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Second Sunday of Lent 7/8 March 2020

“And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.”

Matthew 17, 9

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Lent course on the theme of 'The Church' continues on Monday evening @ 19.30 in the Cenacle. This week Fr Patrick will be exploring **The Church in the Old Testament**.

Everybody welcome to as many or as few evenings as you can make.

REST IN PEACE

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Hazel Bell who died recently. Hazel's funeral will be here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Monday 9th March @ 11.30.

Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends at this sad time.

May she rest in peace.

CAFOD

Welcome to Dr. John Guy who is here to speak on CAFOD's behalf at all Masses.

There is a retiring collection for CAFOD after all Masses this weekend.

If you have forgotten your envelope, you can hand them in next weekend too and extras are available at the back of the church.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sebastian Smart will be baptised during the 10am Mass this weekend. Please keep him and all his family in your prayers.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£109.00	Loose	£561.83
Standing Orders			£1,120.00
Cathedral Maintenance	£		164.84

PANCAKES

Thank you to those who organised the pancakes after Mass before Lent and to those who enjoyed eating them!

A fantastic ***** was raised which will be donated to CAFOD.

CYCLING FUNDRAISER

Are you interested in joining a team fundraiser for Our Lady & St Anne's refurbishment project?

Can you cycle 35 miles at a leisurely pace supported with free food and drink stations?

If so, we invite you to join the Team OLSA Ride on Saturday 25th April.

Contact the parish office for more information.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Communion or see a Priest.

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Second Sunday of Lent (Year A – Matthew): We believe in a God who is involved in human history. He is also a God of new beginnings. They can be seen in the history of his people as a whole, but also they are frequent occurrences in the lives of each of us individuals in our response to the call to holiness. And our personal sanctification is one of our central preoccupations during the Lenten season. In the OT we see this new beginning, fresh start, in the relationship between God and Adam, Noah and Abraham. In the new relationship foreshadowed in Abraham, as it grew and developed Moses and Elijah were stations on the journey. In Jesus Christ, God has become visible and audible. Furthermore, God wants to be recognised, to be seen and listened to through us and in the witness we give to him. We who call ourselves Christian make God manifest in the world of today.

First Reading (OT): Genesis 12, 1 – 4: With the collapse of the Tower of Babel, the relationship between God and his people seemed to have run into the sand. But with the call issued to Abraham God starts something new: salvation history. Abraham hears the appeal: leave your country ... and your father's house! There is a promise attached, blessings will be bestowed. Abraham does leave, he sets out without knowing where his decision will lead him. [So many holy men and women in Christian history have done precisely that]. The only light he had to illuminate his path was the word of God.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Timothy 1, 8 – 10: The arrival of Jesus Christ in the weakness of human flesh and it was an “appearance/epiphany” of God's grace. It has become public, God wants to save all men and women. He calls all to Baptism, the “the light of unchangeable life”, but also to work for the Good News and through participation in the sufferings of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 17, 1 – 9: It was only after Jesus had risen from the dead that the three apostles who were present with him on the mountain understood what they had witnessed. The cloud of light and the voice from heaven affirmed for them that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. The Law and the Prophets were indicators of his true identity, represented here by Moses and Elijah. The “beloved Son” was destined to suffer and that too, it was suggested, was the path the disciples of Jesus were also set to follow. There are possible natural explanations of the phenomenon known as “transfiguration.” Was it that Jesus was so caught up in the mystic rapture of his prayer on the mountain [mountains in the OT tradition were places of privileged encounter between men and God] that he was radiant, transformed, transfigured? In any case, it was a unique moment in the public life of Jesus and one which is described, in virtually identical terms, by all of the three synoptic evangelists. It certainly marked a new beginning, or at least a new stage, in Jesus' earthly life and set him resolutely towards his passion.

Masses and Intentions

Second week of Lent

Saturday 7th March 10.00h People of the parish
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Second Sunday of Lent

Year A

Saturday	7 th March	17.30h	Kath Turner RIP
Sunday	8 th March	10.00h	Zinaida Vjatere
		18.30h	Bridie O'Sullivan RIP
Monday	9 th March	09.15	Thanksgiving
		11.30	Requiem Mass - Hazel Bell
Tuesday	10 th March	09.15	Michael Heap RIP
Wednesday	11 th March	<u>12.00</u>	Marie Coleman RIP
Thursday	12 th March	08.00	Molly Dougan
Friday	13 th March	12.00	Stations of the Cross
		12.30	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Saturday	14 th March	10.00	Brian Zamorano

Third Sunday of Lent

Year A

Saturday	14 th March	17.30	Repose of Holy Souls
Sunday	15 th March	10.00	Iris Heffernan intentions
		18.30	People of the parish

Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15
Exposition & Benediction:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30
Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45