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WEEK COMMENCING 1 AUGUST 2021– YEAR B
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Divine Office: Week 2

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION - THURSDAY 6 AUGUST

The **Transfiguration of Jesus** has been an important subject in Christian art, especially in the iconography of the Eastern Church, which had changed little over the centuries. There, the **Feast of the Transfiguration** has been celebrated since at least the **6th century** and is one of the **12 Great Feasts of Eastern Orthodoxy**. In the Western Church, the Feast was not celebrated universally, or on a consistent date, until **1475**. Raphael's *Transfiguration* is considered the most important *Western* painting of the subject. It was Raphael's last painting (Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino 1483-1520), commissioned by Cardinal Giulio de Medici, later Pope Clement VII (1523-1534) as an altarpiece for Narbonne Cathedral in France. The painting now hangs Pinacoteca Vaticana art museum in Vatican City.

Unusual in iconography of The Transfiguration, Rafael's image is divided into **2 halves** which combine **two biblical passages recorded consecutively** in all three Synoptic Gospels (*Matthew 17:1-20; Mark 9:2-29; & Luke 9:28-42*). The top half illustrates the story of the **Transfiguration of Christ** on a mountain (Mt Tabor, according to St Jerome) where disciples Peter, James and John look on as Jesus speaks with Moses and Elijah. The story in the bottom half, **Jesus heals a demon possessed boy**, is picked up at the point where the crowds petition Jesus after the Apostles failed to cure a boy from his demonic possession.

The **top half** of the image is in **2 zones of 3 figures**. The figures of Christ and the prophets, in the upper zone are stately, static and calm – a heavenly state, while in the lower zone the disciples sprawl and writhe in awe & fright.

There were **8** on the mountain but only **6** were visible. The event of the Transfiguration of Christ was a theophany (*visible manifestation of God*). Jesus is shown 'floating' above the ground, surrounded by illuminated clouds and shrouded in white (the *light of Resurrection*). His appearance has changed. He emanates uncreated, divine light, revealing true His identity: **God the Son**. Scripture describes the cloud's descent as *overshadowing* (Greek: *episkiazein*), which is the same word used to describe the Holy Spirit overshadowing the Virgin Mary at the Annunciation. The luminous cloud is therefore a manifestation of **God the Holy Spirit**. Scripture also tells us that a voice speaks from the cloud: "*This is my Son, the Beloved love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!*" (Matthew 17:5). This is **God the Father**. All **3 Persons of the Holy Trinity** are present and manifest in the event of the Transfiguration.



Note the **faces of the 3 disciples**. **Peter** faces the vision - he was the only one to speak, first to confess faith in Christ, first witness after the Christ's Resurrection, and whose mission it was to sustain Christ's Church; **James** faces the ground - his witness was short, as he was the first Apostle die for Christ; **John** faces away as he has no need to see the vision as he is a theologian, and contemplates the mystery of Christ.

The **mountain** plays an important part in divine revelation, linking Moses and Elijah who are miraculously present by Christ's side. Moses holds the Tablet of the Law he received from God on Mt Sinai. Elijah, who represents all prophets, was told to ascend Mt Horeb where he heard the voice of God. Old Testament laws and prophecies all point toward Jesus Christ, who is sovereign over and is the fulfilment of

The **two halves** of the image are both **united** (by the gestures of the figures below), and **contrasted** (figures above are 'illuminated' by faith, while chaotic figures below are in the 'shadow' of lack of faith). The remaining 9 disciples to the left are in shadow, indicating the lack of faith that prevented them from casting out the demons. The pleading father on the right is brighter, showing his faith, as is the possessed boy, as even demons believe in God. The brightest figure is the central kneeling woman pointing at the boy - she is an allegorical figure of Faith itself. The image as a whole, expresses Christ's Revelation of Himself as deliverer of mankind from the power of the devil.

The figures in the top half of the image are arranged in a **circle**, emphasised by the **luminous cloud**. The figures in the lower half are in relative **darkness**, and are arranged roughly in a **square**. The **circle** is used in Christian art to symbolise God, representing totality, wholeness, perfection, eternity. This circle of light is further testimony of the divine nature of this event. The **square** in Christian art represents all things earthly, as it is related to the number 4 (eg. four corners of the earth).

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 1 AUGUST 2021

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil	31	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Sunday	1	9.30am	St Joseph's	For Mass intentions see printed copy
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	2		NO MORNING MASS (resumes 16 August) St Eusebius / St Peter Julian Eymard	
Tuesday	3	7pm	St Edward's ** NOTE NEW TIME	St Oswald, King
Wednesday	4	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St John Vianney
Thursday	5	10am	St Joseph's	Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major
Friday	6	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Saturday	7	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Sixtus II & Comp / St Cajetan

MALAYALAM MASS is monthly - normally **4pm** on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at St Peter's Church

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30-11am at St Peter's; **Sundays 9-9.20am** and **Mondays 9.30-9.50am** at St Joseph's. Or by request.
ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT 30 minutes before each *weekday* Mass in each church

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR PARISH <https://www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk/> Click button on home page

READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: Link available on our website

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE at St Peter's is open (gate is unlocked). Take a **free** medal.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION - AUGUST: *for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.*

† **RECENTLY DEAD:** John Hutchinson, Victorio Gabay (Philippines), Dave Burton (Bridlington)

† **ANNIVS:** Beatrice Penny, Brenda Lightfoot, Margaret Smith, Walter O leary

MASS ATTENDANCE: Vigil St Peter's **51**; Sunday St Joseph's **110**; Polish **93**; St Peter's **96**; **Total 350**

OFFERINGS Loose plate **£379**; Gift Aid envelopes **£336**; Polish **£30**; Average Standing orders **£648**; **Total £1,393**

PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope* or *Standing Order giving*, contact the parish office



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES – AUGUST: *Mirror of Patience - Patience is willingness to suffer. A patient is one who suffers a malady not by choice whereas a patient man is one who suffers volitionally rather than relinquish the vocation given him. Joseph was patient because of his love. He was willing to suffer anything, even the loss of Our Lady and the Divine Child by being the first to die.*

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS to our Mass this weekend. **WE HOPE YOU HAVE A RESTFUL HOLIDAY IN OUR TOWN**
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Preparation will begin in September. 30+ have signed up (inc. 4 adults). Confirmations will take place at **7pm on Thursday 4 November** with Bishop Terence Draine.

OSMOTHERLEY ASSUMPTION MASS CANCELLED Sunday 15 August: The Diocese has, with great regret, decided to cancel this year's Assumption Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley, due to rising Covid cases across the diocese.

VIRTUAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEMINAR 2021 by Zoom, for all Young People aged 16–23: **Tuesday 10 August, 8.45am start.**
 Title: *Faith, Family, Fraternity*. Topics: *Laudato Si* – Our Environment and Young People; Mental Health, Faith and Young People; Understanding Canon Law; Knife Crimes, it's consequences from a Judicial perspective; Understanding Finance; Understanding Religious life and Religious Orders. Organised by the Knights of St Columba. Application form from headoffice@ksc.org.uk or go to https://ksc.org.uk/youth/virtual_seminar_2021.html

DIOCESAN ANNUAL WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Sat 2 to Sun 3 October led by Bishop Draine – the diocese has announced that this will go ahead this year (*subject to any further government restrictions*). For more information or to register an interest, contact Sarah Holmes at bishopsecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk. Please advise on your room and travel requirements. It is anticipated there will be coach pick-ups in Middlesbrough and York (not Hull).

SICK & HOUSEBOUND UPDATE Special Ministers can resume taking Holy Communion to the housebound. Let Fr Gubbins know if you are able & willing to bring Holy Communion to the housebound. If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, see Fr Gubbins.

A JUBILEE BANNER will be mounted on the wall outside St Joseph's this coming week to mark the current Jubilee Year of St Joseph as well as 60 years of St Joseph's Church.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS In October, Pope Francis will open a 3-year synodal process of consultations and discernment, in 3 phases (diocesan, continental, universal), culminating in October 2023 with an assembly in Rome. The diocesan phase (Oct 2021-Apr 2022), will consult with laypeople throughout the world "*so that the synodal process is carried out through listening to all of the baptized*". More to follow.

SINGING IN CHURCH is now allowed, but face coverings **MUST** be worn even during singing (*unless exempt*).

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH Please consider completing a Parish Census Form. Having correct records helps the church care for the parish community, especially in times of need when people often need the help of their priest. A copy is available at back or church, or by request. Note: all personal information is treated confidentially and kept securely and in accordance with the Data Protection act.

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS If you would like a candle burn in memory of a loved one, write the name on an Envelope and place in Collection basket. State which church you prefer to have the lamp burning. Suggested donation **£3**.

CATHOLIC VOICE DIOCESAN FREE NEWSPAPER returns after 18 months and is available at the back of each church.

SUNDAY SMILE: *They say that snakes were very disobedient when they were told to go forth and multiply. They weren't to blame though - they were just adders.*

COVID-19: During these/days weeks of transition from lockdown to somewhat 'free regime' we will continue with social distancing in churches and signing in for Health and Safety reasons. Sanitising of hands on the way in and out. Wearing of masks in church please. As the new normal emerges we will under guidance be able to relax some of these rules in church.