 2021 at www.bcos.org.uk under Covid-19 tab.

LOVE IS STRONGER THAN DEATH

God is Spirit and the Source of all love. Our spiritual journey calls us to seek and find this living God of love in prayer, worship, spiritual reading, spiritual mentoring, compassionate service to the poor, and good friends. Let us claim the truth that we are loved and open our hearts to receive God's overflowing love poured out for us. And living fully each day let us share that love in all our wonderful and difficult relationships, responsibilities, and passages.

The seeds of death are at work in us, but love is stronger than death. Your death and mine are our final passage, our exodus to the full realisation of our identity as God's beloved children and to full communion with the God of Love. Jesus walked the path ahead of us and invites us to choose the same path during our lifetime. He calls to us, "Follow me." He assures us, "Do not be afraid." This is our faith. *Henri Nouwen*

A simple prayer for inner peace

Take some time to be quiet in yourself, closing your eyes, and simply pause to breathe in and out, experiencing peace for a few moments, and then breathe in and out repeating several times the words:

Jesus in your love,
Have mercy on me

IT WOULD BE A SHAME FOR GOD TO
WANT TO DO MORE
AND FOR YOU TO SETTLE FOR LESS

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TAIZÉ PRAYER GROUP

During lockdown, the Taizé prayer group has continued to meet online on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. The length of the meeting is 40 minutes and is completely free of charge to participants. All you need is your laptop or mobile phone and simply download the Zoom App onto your device. There are Taizé hymns played online which you can sing along to at home (with your mic muted!) as well as readings, a short reflection, and prayers of intercession. If you would like an opportunity to pray together with fellow parishioners during this period of isolation - especially during the Lenten season - then this is your chance.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 4th March @ 7pm**. Just send an email to irene.delaney@outlook.com

You will receive an email with a link to the meeting and a programme detailing the hymns and readings. Simply click on the link in the email and you will be able to join the meeting. All are welcome.

UNICEF APPEAL: CHILDREN in YEMEN

Over 12 million children in Yemen were already in danger. Now, coronavirus threatens their lives too. **No place in Yemen is safe for children.** Unicef is concerned that the spread of coronavirus in Yemen is likely to be devastating. Only one in three people have access to running water, very few people have soap, and many healthcare facilities are closed or only able to provide a very basic service. Any outbreak will place even greater demands on medical staff and already scarce hospital resources such as gloves, soap and ventilators. **80% of Yemen's population are in need of humanitarian aid and protection.** Please, we must act now to protect Yemen's children from the dangers of war, disease and hunger. www.unicef.org.uk

A LENTEN PRAYER

Heavenly Father

Grant us a vision of your world as your love would have it:

a world where the weak are protected,
and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of your
creation are shared,
and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and
cultures live in mutual harmony and
respect;

a world where peace is built with justice,
and justice is guided by love.

Give us the inspiration and courage to
build it, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.