

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R/. That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord,
to pour thy grace into our hearts;
that as we have known
the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel,
so by his ✠ Cross and Passion,
we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Recessional:

'Voluntary for the Double Organ' - John Blow

Please remain seated until the Recessional Music has ceased. This is integral to the liturgy of the Organ Mass and therefore applause is not appropriate. Once concluded, leave the Parish Church of St Mary & St Giles via the Parish Hall; and at All Saints via the West (Tower) door. The Priest will be outside in the churchyard.

Reflection after Mass:

Lord Jesus you come to us in the Eucharist as food for eternal life and as bread broken in fellowship with all your people. You come to us as bread from heaven of which we partake in hope of final salvation. Open our eyes of faith to see the wonderful gift we receive in this sacrament and may our lives, through the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit, be transformed with its meaning and promise. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

TODAY: 9:30am <i>Intention:</i>	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles <i>The Parish</i>
Tuesday 10:30am 11:45am 7:00pm <i>Intention:</i>	Feria Mass at All Saints Funeral Rite: Phillip Tomlinson at St Mary & St Giles Lent Course 'Come & See' via Zoom <i>Our Local Doctors, Nurses and Health Care Assts.</i>
Wednesday 6:00pm 6:30pm <i>Intention:</i>	Feria Stations of the Cross Mass at St Mary & St Giles <i>All Public Health Officials and those engaged in the COVID Vaccination Process</i>
Friday 12:00noon <i>Intention:</i>	St Piran, Patron of Cornwall (Cornwall Day) Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles <i>The Mission of the Church in the South-West</i>
Next Sunday: 9:30am <i>Intention:</i>	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles <i>The Parish</i>

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Communication: As from Saturday 1st May I shall be closing the Parish WhatsApp Group due to its owners planned changes to its privacy settings. There are those that may claim that it can still be trusted, but when members of the Intelligence Service tell me that they are changing their own messenger provider, then it seems to me that I owe it to you all to keep you as safe as possible online. I shall be setting up a Parish Group on a highly recommended, secure App called 'Signal.' it can be downloaded to any smartphone free, and I have already set up the new parish group to which I can send you a link once you have downloaded the App to your 'phone.

Lent IV (Laetere Sunday) - Mothering Sunday: Daffodils have been ordered from Willis' Florist. It is hoped that we will have volunteers to distribute them after Mass on this day. Thank you.

Omnia Christus est nobis!

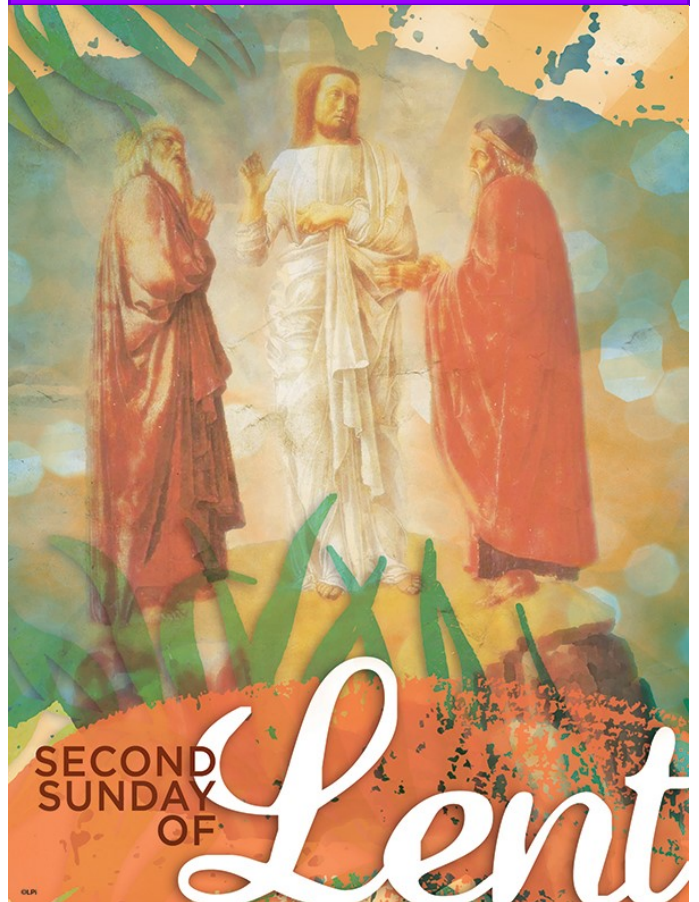
To us Christ is all!



**St Mary & St Giles with All Saints,
Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT**

28th February AD 2021



Welcome to the Parish Church where, after the example of the early church, we celebrate the Eucharist: the "apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)

Let us thank our divine Lord today, for giving, in his Transfiguration, this consoling and encouraging vision of his glory to his Apostles and through them to us. It was for them, and it is for us, a guarantee and a foretaste of the joys and the glory that will be ours for eternity, if we but persevere in our struggles against the world, the flesh and the devil. This struggle is not easy for our weak nature, but our loving Saviour is ever beside us to raise us up and tell us "not to fear" if we but rely on him.

When we are tempted to give way to our human weaknesses, or to give way under the weight of the crosses that sometimes are about to crush us, let us think of Mount Tabor, and the glorified Jesus, who a few weeks later faced his own real passion and cross cheerfully for our sakes. His resolve will inspire us to carry our crosses, and knowing of the future glory which will be ours will make us thank God that we have been created and thank his beloved Son for setting us on the road to that future glory.

INFORMATION



Safeguarding: Our Parish Churches have adopted and follow the Diocese of Oxford's recommended policies for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Details of these policies and of our Safeguarding Officers are available on the noticeboards inside each Parish Church. Should you have any safeguarding concerns then please see one of them.

Restrictions During the Current Pandemic:

Unfortunately, we are required to observe the following restrictions:

- ◆ **FACE MASKS: MUST BE WORN** by all attending worship as required by Law, apart from the Priest and any Lay Ministers assisting him. **N.B. IF YOU CANNOT WEAR A MASK FOR MEDICAL REASONS YOU MUST WEAR A FACE SHIELD.**
- ◆ Only 3 or 4 **Church Bells** are permitted to be rung, because ringing chambers are not large enough for distancing requirements when a full team is present. The Tower Captain and Assistant must keep a record of who is present to ring on what dates and ensure that distancing is maintained on the staircase. Bell ringing practice is not permitted.
- ◆ **Entry and exit** to our Parish Churches - entry via the West (Tower) Door and exit via the Parish Hall at St Mary & St Giles - entry via the South Porch and exit via the West (Tower) Door at All Saints
- ◆ There cannot be an **social gathering** in either of our Parish Churches before or after Mass - social intercourse may take place in the churchyards before or after Mass.
- ◆ 'Shared' **Mass cards** are not permitted. Please do not take a copy for someone else - either retain it for your devotions at home, or place it in the bin provided at the exit points in both churches.
- ◆ Until further notice all **communal singing**, singing rehearsals and concerts are prohibited in all places of worship. It is now possible to have a small choir and Organ Music played.
- ◆ **Collections:** Cash donations and envelopes must be placed either in the large plinth donations box at St Mary & St Giles, or in the bowl by the south porch door at All Saints. We are not allowed to pass a collection plate/bag to one another.
- ◆ **'The Peace'** may not be shared physically. We may however join our own hands and bow to each other at The Peace.
- ◆ **When going forward to receive Holy Communion** - at St Mary & St Giles please approach centre of the altar rail in single file via the main aisle, observing a two metre distance, and return to your place via the side aisle. At All Saints: again single file two metres apart but keeping to the south porch side of the main aisle on approaching the altar rail and returning to your place on the vestry side. N.B. in both churches Holy Communion must be received whilst standing and please extend your arms as far as you are able. Textile kneelers and cushions have had to be removed.
- ◆ **'Receiving Holy Communion'** is in one kind, i.e. The Host. This must be received in the palms of our hands - not on the tongue.
- ◆ **Please maintain a two metre distance** from each other on approaching the altar rails and on leaving our churches after Mass.
- ◆ **Lavatory Facilities.** Strict hand-hygiene must be observed and hand-dryers only used. In the lavatory at each church there is a spray sanitiser and single use sanitising wipes for each user to wipe the seat, flush-handle, water taps, sink and door handle. Used wipes should be placed in the waste baskets provided.

All of these restrictions, whilst not what we would wish for, do not detract from the fact that we are able to receive the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament.

Please take this Service Sheet home with you and use as part of your devotions during the week.

Reflection before Mass:

In today's Gospel we hear how Saints Peter, James and John were overcome by the glory of the transfigured Christ, by the sight of Moses and Elijah, and by the sound of the Father's voice calling on them to listen to his Son. In joyful obedience, let us therefore listen carefully to the proclamation of the word and celebrate joyfully the presence of the glorified Christ in the breaking of the bread of the Eucharist.

(STAND) THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Introit: 'Melcombe' - C.H.H. Parry

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest greets the people

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

As the priest and ministers enter the Sanctuary the Cantor sings the **Antiphon:**

Call to remembrance thy loving mercies, O loving Lord, and thy loving kindness, which have been ever of old. O let us not be dominated by our enemies; deliver us O God of Israel, out of all our difficulties.

Ps. Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul * O my God, I have put my trust in thee, O let me not be confounded.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: 'Chanson de Matin' - Edward Elgar

It is customary to kneel throughout the distribution of Holy Communion except when going forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament and upon returning to your place.

Prayer after Communion

(STAND)

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless the silence has just been observed.

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All then pray:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

(STAND)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Bow down for the blessing.

For the dismissal, the Priest faces the people and with his hands extended over the people, blesses them using this form:

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

'THE ANGELUS'

The Memorial of the Incarnation

V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;
R/. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
R/. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V/. And the Word was made flesh;
R/. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest interceding for the Church, the world, all those present at this celebration, and the Faithful Departed. At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer all join in the Great Amen.

Priest:for ever and ever.
All: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer. (STAND)

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei (KNEEL)

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The priest shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

**✠ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Communion Antiphon is sung by the Cantor and the people come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

The vision which ye have seen, do not speak of it until from the dead the Son of Man hath arisen.

Fairer art thou than the children of men *
grace is poured into thy lips; God hath blessed thee forever.

In thy majesty ride most prosperously *
because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

Thy throne O God is forever and ever *
the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou lovest righteousness and hatest wickedness *
therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee

* as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Penitential Rite (STAND)

The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and repent of them.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the general absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyries:

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria in excelsis is omitted during Lent.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

The First Reading Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

(Old Testament Page 14 in the Bibles) tells us how Abraham, our father in faith, was ready to sacrifice his son Isaac for God's sake. In the death of Jesus, God's own Son, the Father showed his love for us.

The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 116)

**R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. ®

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I:
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. ®

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. ®

The Second Reading

Romans 8: 31-34

(New Testament Page 132 in the Bibles) the apostle Paul reminds us that Christ's death is proof positive of the Father's unbounded love for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

The Gospel

Mark 9: 2-10

(New Testament Page 38 in the Bibles) we listen to the account of the transfiguration of Christ. But even in this, his hour of glory, the shadow of the cross was present. Christ would triumph only through the cross.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As the Gospel is announced the people respond:

✠ ✠ ✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed

(STAND)

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Faithful

(STAND)

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, like St Peter, we believe that 'It is wonderful for us to be here....' in his divine presence let us confidently pray to our God and Father.

Intercessor: For the Bishops and other leaders of the Church, that they may always leads us to the glory of our heavenly homeland....

V/. Lord, in your mercy
R/. **Hear our prayer.**

For the peoples of the world, that the transfiguration of Jesus Christ may make all aware of the presence and glory of God....

For those in need, that the poor, the lonely and the oppressed; that they may have their burdens lifted, and that they may hear through us the call of the Son of God....

For our Parish and for the strengthening of our common life that we may always rejoice to part of the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus....

We pray for those who are suffering at this time, especially

we are asked to pray for... Malcolm, Shirley, Cecilia, Christel, Joan Carrigan, Margaret DeSousa, Richard Desousa, Ronnie DeSousa, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Lilith, Lorna, Sr Janet, James, Peter, Rosie, Susie, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, Adam Viard, Eric, Jasmine, Davida Wiseman...and for all those whom we have come here to pray for...

For the those who have died, that they may enjoy the blessed vision of divine glory forever, especially we are asked to pray for the souls of those who have died recently, amongst them...Jane Bull, Mary Bull, David, Fr Francis Rodriguez-Veglio, Phillip Tomlinson.... and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time...**28th** Ann Gent; **1st March** Russell Poppleton, Ernest Healey, Fred Briggs, Margaret Stirling, Bertha Humphreys; **2nd** Michael Whetstone; **3rd** William Smith, Edward Eglesfield, Norman Gascoine; **4th** Cecil Powell, Frederick Coats, Stella Willson; **5th** Mary Fitch; **6th** Frank Todd, Annie Martin, Wendy Trebble... and all) the faithful departed....

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant: Almighty Father, with grace and glory you transform our lives; by these prayers strengthen us to come though the trials of this earthly life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are placed upon the altar, as the Cantor sings the Offertory Antiphon:

My delight * shall be in thy commandments which I have loved greatly, and I will lift up mine own hands unto thy commandments, which I have loved.

Then priest says the Offertory Prayers to which the people respond: Blessed be God for ever.

(STAND) Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts:

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest sings a Eucharistic Preface appropriate to the celebration, after which all join in the acclamation: (KNEEL)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer of thanksgiving, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me.'

Priest: The mystery of faith:

**All: When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**