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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

31 JULY 2022

DIVINE OFFICE Week 2

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The word “transfiguration” comes from the Latin roots *trans-* (across) and *figura* (“form, shape”). It therefore signifies a change of form or appearance, which is what happened to Jesus – he was *transfigured* - His appearance changed and became glorious. The Transfiguration of Christ is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting-point, and His Ascension its end.

Right before the Transfiguration, as we read in Luke 9:27, Jesus makes a statement at the end of a speech to His twelve apostles; “*There are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.*” Pope Benedict XVI stated that by “*placing this saying immediately before the Transfiguration clearly relates it to this event.*” and that it was a promise to the three disciples who accompany Jesus up the mountain “*that they will personally witness the coming of the Kingdom of God 'in power.' On the mountain the three of them see the glory of God's Kingdom shining out of Jesus.*” They were “*overshadowed by God's holy cloud*” and realised “*that the true Feast of Tabernacles has come.*” They learned that “*Jesus himself is the living Torah, the complete Word of God*” and saw “*power of the Kingdom that is coming in Christ* (Jesus of Nazareth, vol. 1, p. 317).

Jesus only allowed three of his disciples to witness the event - Peter, James, and John. He took them “*on the mountain to pray.*” The mountain is thought to be Mount Tabor in Israel, but none of the gospels identify it precisely. The Catechism explains the Transfiguration this way: “*Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent onto the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: 'the hope of glory'*” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 568). Jesus makes a prediction about His death just before and again, just after the event.

Moses and Elijah appeared on the mountain with Jesus. These two represent the two principal components of the Old Testament: The Law and the Prophets. Moses was the giver of the Law, and Elijah was considered the greatest of the prophets. The fact that these two figures “*spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem*” illustrates that the Law and the Prophets point forward to the Messiah and his sufferings. This foreshadows Jesus' own explanation, on the road to Emmaus, of the Scriptures pointing to himself (cf. Luke 24:27, 32).

We also read that Peter was misguided in his attempt to provide hospitality. Peter was focusing on the wrong thing. The experience was meant to point forward to the sufferings Jesus is about to experience and to strengthen the disciple's faith, revealing to them in a powerful way the divine hand that is at work in the events Jesus will undergo. This is why Moses and Elijah have been speaking “*about his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.*” As a seeming rebuke of this, a theophany occurs: “*A cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'*”

What can we learn from this event? The Transfiguration was a special event in which God allowed certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. But it was only a temporary event. It was not meant to be permanent. In the same way, at certain times in this life, God may give certain members of the faithful (not all of the faithful, all the time), special experiences of his grace that strengthen their faith. We should welcome these experiences for the graces they are, but we should not expect them to continue indefinitely, nor should we be afraid or resentful when they cease. They may have been meant only as momentary glimpses of the joy of heaven to sustain us as we face the challenges of this life, to help strengthen us on the road that will ultimately bring us into the infinite and endless joy of heaven.

BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL I: Pope Francis is set to beatify his predecessor, John Paul I, on **Sunday 4 September** at Mass in St Peter's Square. A decree was approved by Pope Francis in October 2021, recognising a miracle attributed to this Italian Pope. He was born Albino Luciani in the northern Italian town of Forno di Canale (now Canale d'Agordo) on 17 October 1912. His was the shortest papacy in modern history, lasting just 33 days, before dying suddenly of a suspected heart attack. He was the last in the long line of Italian-born Popes which began with Clement VII in 1523. Despite his short tenure in the Holy See, John Paul is credited with a significant impact. Unlike most popes, his background as a priest and bishop had largely been in pastoral work, featuring notable campaigns for the poor and disabled when he was Archbishop of Venice. He wrote on Church doctrine for less-educated audiences. He was known as the “Smiling Pope” for his cheerful demeanour. St Teresa of Calcutta called John Paul I “*the greatest gift of God, a sunbeam of God's love shining in the darkness of the world*”. He declined to be crowned with the papal tiara, choosing instead to wear a bishop's pallium, an example followed by his successors. He was first Pope to choose a double name, saying he did so in honour of his two predecessors, John XXIII and Paul VI. His successor, Karol Wojtyla, took the name John Paul II in tribute to him, and declared him a Servant of God in 2003, the first step towards canonisation.



MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 31 JULY 2022

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	30	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	31	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	1	10am	St Joseph's	St Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday	2	7pm	St Edward's	St Eusebius of Vercelli / St Peter Julian Eymard
Wednesday	3	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Oswald
Thursday	4	10am	St Joseph's	St John Vianney
Friday	5	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Saturday	6	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	THE TRANSIGURATION OF THE LORD

MASS IN THE SYRO-MALIBAR RITE celebrated monthly **4pm** on **3rd Sunday** of month at St Edward's Church (Catechism at 3pm)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 10.30-11am St Peter's and **5-5.20pm** St Edward's; **Sundays: 9-9.20am** St Joseph's; & **by request**

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT usually 30 minutes before weekday Masses (St Peter's), 1 hour before at St Joseph's

DEVOTIONS Rosary: before Mass Wednesdays (St Peter's); **Stations of the Cross / Sacred Heart Litany:** Fridays after morning Mass at St Peter's, alternating each week; **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays before morning Mass in St Peter's Church

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

ECUMENICAL PRAYER for Scarborough 9am 2nd Sat, monthly at Oliver's Mount or on Zoom. Contact writkimberlee@yahoo.com

AUGUST PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER: *We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.*

† **RECENTLY DECEASED** Kathleen Queen (née Walsh, in Derry); † **ANNIV'S:** Pat Aveyard, Beatrice Penny, Brenda Lightfoot, Margot Smith, Mavis Freeth, Brenda & George Lightfoot, Waler O'Leary; **MASS INTENT'S:** Jimmon x2, Slater, Baines, Murray, Walsh, Gacek, O'Leary, Derry, Billington

MASS COUNT: Sat Vigil: St Edward's **65** (est); **Sun:** St Joseph's **133**; St Peter's **114**; Polish Mass **80** (est); Total **392**

ST PETER'S SCHOOL LEAVERS MASS COUNT 275

OFFERINGS: Loose plate **£547**; Gift Aid env's **£250**; Contactless **£3**; Polish **£30**; Av. Indian **£100**; Standing orders **£720**; Total **£1,654**

300 CLUB WINNER: £25 – No.114; £10 - No.31; Congratulations! Spaces available if you wish to join **£1** p/wk.

WELCOME to all visitors to our Scarborough Parishes this weekend or here on holiday. Join us for a cuppa after 11.30am Mass.

UCM SCAMPSTON HALL VISIT on Wednesday 10 August. Meet at the entrance at 1pm. Payment will be taken on the day. Several cars going if you need a lift.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION PROCESSION at the end of 11.30am Mass at St Peter's **around the inside** of the church carrying an icon of Mary in the Procession. Bring bouquets of flowers to place at the Statue of Mary in honour of her greatest Feast Day.

ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE at the Shrine of Our Lady Chapel of Mount Grace above Osmotherley is **Sunday 14 August: 2.30pm Rosary, 3pm Mass** followed by refreshments. Bishop John Crowley returns to lead the Pilgrimage. Car parking available. Lifts to chapel available for the less mobile. This is an outside Mass. Bring suitable seating and wear appropriate clothing. We may book a coach (if there is sufficient interest). Add your name to the list at back of church. *If you add your name, please be willing to commit, as coaches are expensive.*

AGM OF THE SOUTH CLIFF CHURCHES TOGETHER 2pm Wed 17 Aug at St Andrew's Church, Ramshill Road. Main topic: *What Next? - 'The Future of South Cliff Churches Together'*. All welcome.

FAREWELL MASS AND SOCIAL GET TOGETHER for Cheryl Ann from Madonna House on **Tues 23 August** at St Edward's Church **6.30pm Mass** (note change of Mass time). Bring something for the shared table. She returns to Canada after 12yrs

INSPIRATION DAY FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & MINISTERS OF THE WORD Sat 10 Sept 9.30am to 3pm (approx) at the Spa, Scarborough. *All new and existing Ministers will be commissioned.* Try your best to attend. The day is free for ministers to attend, but please note, a cost of £30 per person will be charged to the parish. Add your name to the list at back of church. **Deadline to submit names to diocese – Fri 12 August.**

RELIQS OF ST BERNADETTE visit Middlesbrough Cathedral **2-3 Oct** (arriving mid-day, leaving 1pm) and visit Our Lady of Lourdes & St Peter Chanel, Hull **5-6 Oct** (arriving 7pm, leaving 7am). **Note: The organisers of this tour require individuals and groups to book in advance.** We aim to book a coach to Middlesbrough Cathedral on **Monday 3 October**, leaving **9am** from St Peter's & picking up at St Joseph's (return time tbc). Add your name to the list at back of church to book a place (**note: you must be willing to commit - coaches are expensive, and places booked with the venue cannot be freed up for someone else**). **Full payment for seats will be taken the weekend 17/18 September.** WE NEED NUMBERS **ASAP** TO ENSURE WE GET A RESERVATION for our group and to order the correct sized coach.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Sat 8 to Sun 9 October, led by Bishop Terry. For further info and booking, contact Dawn Cummings at bishopsecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk advising on room and travel requirements. Coach pick-ups anticipated from Middlesbrough and York.

GOING ON HOLIDAY? Find out Mass times in your holiday area at <https://directory.cbcew.org.uk> or at <https://catholicdirectory.org>

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO SPONSORED WALK Anne Seegoolam and friends aim to raise **£5,000** for St Peter's Restoration Fund by walking the Camino Frances route of the Camino de Santiago. If you would like to sponsor them, go to their Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/st-peters-church-camino> or pick up a **paper sponsor form** at back of church.

CAKE STALL in aid of the Camino De Santiago Sponsored Walk raised **£202**. A **big thank you** from Ann, Jackie and Rebecca.

SUNDAY SMILE: *Q what do u call a man with no nose? A. Nobody knows!*