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Second Sunday of Lent

Reflection by Dr. Maria Heath, Director of Mission Northampton. (Bishops Conference of England and Wales website).

In the Gospel today, we are invited into a personal moment that Peter, James and John are experiencing.

Just ahead of preparing this reflection I had been reading the book of Daniel and his vision of the Son of Man (Dan 10). It struck me that there are distinct similarities between the events. It reminded me that as Jews, the disciples would have been familiar with the vision of Daniel, and this would have helped them to understand the significance of what they were experiencing on that mountain. The Father was revealing Jesus to them as someone greater than Moses or Elijah, that he is in fact the Son of Man as revealed in the book of Daniel, the Messiah who they had been waiting for their entire lives.

The disciples have this encounter up a mountain – mountains are the place of meeting between God and his people in the Old Testament, there are so many examples of this and of course, both Elijah and Moses meet with God up a mountain. Jesus tells them not to tell anyone until after 'the Son of Man has been raised from the dead'. So they are now under no illusion that Jesus is talking about himself because they understand now that Jesus is in fact this mysterious figure described in the Book of Daniel.

The Transfiguration then points towards the coming salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As we noted earlier, mountains are the meeting place between God and his people. Jesus dies on Golgotha, a hill

outside of Jerusalem. In fact, some scholars think that Golgotha is also Mount Moriah where Abraham takes Isaac to be sacrificed. This mountain, where Jesus dies is the ultimate meeting between God and humanity; the place where heaven touches earth, the place of encounter where Jesus dies so that we can live. Or as St. Paul puts it in our second reading where '...the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light...' occurs.

This moment, as Jesus dies on the cross, is the moment that the transfiguration is pointing us towards. As Jesus dies on the cross, there is darkness, yet at the moment when Jesus dies, light breaks through: '...and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour...' (Luke 23:44).

So, light has in fact overcome darkness, life has overcome death, for three days later Jesus rises to new life. That glimpse of the Jesus transfigured on the mountain is now a reality – he is the true light that has overcome the darkness, the Lord of light. He calls us to come to him, to give him our sin and brokenness and to receive his new life. We too are also called, like Abraham in the first reading, to be a blessing to others, to draw all people to His life, because He loves each one of us and wants every person to know His love, glory and plan for their life.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 5 March 2023

Sunday 5 March

Second Sunday of Lent

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Mass * Cathedral
3.00pm Choral Evening Prayer
* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 6 March

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Mass BSC

Tuesday 7 March

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Mass BSC

Wednesday 8 March

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

Thursday 9 March

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Requiem Mass BSC
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

Friday 10 March

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 11 March

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass BSC
5.00pm Vigil Mass BSC

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will take place from 4.00pm on Fridays.

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday - Friday:
Following the 12.15pm Mass in the Crypt
Saturday: 9.30am - 10.30am & 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

BSC
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool University Hospital

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:
Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean
Fr Derek Lloyd
Fr Chris McCoy
Fr Peter Murphy

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mary Osu (RIP), James Patterson (RIP), Muriel O'Neill (Intentions), Laura Growney (Get Well), Vera O'Grady (RIP), Mrs Margaret Irvine (RIP), Marie Sullivan (RIP), Jarlath, Alice and Aoife (Exams), Brother Ken Hargreaves (RIP), Patricia Elias (RIP), Kathleen Myers (RIP), Josie Marsh (RIP), James McGann (Birthday Anniversary), John Delaney (RIP), Bridie Maher (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine.

PAULINE BOOKS

Why not pause for a moment of prayer with Pauline Books and Media and join them every Friday at 11.50am to pray for the people of Syria and Turkey.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Micah Liverpool is looking to recruit more volunteers for all of its food aid activity. They run four projects Tuesday to Friday between 10.30 and 12.30 and are looking for people who would like to get involved and give something back to their communities. They are also asking for people who have language skills to apply for volunteering roles as they support such a diverse range of people. They have multiple roles including foodbank volunteer, community market volunteer, administration volunteer and stores person volunteer. If you think you can support Micah Liverpool in any of those roles and would like to find out more contact Paul O'Brien via paul.obrien@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk or call 07932 842337.

UNIVERSITIES CHAPLAINCY AND CATHSOC

Are you a student of University of Liverpool/LJMU/LIPA? Come and join us for 6pm Mass every Sunday of term at 'St Philip Neri Catholic Church', 30 Catherine Street L8 7NL. We are an active community with regular socials and events. We'd love for you to join us! See socials for more information: IG: @livcathsoc Facebook: @livcathchap Website: cathchap.org.uk

ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE

invites you to our post COVID Spring Charity Concert on Friday 24th March @ 7.00pm at St Anne's Overbury Street, L7 3HJ. Two choirs, Pipers, Pianists, Pop, Ukelele and Folk Bands. Tickets £5 inc refreshments from Illa 0151 709 1713 or info@asylumlink.org.uk

CATHEDRAL STEWARDS WANTED!

Small cogs often play a vital part in helping a big machine run smoothly. It's rather like that with Cathedral stewards who act as the link between Cathedral and congregation, making sure everyone feels welcome and can participate fully in the main services, whether presenting the offertory gifts, contributing to collections or receiving communion. The Cathedral needs more people to volunteer for this important role, both on a regular weekly basis and for occasional extra events. If you would like to be more involved in the Cathedral community, enjoy meeting people and are good at organising then perhaps this call is for you! In the first instance please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

NORTH MERSEYSIDE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Presents a talk on "The Building of the Cathedral" by Dr. Philip Harrison, who was the resident Architect. He worked closely with Sir Frederick Gibberd. Please join them at St. Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby L23 7TQ. Light refreshments at 7.15pm before the talk begins at 7.30pm on Thursday, 16th March. There is no charge and free parking.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES CATHOLIC STAFF AND PhD GROUP

Are you a university staff or a PhD student? Come and join the Liverpool Universities Catholic Staff & PhD Group! We meet every other Wednesday during university term time for a fellowship, prayer and faith-based discussion, using Church documents such as Pope Francis's encyclicals. The next meeting is on Wednesday 1st March at 18:00 in the Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Universities (30 Catharine St, Liverpool L8 7NL, access through the gate on Blackburne Place). Any questions? Get in touch with Antal (+07515821079).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will take place after the 12.15pm Mass on Fridays. All welcome.

EASTER RETREAT

Every year Ampleforth Abbey near York welcomes several hundred guests for Easter. This year they have set aside more spaces for young adults. The retreat runs from the evening of Holy Thursday 6th April until Easter Sunday 9th April and there is no fixed cost. There are all the main holy week celebrations, plus talks, nice food and countryside. If you are interested in going with a group of other young adults from Liverpool please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net

EASTER EGGS

Please would you consider donating an Easter Egg to the Cathedral this Lent. We will be sending half of anything we receive to the Women's Refuge on the Wirral and also to the 2 Refuge Houses that are in Liverpool, charities that are so deserving and in real need. The other half will be raffled after the Solemn Mass on Easter Sunday.

EASTER LILIES

We are reviving an ancient tradition which associates a lily with the resurrection of Christ and our hope in eternal life. You are invited to buy a lily in memory of a departed loved one by placing £5 and the name of the person in an envelope and leaving it at the reception at Cathedral House or give it to one of the Cathedral clergy. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Easter, and the 10.00am Family Mass on Easter Sunday will be offered for their names.

Last week's collection: **£1,432.00**



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