

## Transfiguration of the Lord

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. On this Feast Day we are invited to consider whether the truth it reveals is being embraced and experienced in our own daily lives. It is not meant only for theologians to speculate over- or for mystics alone to encounter. We are all invited into the experience. The path up that mountain proceeds through prayer and encounter. On that Mountain, Jesus revealed before mortal eyes the Transcendent Truth of who He is - and who Peter, James and John - and each one of us - will become in Him. They were invited to exercise their freedom and embrace the path that He had prepared. So are we, right now.

This is an extraordinary Feast of hope which can help us to live differently, right now. We are invited, by reflecting on this significant event in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, to focus us on the *end* of the Christian life. *End* in the philosophical and theological sense means purpose or goal. The Transfiguration helps to explain the very meaning and purpose of life.

We will all be transfigured, as the Lord Himself was transfigured, when our redemption is complete in the Resurrection of the Body. Then, we will live in the new heaven and new earth.

As we reflect on the Transfiguration of Jesus today let us enter more deeply into the mystery it reveals by living in the Transfiguration now. It truly is good for us to be here. Let us draw encouragement and inspiration from the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ and respond to the invitations of grace in our daily lives in order to grow more fully into the Image and likeness of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord revealing His Transfigured glory to a world waiting to be born anew.

We are being called into an ongoing transformation in Jesus Christ, beginning right now.

*(Catholic online - Deacon Fournier)*

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**6TH AUGUST 2023**

### **PSALM RESPONSE**

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!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

When Christ appears we shall be like him,  
For we shall see him as he is.

O Lord, we pray, transform us into the likeness of you Son, whose radiant splendour you willed to make manifest in his glorious Transfiguration.

(Roman Missal)

Ordinary A2	Psalter week 4	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 5th/6th Transfiguration of the Lord</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH</b>	Bridget and Mary Murphy People of the Parish
Monday 7th	<b>10.30am Mass KF</b>	Patricia Gray
Tuesday 8th	<b>7pm KF</b>	Novena
Wednesday 9th	<b>10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH</b>	Margaret Shipley Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 10th	<b>NO MASS</b>	—————
Friday 11th	<b>10am Mass KF  10.30am-11am KF</b>	Paul Wakeman, Kathryn and Alison Fenn Adoration and Confessions
Saturday 12th	<b>5pm Mass KF</b>	Kathleen and Patrick Madi- gan
<b>Sunday 12th/13th 19th Sunday of the year</b>	<b>5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH</b>	Kathleen and Patrick Madi- gan People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our August deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

**Collections** 23/7 BH GA £88.00 Loose £175.95 Church Maintenance £172.03 CTF £5.00 Piety £85.00  
 KF GA £70.00 Loose £83.90 Church Maintenance £117.29 Donation £4.40  
 30/7 BH GA £136.00 Loose £170.43 Church Maintenance £118.91 Teas £133.08  
 KF GA £91.10 Loose £100.57 Church Maintenance £111.00 Hall hire £915.00 Donation £4.12

Please pray for all those who are sick including Marlene and Tony Lyons, Deacon John Brindley, Ian Manley, Noel O'Reilly, Georgina Kutz, Martha Jones, Mavis Geach, Sheila Rowley, Audrey Berry, Roger Ward, Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Rob Bryan, Betty Storey and Connie Birch May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

**FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations as the need is growing.**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week and next for Church Maintenance - at KF the hall floor is in need of repair for safety reasons and at BH the rear wall is falling down. We are also due gas safety inspections, fire safety inspections and other repairs at both Churches.**

**Today we welcome Fr Paul Edwards to celebrate Mass at BH as Fr Shanju goes to Lower Gornal and Sedgley. Please make him welcome.**

**NB Novena this Tuesday 7pm at KF all welcome**

**Tea/coffee after Mass** - Please join Fr Shanju and stay for tea and coffee after Mass on Saturday evening at KF or Sunday morning at BH for a chat and a catch up.

**Welcome to Fr Shanju's parents** who are staying with him for a while. Please see hello and make them feel welcome in our Parish.

**Fr John Darley memorial Mass** - thank you to all those who attended this Mass to celebrate the life of Fr John in our Parish. A big thank you to all those who donated the food for the buffet and gave so much of their time to set it all up. A lovely evening was enjoyed by all that Fr John would have been very proud to see.

**SVP raffle** - first prize £5000. Tickets £1 each on sale after Mass. Please support the SVP in their work if you can.

**CAFOD is recruiting!** Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, by working to overcome poverty and injustice? Could you work for CAFOD within the Archdiocese of Birmingham and the Diocese of Shrewsbury? Are you good at inspiring and working with volunteers? Then you might like to become our Community Participation Coordinator. Use the following link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested: <https://cafod.org.uk/work-with-us> Closing date 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 or contact John Woods via [jwoods@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jwoods@cafod.org.uk)

**Goa and Kerala Pilgrimage** - 14th January 2024 for 15 nights and 16 days. Please see leaflet at back of Church for more information.

**Holy Communion and Confirmation** if you have children not attending a Catholic School who are due to receive their Sacraments, please see Fr Shanju as soon as possible.

**Pope's prayer intention for August - For World Youth Day** - We pray the World youth day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.