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Transfiguration of the Lord Year [A]

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### *Mustard Seeds*

#### ✠ Expect An Answer

As a drought continued for what seemed an eternity, a small community of farmers was in a quandary as to what to do. Rain was important to keep their crops healthy and sustain the way of life of the townspeople. As the problem became more acute, a local priest called the people to a Holy Hour of prayer to ask God for rain. Many people arrived. The priest greeted most of them as they filed in. As he walked to the front of the church to officially begin the prayers, he noticed most people were chatting across the aisles and socialising with friends. When he reached the front his thoughts were on quieting the attendees and starting the Holy Hour. His eyes scanned the crowd as he asked for quiet. He noticed an eleven year-old girl sitting quietly in the front row. Her face was beaming with excitement. Next to her, poised and ready for use, was a bright blue umbrella. The little girl's beauty and innocence made the priest smile as he realised how much faith she possessed. No one else in the congregation had brought an umbrella. All came to pray for rain, but the little girl had come expecting God to answer her prayers...

#### Scrooge and St. Thomas Becket

Scrooge learned this lesson in the nick of time. We all remember Ebenezer Scrooge, the famous protagonist of Charles Dickens's masterpiece, A Christmas Carol. Scrooge had a very clear goal in life: making money. And as the richest man in the city, he achieved his goal. He made a very good living, but he had a miserable life. The human heart is made for greater things than wealth, prosperity, and pleasure. It is made to love God and love one's neighbour, and that's where true, everlasting happiness comes from. As soon as Scrooge started to put his wealth at the service of Christian love, he remembered how to smile. Scrooge is a fictional character, but the history of the Church boasts of a few saints who truly made that same discovery. St. Thomas Becket is one of them. He lived in England in the 1200s. He was best friends with King Henry II; they both were selfish, self-indulgent, and power hungry. They drank together, debauched together, and plotted together. Then King Henry got the idea of appointing Becket to be the Archbishop of Canterbury. Henry thought that having his best friend occupy the highest Church position in the land would give him a chance to control the Church and squeeze money out of it. But when Thomas Becket was ordained, God's grace touched his heart, and he began to see the folly of living just for earthly goals. He sold his considerable property and gave the money to the poor, stopped his loose living, and dedicated himself to serving Christ and the Church with all his energy and talent. The King wasn't pleased, and ended up having his former best friend murdered during Mass in the Cathedral. Becket traded in temporary earthly glory for a martyr's eternal crown - and you can rest assured that he has no regrets.

# 18<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year 2023 [A]

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		<b>St Bride's</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Davena Reid (RD), Frank Keegans (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Mrs Elizabeth McCrae (SI)</i>			
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Requiem Mass for James McDermott</b> <b>Mass at 10am</b>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Feast of St Teresa Benedict of the Cross</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Sadie Sloss (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Feast of St Lawrence, deacon</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Anne Kennedy &amp; Marie Anderson (SI)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Memorial of St Clare, nun</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Fr. Gerry Hamill (SI)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	Funeral Mass at 10am (L) <b>Eddie Ford</b>	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Mary Madden (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## Re-Introduction of Chalice Communion

On the first Sunday of September, 2nd/3rd September 2023, we are able to return to the normative practice of receiving the Precious Blood of the Risen Lord from the Chalice at Mass. Some Parishioners have been asking: Can't I just "dip" the Consecrated Host into the Precious Blood? The normative way to receive the Precious Blood of the Lord is by taking a sip from the Chalice. The practice of "Intinction" (dipping the Body of Christ into the Blood of Christ) is not the ordinary way of receiving. Likewise, individuals are not permitted to intinct on their own. It must always be done by a minister. Furthermore, to receive in this way also eliminates the option to receive in the hand. Another common question: Why can't we use individual cups? The Lord himself gave us the Eucharist at the Last Supper and it is directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through "Communion". The practice of



sharing a chalice mirrors and remains more faithful to the command and action of the Lord at the Last Supper.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Father Eamon Flynn, Irene Coby, Harry Sammons,  
Morag Farrell, Jim Donnelly, Edna McKinnon.*

### + Those who have died recently:

*James McDermott, Frank Keegans, Gilbert Templeton,  
Davena Reid, Sadie Sloss..*

### + Those who died at this time of Year:

*Patricia Barry 2015, Cathie Carroll 2020,  
Sadie Hamilton 2007, Father Jack Kerr 2001,  
Ellen Lafferty 2019, Desmond McGarvey 1996,  
Giovanni Michelini 2015, Patrick Joseph O'Boyle 2009,  
Lauretta Salotti 1981, Alison Cook 1999,  
Frances Flynn 1990, James Gorman 1997,  
Sadie Hamilton 2007, William McGillvary 2001,  
Margaret Pacewicz 2006, Henrietta Smith 2009,  
Kitty Woods 2013, Bill Barton 2008, Tina O'Pray 2012,  
Edward Burns 1998, Anita Coyle 2020,  
Karen Fitzpatrick 1981, Beth Glass 2014,  
Canon Matthew Littleton 1977, Joe McLaughlin 2022,  
Don Newall 2009, James Taylor 1997, Brian Collins 2006,  
William Magee 1988, Paddy McKinney 2014,  
John Giebler 1991, Charlie Gilheaney 2007,  
Agnes Long 2006, Joe Burns 2015, Greta Davidson 2018,  
Mary Patricia Madden Campbell 2016,  
Desmond McGarvey 1996, Maria Mathieson 1975,  
Elizabeth McMenamin 1994, Margaret Quigg 2015.*

## St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

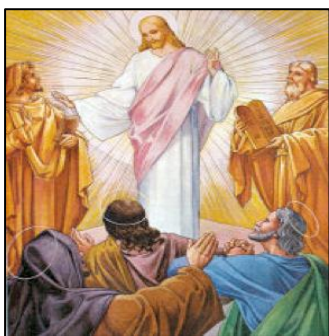
► **REQUIEM MASS FOR JAMES MCDERMOTT** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of James McDermott, who died on 24th July 2023, aged 77 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 8th August 2023 at 10am, followed by Cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium at 11.30am. His Month's Mind Mass will be on Thursday, 24th August at 10am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

► **WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE** The Annual Pilgrimage to Whithorn will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August with Mass on the shore at 4pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for anyone wishing to go on the coach travelling from the three towns. Please note this year because of increased fuel prices there will be a charge of £6 per person to offset costs.

► **THANK YOU** The Sloss family would like to thank Fr Duncan for conducting the funeral service of their mum and grandmother Sadie. Thanks also to all the parishioners and friends for their kind words, cards and prayers.

### Meaning of the "Transfiguration"

What was the reason for the Transfiguration? According to St. Thomas Aquinas, the Transfiguration occurred because the divine glory which was Christ's was allowed for a moment to shine through His human body. He did this so that they could taste for a short time the contemplation of eternal joy, in view of the persecutions they would suffer. What does "transfiguration" mean? Transfiguration refers to Our Lord's change in appearance from the passable bodily form in which He would suffer and die, to the glorified form in which He would rise from the dead. The Latin root "trans-" means "across" or "through." The root "figura" means "form" or "shape." When did the Transfiguration happen? This event happened approximately a week after Jesus and the disciples went to Caesarea Philippi, which is where Peter declared that Jesus was "the Christ of God" (Luke 9:20). Where did the Transfiguration take place? Although the Gospels only refer to it as a "high mountain," according to tradition it was on Mount Tabor in Israel. Not too far from Nazareth, a Franciscan church commemorates the traditional site, where 4th century and 12th century churches had previously existed. What does the Transfiguration teach us? Pope Francis said: "From the event of the Transfiguration I would like to take two significant elements that can be summed up in two words: ascent and descent. We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to "descend the mountain" and return to the plain where we meet many brothers weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual. To these brothers in difficulty, we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received.'



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### ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023: £601.34

Second Collection (Building Fund): £289.84

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Offertory Cash Collection 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023: £88.00

### ST BRIDE'S MUSIC SYSTEM FUND

Cash Donations £279.00, Just Giving £160.00

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### Emergency On-Call for Hospitals

Please keep the sick in our hospitals in your prayers this week. Father Duncan will be answering emergency calls.

### "Give God your Nothing"

There was once a priest who spent time with St. Teresa of Calcutta. One day they were leaving the chapel together after a time of prayer, and the priest was feeling as though his time in prayer wasn't that productive. He'd felt distracted and not attentive enough. Even though the priest didn't say anything about it, St. Teresa must have read his soul. She turned to him and said, "Father, never walk out of the chapel feeling discouraged. Never think that you accomplished nothing. Never get angry or bitter with yourself. Realise that you can still give God your time in prayer. Even if you feel like you accomplished nothing, you can still give God your nothing." Saints like Mother Teresa have so much wisdom to share with us. They walked their spiritual journey, drawing closer to the Lord and learning from



their missteps and mistakes along the way. And we're privileged to have them as models, guides, and friends on our own journeys.

😊 **Just for a Laugh...** This comes from a Catholic primary school. Children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. They have not been retouched or corrected (i.e., incorrect spelling has been left in.)... Enjoy!

😊 In the first book of the bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

😊 Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

😊 The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.

😊 Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

😊 When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

😊 Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

😊 The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

😊 Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.



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