

Jesus challenges us to listen

Three fishermen, Peter, James, and John, had an unforgettable experience. Jesus took them up a mountain, where they saw a powerful and mysterious vision, which made a lasting impression on them. Jesus told them not to speak about it at the time, but they must have talked about it privately, trying to understand what it meant.

Peter has a big heart, but often acts before thinking. He wanted to build three shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He meant well, but he didn't fully understand what was happening. Moses and Elijah were great servants of God, but this moment was about Jesus. Then God the Father spoke from a bright cloud. The disciples were terrified and fell to the ground, but Jesus gently touched them and reassured them. They were safe with him.

The Father's message was clear: "This is my beloved Son. I am pleased with him. Listen to him". All of us are called to listen. We are invited to reflect on the good news that God came to live among us. Instead of rushing to act, we are meant to pause and truly understand who Jesus is and what he has done for us.

Escomb Partnership Note

St Mary's Sanctuary Candle this week: **Denise Turnbull**

Sundays 9am: Sunday Service (AycliffeRadio.co.uk)

Wednesday 11 March, 10am to 4pm at Minsteracres: **Quiet Day of Reflection during Lent.** minsteracres.org.uk

14 / 15 March: **Gift Aid envelopes** will be available at the back of St Mary's Church.

Wednesday 18 - 25 March at Ushaw: **A week with St Cuthbert** - various events - details at ushaw.org

Saturday 28 March, 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw: **St Mark's Passion £20** - details at ushaw.org

Wednesday 1 April, 11am at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle: **Chrism mass.**

Saturday 25th April, 10am to 5pm at Minsteracres: **Walking Retreat.** Details at minsteracres.org.uk

Sunday 26 April, 10am at St Mary's: Samuel Ireton from **Safe Families** will preach at mass.

Saturday 9 May 10am at St Mary's: **First Communion Mass**

Sunday 19 July: **the bishop** will celebrate mass at St Mary's.

Sunday 26 July: **World Grandparents' Day.**

Children's Newsletter: Please take one home from St Mary's porch and encourage your children to read it.

There is a **box** at the back of St Thomas' church for **tinned food** in support of the Justice and Peace Refugee Project.

Check out **Newton Aycliffe Catholic Church Mass** on YouTube. The more use is made of it the better the chance of broadcasting from all of our churches.

CAFOD have secured match funding up to £378k on all **donations made online** during Lent (CAFOD.org) If you can't do it online please return your envelope to church next week-end. Please consider filling in the Gift Aid declaration on the back of the envelope if you can. This will bolster your gift by 25%!

Saint Mary,	Aycliffe	DL5 4HT
Saint Thomas,	Shildon	DL4 1HP
All Saints,	Ferryhill	DL17 8ET
Sacred Heart,	Chilton	DL17 0PW
Saint Joseph,	Coundon	DL14 8NL



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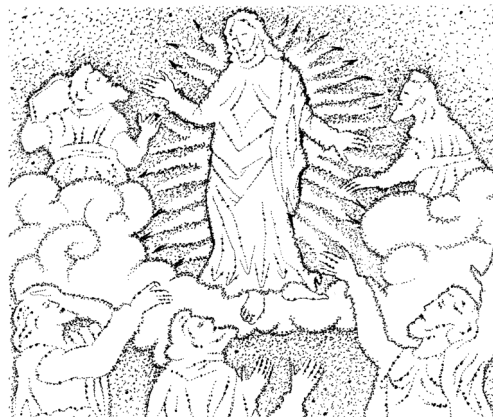
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28 Feb / 1 March - 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)



The Transfiguration of the Lord

Jesus ascends Mount Tabor, where He is revealed in a way that recalls Moses the giver of the Law, and Elijah the great Prophet. These honoured figures of the Old Testament appear beside Him, and a cloud, the ancient sign of God's presence, surrounds them. In this powerful moment, God speaks, affirming the unique relationship between Himself and His Son, granting Him authority and commanding those present, and all who follow after, to "Listen to Him".

Peter longs to hold on to this extraordinary experience, wanting to preserve it by building shelters, yet such moments cannot be contained. Jesus is greater than any place or structure. Like Peter, we often prefer to remain where we feel comfortable, secure in our familiar ways of thinking and living out our faith. But God continually calls us forward, to follow the One who alone can truly transform our lives.

Whatever situations we face — decisions, struggles, or temptations — we can always turn to Jesus with faith and trust.

Sat	12.00	Aycliffe	Ena (B) and George Cornforth
28	16.00	Shildon	Heather McDonald (RIP)
Feb	18.00	Chilton	Debbie Greathead
Sun	09.00	Coundon	People of the Parish
1	10.00	Aycliffe	Bob Kennedy, Paula Cruddace
Mar	10.30	Ferryhill	Roy Myers
	15.00	Ferryhill	Stations of the Cross
	16.00	Coundon	Stations of the Cross
	18.00	Aycliffe	Michael Dryden, Paul Tenwick

*All are welcome
in all of our churches
— no exceptions!*

New to the Parish?
Please introduce yourself after
Mass. Registration Forms are
located in the church porch.

Masses this week

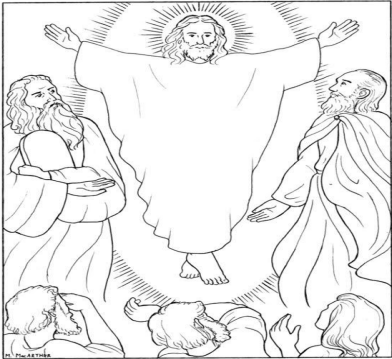
Mon	09.30	Coundon	Barry Fawcett
2	09.40	Aycliffe	Rosary
Mar	10.00	Aycliffe	Our parish family
Tue	09.15	Ferryhill	Eileen Ward
3	09.50	Aycliffe	Divine Mercy
Mar	10.00	Aycliffe	Holy Souls and St Joseph
	19.00	Coundon	Exposition
Wed	09.15	Ferryhill	No intention given
4	09.30	Shildon	Stations of the Cross
Mar	10.00	Shildon	Alessandro Rossi
Thu	09.30	Coundon	Price and Saunders Families
5	11.00	Aycliffe	Stations of the Cross
Mar			Fr Harry Ryan
Fri	09.15	Chilton	Mass and Stations of the Cross
6	09.30	Aycliffe	Exposition
Mar	10.00	<u>Aycliffe</u>	<u>Communion Service</u>
	18.30	Aycliffe	Stations of the Cross (Polish)

Something to give up for Lent!: **Pope Leo XIV** - "I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour"

Mass Intentions: These can be arranged easily by completing your request in one of the envelopes in the church porch in St Mary's and placing it with your donation in the collection basket.

Sanctuary Candle: If you would like to have a sanctuary candle dedicated for your intention, please complete an envelope in the church porch and place it, with your donation, in the collection basket.

CAFOD Lent emails: Do you want to do something different for Lent? Do you want to try to make a difference to your life and someone else's? Log on cafod.org.uk to sign up for daily emails from CAFOD during Lent.



The Transfiguration of the Lord

reveals both the divinity of Jesus and the promise of transformation for all who follow Him. As Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John, His face shines like the sun, and His garments become dazzling

white - a glimpse of His heavenly glory. Spiritually, the Transfiguration invites us to ascend our own "mountains" of prayer, where we can be renewed and strengthened for the challenges of life. Like the disciples, we cannot stay on the mountaintop forever; we must carry what we have seen back into the world, reflecting Christ's light in our daily lives.

In this mystery, we find hope and direction: transformation is possible when we open our hearts to God's presence, allowing His light to change us from within.

Next Week-end

Sat	09.30	Coundon	Wendy Wigley
7	10.00	Coundon	Exposition and Confessions
Mar	12.00	Aycliffe	Stephen McKenna (RIP)
	16.00	Shildon	Liam Clarkson (RIP)
	18.00	Chilton	Repentance and Peace for all
Sun	09.00	Coundon	Nora, Al and Ian Moore
8	10.00	Aycliffe	Special Intention (MK)
Mar	10.30	Ferryhill	People of the Parish
	15.00	Ferryhill	Stations of the Cross
	16.00	Coundon	Stations of the Cross
	18.00	Aycliffe	Brogan Stubbs (RIP)

Next week- end: Collection of biscuits, tinned tomatoes and chick peas **for refugees**.

Stations of the Cross


- Wednesday, 9.30am at St Thomas', Shildon
- Thursday, 11am at St Mary's. Followed by mass and lunch.
- Friday at Sacred Heart, Chilton. After 9.15am mass.
- Friday, 2.15pm at Ushaw.
- Friday, 6.30pm at St Mary's (Polish)
- Sunday, 3pm at All Saints, Ferryhill.
- Sunday, 4pm at St Joseph's, Coundon.

The card reader is back up and running at St Mary's. If you want to make a donation online simply scan the QR code and follow the link. You can Gift Aid your donation if you wish to bolster it by 25%.



Please pray for all the sick

- Christine Bainbridge, Julie Kirkbride, Vilna Woolhead, Hannibal Gonsalves, Bernard Molyneux, Joan Neasham, Mary Horton, Chris Palmer, Sharon Pape, Maureen Palmer, Jamie Spence, Tom Brett, George Walton, Carla Middleton, Raymond Lowey, Maria Hewitt, Peter Rogan, Mary Nichol, Rita Farthing, Helen Dungey, Caroline Lambie.

 Daily Readings can be found by scanning the QR code, using the camera on your smart phone.

