

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

The Gospel this week tells the story of the Transfiguration. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain, and they see Him shining in glory. This moment is a glimpse of who He truly is. The disciples are amazed, but they are also afraid. God speaks from a cloud and tells them to listen to His Son. This moment confirms that Jesus is the one they must follow. The disciples may not fully understand what is happening, but they are given a sign of hope.

In our own lives, we may have moments when we see God's presence more clearly. These moments strengthen our faith, just as the Transfiguration strengthened the disciples. But we cannot stay on the mountain forever. Jesus leads the disciples back down, reminding them that faith is lived out in daily life.

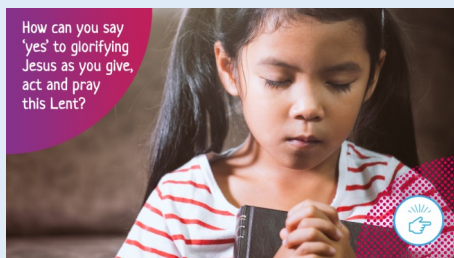
We are invited to listen to Jesus and trust in Him. Even when we do not fully understand, He is with us. We may not see His glory as clearly as the disciples did, but we can recognise His presence in prayer, in Scripture, and in the people around us.

### Theme of this weekend's Gospel:

In the Transfiguration, Jesus chose to reveal His glory to those who were closest to Him. Children are invited to be Jesus' closest friends and see His glory too. This Lent, we can say 'Yes!' to glorifying Jesus for who He is and the amazing love He has for us.



### Going forth for this weekend's Gospel:



This week, Consider ways you can Give, Act and Pray through Lent.

### This month's Virtue to Live By

Our Virtue to Live by:

## Forgiveness

I accept God's forgiveness.

I show my love for God by forgiving others and myself.

I let go of my hurt feelings and give myself a new start.

I give others a new start.

*"Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13)*

**Prayer Intentions:** Following our Trust Inset Day last week, we pray for all who work in and attend schools in our Trust. We pray that through our love for each other, the God given gifts of every pupil and every member of staff shine brightly for the good of all.

**Collective Worship Newsletter:** Please find the newsletter for March by clicking on this link: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/>

## Picture News

**Story:** Brynteg School in Wales has said that from September, skirts will no longer be part of the school uniform.

### Question:

Should school uniforms be the same for everyone?



## Catholic Social Teaching



What could we all do to help eliminate discrimination? How can we show respect to others?

**Catholic Social Teaching Principles:** Solidarity & Human Dignity

## Book Recommendations

Book recommended by Jake P



## Prayer of the Month

**Our prayer for March is:**

**Word of the week:**  
Fasting

**Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester**

Day by day,  
O dear Lord,  
three things I pray:  
to see you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
follow you more nearly,  
day by day,  
by day, by day.  
Amen.

# Information / Messages

**Discos:** Thank you to the FOSM for organising and facilitating the discos on Friday, which raised £471.

**Pride of Yorkshire:** Thank you to everyone who participated in name the lion cub, which raised £50.50 to start out fundraising journey. Out of the entries shortlisted, the name voted for by the children was Leonardo da Mary.

**Staff Carpark:** We would like to remind all parents and carers that the staff car park is strictly for staff use only. There have been recent safety concerns regarding vehicles entering and using this area, particularly during busy arrival times before and after school. To ensure the safety of all pupils, staff and visitors, we kindly ask that parents do not use the staff car park. Please use the Church or Leisure centre carparks and allow extra time where necessary.

**PGL:** There will be an information meeting at 5pm on the 10th March for parents of Y6 children who are attending the residential to PGL. On this day we will give out the kit list and gather information about medical conditions, allergies, medication and other information that we might need to know.

**How to Prepare for Adulthood:** Sheffield City Council are running a series of online events - a series of virtual events bringing together Sheffield services that support young people with SEND as they prepare for adulthood. Sessions are open to young people, families and professionals. See separate flyer for details.

**World Book Day:** A reminder that at St. Mary's we will be celebrating World Book Day a day early, on Wednesday 4th. On this day, pupils will have the exciting opportunity to work with a visiting author and publisher, gaining valuable insight into the creative process behind books. This experience has been generously funded by FOSM and links closely with our Careers Week, supporting children's understanding of the range of career opportunities within the world of literature and publishing. We look forward to a memorable and inspiring day celebrating reading and creativity.

## Dates for your Diary

### Wednesday 4th March

World Book Day (for St. Mary's)

8.45am Reading Morning

### Thursday 5th March

2:50pm Y1 Lent Prayers

### Friday 6th March

Good Shepherd Event - Bun Sale 50p

Lent Confessions in school

Girl's week sporting events

### Saturday 7th March

10.30am Pop Maths Event

### Monday 9th March

2:50pm Y2 Lent Prayers

### Tuesday 10th March

2pm Y3 Curriculum workshop

5pm PGL meeting

### Wednesday 11th March

2:45pm YR class assembly

### Thursday 12th March

9am Y1 celebration of the word

2:30pm Y4 Celebration of the word

2:50pm Y3 Lent Prayers

### Friday 13th March

Good Shepherd Event - Mother's Day sale

SEND reviews

### Monday 16th March

9am Y6 Lent Parent Prayers

2:50pm Y4 Lent Parent Prayers

#### Good Work—Safer Internet Day / Science

Jude E, Benji A, James K, Rome W, Henry E, Tobias B / Henry R, Chedom A, Thea P, Sophie B, William H, Oakley McF, Dominic R

#### Stars of the week

Charlotte B, Olivia B, Caspian G, George H, Jacob H, Azariah W, Alexandra I, Louie H, Harrison T, Dahlia BC, Emerie A, Henry E, Joseph A

#### Hot Chocolate

Winnie M, Jake P, Leo R, Benji CS, Luke M, Kanan G, Emilia I, Sophia P

#### School Council Star

Zara J & Henry R

#### Mini Vinnie Award

Phoebe S & Luke T

#### Acts of Kindness

Chedom A, Sophia P, Joseph B, Abel F, Teddy CM, Ava H, Aletha H, Joseph H, Cillian H, Jacob H, Erin M, Penelope CS, Violet G, Mrs Russell, Rowan S, Luna LP, Y5, Sofia HD, Christopher B, Noel

#### Reading Awards

**Lexia** – Luna LP, Althea H, Joseph H

**10,000** - Matilda McD; **50,000** - Thea P, Benji A; **100,00** - Arabella C, Jax H, Henry E, Edward B; **250,000** - Alfie FP, Bethany S, Nancy H, Erin M; **500,000** - Eimear K; **2,000,000** - Eleanor R

#### Maths Awards

**Numbots**— Aaliyah M, Danaishe N, Louie H, Sebastian W, Halle B, Olivia B, Charlie J, Charlie H, Billie B, Harry B, Jude E, Edward KW, Chichedom A, Bernie B, Alfie FP

**TT Rockstars—Improved speed:** Bethany S, Leo R, Reggie H, Emilia A, Camille W, Eimear K, Teddy T, Darcie F, Chidindu A, Jacob H, Leon P, Jacob A, Freddie J, Jax H, Luke M, Edward W, Callum B, Leo HD, Samuel RH, Joseph H, Zayn M, Alfie G, Edward B, Annie BB, Finley C, Merryon TW, Edward W, Darcie F, Teddy T, Molly McD, Colby L, Reggie H, Finley C, Leo HD,

#### Vocab Ninja

Bethany S, Lucas T, Jacob A, Freddie J, Wesley C, Charlie H