

## Friday is the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

"O God, Who in the glorious transfiguration of Thine only-begotten Son didst strengthen the sacraments of faith by the testimony of the fathers, and Who didst wonderfully foreshow the perfect adoption of Thy children by a voice coming down in a shining cloud, mercifully grant that we be made co-heirs of the King of glory Himself, and grant us to be sharers in that very glory. Through the same Lord, Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen." *(Roman Missal)*



"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure." (1 John 3)

As we reflect on the Transfiguration of Jesus, 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 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)*



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### **18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**1ST AUGUST 2021**

#### **PSALM RESPONSE**

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy  
Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to  
receive You into my soul. I believe it because you  
have said it and I'm ready to give my life to maintain  
this truth. Amen*



Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 31st/1st</b> <b>18th Sunday of the</b> <b>Year</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b> <b>11.30am Mass OH</b>	Patricia Gray People of the Parish Leslie Hancox
Monday 2nd	<b>12 noon KF</b>	Wedding
Tuesday 3rd	<b>10am Mass OH</b> <b>10.30am-11am OH</b> <b>7.30pm KF</b>	Mary Edwards Adoration Novena
Wednesday 4th St John Vianney	<b>10am Mass BH</b> <b>10.30am-11am BH</b>	Thanksgiving Adoration
Thursday 5th		
Friday 6th Transfiguration	<b>10.30am-11am KF</b> <b>11am Mass KF</b>	Adoration Holy Souls
Saturday 7th		
<b>Sunday 7th/8th</b> <b>19th Sunday of the</b> <b>Year</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b> <b>11.30am Mass OH</b>	People of the Parish Jean Hancox Tadeusz & Margaret Wieckowski

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

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 2nd August 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre  
**KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am Foodbank .**

Please pray for all those who are sick including Garry Partridge, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

**FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people**

## SECOND COLLECTION - TODAY FOR THE SISTERS

**Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Sunday 12th September** - Mass at 3pm please take own chairs and any refreshments as these will not be available this year. There will also not be any guided tours of the hall itself.

**March for life Saturday 4th September** - An announcement will be made in all Churches on the weekend of 14th/15th regarding this and how you can get involved. Any donations made via the marchforlife.co.uk will be greatly appreciated as the event itself costs thousands of pounds to host and promote. More importantly please pray for the work they do in being a voice for the voiceless. The work they do is for the Glory of God and we can do nothing without his help!

**Natalie Johnson**, Yr. 8 head at Bishop Milner and one of our parishioners, arranged an end of year food collection in that year group for our foodshare. A huge amount of food was donated by the generous families so a big thank you to Yr. 8 and their families and also Natalie for organising it.

**Eucharistic ministers** - if you are, are or were, taking Communion to any house-bound parishioner can you please speak to Fr Shanju after Mass. He wants to check what is happening and see when he needs to visit the sick. Thank you.

**Ava** - from KF Parish is making her first Communion on Saturday 7th August at the 5pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend on the 7th and join her for tea and coffee in the Parish hall after Mass to celebrate. Please keep Ava in your prayers.

**Fr Stephen** - if you would like to donate to a leaving gift please put it in an envelope clearly marked and give it to Fr Shanju. Thank you.

**Sacramental Preparation** - thank you for the names of all those needing to be prepared. Nadine Hancox will hopefully start the classes in mid-September and you will be contacted before then with the arrangements.

### Pope's prayer intention for August:

*Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel. Amen.*