



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS



Saturday 15TH March 2025 – Saturday of the First Week of Lent

9.00am	Morning Mass	People of the Parish
9.30am	Holy Rosary	
10.00am	Confessions	
6.00pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish

Sunday 16TH March 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

9.00am	Mass	Terry, Martin & Winifred Maughan RIP
11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
5.00pm	Holy Hour	

Tuesday 18TH March – Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent

7.00pm	Novena to St. Anthony	
7.30pm	Evening Mass	Collin Connolly RIP

Wednesday 19TH March 2025 – ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00am	Morning Mass	Crescentia Corera RIP
9.30am	Holy Rosary	
10am – 5pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	

Thursday 20TH March 2025 – Thursday of the Second Week of Lent

9.00am	Morning Mass	People of the Parish
9.30am	Holy Rosary	
10am – 4pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	

Friday 21ST March 2025 – Friday of the First Week of Lent

10am – 5pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
7.30pm – 8.30pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Mass	Barrie Reynolds RIP

Saturday 22ND March 2025 – Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

9.00am	Eucharistic Service	
9.30am	Holy Rosary	
10.00am	Confessions	
6.00pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish

Sunday 23RD March 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

9.00am	Mass	Anne McDonnell RIP
11.00am	Mass	Joan Fitzgerald Intentions
5.00pm	Holy Hour	



If you wish to make an offering online, this QR code can be scanned using the camera on your phone, directly to the Parish bank account, for your offering to be transferred each time. Please note Gift Aid cannot be used when donating through the QR Codes.

If you wish to set up a Standing order for weekly offerings, kindly use the details below:

Account Name: Catholic Church
Wickford Our Lady of Good Counsel
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Reference: (your surname followed by Weekly Offering)



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

16TH March 2025

The Transfiguration: A Choice for Love and Sacrifice

A missionary working in a country where many forms of violence are a part of the fabric of everyday life remarked that she was very conscious that she can choose whether to stay or leave. This is a choice that the people to whom she has dedicated her life do not have. Some friends and family members do not understand how she could choose to put her own life in danger for the sake of the people she has come to love as her own.

Such a choice faces Jesus in today's gospel. In Luke's version of this story, which we hear every year on the Second Sunday of Lent, albeit from different gospels each year, there are unique details that point to an earlier source that tell us more clearly what really happened at the transfiguration. The episode is set at an important turning point in the gospel. Jesus has been teaching, preaching, healing, exorcising demons, and gathering disciples as he traverses the Galilee. But soon he will "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (9:51, NRSV). Something happens on the mountaintop that helps Jesus to know the next step in his mission. Luke alone notes that when Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James, and John, his purpose is to pray.



A clue to the nature of Jesus's prayer comes in the content of the conversation between Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. They "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. "Jesus is wrestling with the decision whether he should leave Galilee and direct his efforts toward Jerusalem, the center of religious and political power. There is still much to do in Galilee, and he could continue to minister there, but he struggles to know whether his efforts could bring about a greater systematic change if he were to go to Jerusalem. But Jesus in no fool. The handwriting is on the wall. Opposition to him is already mounting, and it would only intensify if he were to go to Jerusalem. As at every major turning point in the gospel, Jesus enters into deep communion with God as he discerns what to do.

During this intense prayer of discernment, Jesus is given sure signs that he is guided by God in his choice. A cloud, the sign of God's presence with the Israelites as they went forth from Egypt, overshadows him, as at his baptism. Two heavenly messengers embody the divine presence, giving Jesus' strength as he leans on God's word in the law and the prophets. The heavenly voice reassures both him and his disciples of Jesus's chosen status and the rightness of his choice. Thus, assured of God's love and direction, Jesus turns his transfigured face toward Jerusalem. Placing his own life in danger, Jesus makes a deliberate, prophetic choice to continue to "proclaim liberty to captives" (4:18), as he has declared in his hometown synagogue. His death is not an inevitable fate but a choice for freeing love.

PARISH NEWS

FR. BRITTO BIRTHDAY 🎂 - THANK YOU ALL

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who sent me birthday greetings, offered kind wishes, and thoughtful gifts. Your generosity and warm words made my birthday truly special.

A special thank you to those who took the time to organise a Birthday lunch—I deeply appreciate your effort and kindness. It was a wonderful gathering, and I feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring and supportive parish community.

May God bless you all abundantly.

Fr. Britto

🌿 LENT FAMILY FAST DAY LUNCH 🍴 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Lent Family Fast Day Lunch on **Friday, 14th March**. Your presence, donations, and support have made a meaningful difference.

We are delighted to share that we raised £250 from donations! All proceeds will go towards the CAFOD Fast Day Collection, supporting those in need. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the soups—your time and effort were truly appreciated. Together, we have shown great love and solidarity during this Lenten season. Thank you once again for your kindness and commitment to helping others!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday throughout Lent, as we journey together in prayer and reflection on Christ's Passion.

The second Stations of the Cross will be next **Friday, 21st March, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, led by OLOGC's Women's Group.**

Future dates are as follows:

- **Friday 28th March -led by the PPC Committee**
- **Friday 4th April - led by the FHC & Confirmations Group**
- **Friday 11th April - led by the Youth Group**
- **Friday 18th April -led by Fr. Britto**

Please note that there will be no 9:00 am morning Mass on Fridays during Lent; only the evening Mass will be celebrated.

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE - Notice of Change to Mass Schedule

Please be advised that there will be no Mass on **Saturday, March 22nd**. There will be Eucharistic Service at **9.00am**. This change is due to Fr. Britto being away to preach at a Lenten Retreat at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in South Ockenden.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our next Children's Liturgy will take place on **Sunday, 23rd March**. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to engage with the Gospel in a way that is fun and easy to understand. All children are welcome to join!

TEAS AND COFFEES

Join us for a cup of tea or coffee after both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on **Sunday, 23rd March**. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you there!

CUPPA, CAKE & CHAT

Our next cuppa, cake and chat will be on the **Tuesday 25th of March at 10am**. Come and join us for a morning filled with delicious cake and wonderful chat. All are welcome.

GEORGE CUMMINGS RIP 🕊️🙏



His funeral will be on **Wednesday 09th April at 11.00am** here at Our Lady of Good Counsel, followed by burial at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone at **1.30pm**. Please keep George and his loved ones in your prayers. May he rest in peace

FUNDRAISING – FINLAY IS RUNNING FOR FARLEIGH HOSPICE 🏃🏻‍♂️🎉



My name is Finlay Harman and this year as part of my 18th birthday celebrations I am running the London Marathon on **27/4/25**. I am running for Farleigh Hospice in Chelmsford where my auntie works. Through talking to my auntie, I realise the important work and support the hospice provides to people and their families at a vulnerable time in their lives. The hospice only receives 40% funding from the NHS.

I would be most grateful if you would consider sponsoring me, any amount big or small will help the hospice continue its wonderful work.

Thanks so much in advance! My just giving page

is https://www.justgiving.com/page/finlayharman?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM

KSC EASTER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2025

Young people of the parish are invited to enter the Knights of St. Columba Easter Photography Competition 2025.

Themes:

The Easter & Altar Candles

Station of the Cross No. 13: Jesus is taken down from the Cross

Open to KS2, KS3, and KS4 pupils. Entries should be submitted as clear images with a Bible verse, taken using any camera (owned or borrowed with permission).

How to enter:

Email your entry as PNG/JPEG to christopherbrooks631@gmail.com by **28th April 2025** with your name, age, Key Stage, photo details, and Bible verse.

Prizes:

Local, Provincial, and National prizes available, including cash and trophies.

All additional details are displayed on the church notice board.

RED BOX APPEAL

The Red Box Appeal is a vital part of our parish's mission to support the Mill Hill Missionaries and their work in spreading the Gospel worldwide. We are grateful for the generosity of those who participate in this important initiative.

To further support the appeal, we are delighted to announce that Fr. Paul Boagey MHM will be visiting our parish on the weekend of **10th and 11th of May**. Fr. Paul will be sharing more about the mission of the Mill Hill Missionaries and the impact of your contributions.

THE REPOSITORY

The repository has a lovely selection of items for sale including cards, candles & children's books. The shop is open after all the weekend masses, & some weekday masses, & by appointment. Please contact Kathleen (761195), & Sheila (767064), for details.

Both Cash & Card payments are available. Please come & visit us. We will be delighted to see you!

WALK WITH ME – A PRAYER FOR LENT 2025 BOOKLETS

The Walk with Me – A Prayer for Lent 2025 booklets are now available in the church. These booklets offer daily reflections and prayers to guide you through the Lenten season. They are on sale for £1.00 each.

NEW CTS SUNDAY MISSALS AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce that the new CTS Sunday Missals are now available from the repository. These missals, priced at **£19.95**, provide a complete guide to the Sunday Mass readings and prayers for the year.

They are an excellent resource for deepening your spiritual life and following along with the liturgy.

Be sure to pick up your copy after Mass or visit the repository during opening hours.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES –

Please pray for Jayne & Danny Balaam, Beniamina Bilewycz, Arthur Brittain, Mary Caruana, Theresa Eldred, Patricia Gammell, Johnny Gee, Celine Guckian, Sharon Guckian, Gabrielle & Ralphie Langridge, Margaret Livesey, John Maguire, Bridget Mahoney, Carmella Micella, Elizabeth Mooney, Cecile Narbeth, Olivia Nazareth, Margaret O'Doherty, Joy Orrock, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Carol Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry Smyth, Maria Weedon, Elizabeth Arnold, Jane Williams, Gomez, Patricia McEvoy, Maureen Sullivan, Susan Freeman, Jane Davenport, Nathalie Ah-key, Amparo Thorogood, George O'Boyle, Pat McEvoy, Ann Parkinson, Nelly Prada, Michael Fitzgerald, May and Chris Carey, Doreen Green, Conrad Gomes, Peter Turner, Sr. Sior Cosgrave Una, Clairin Molloy, Patricia Graves and Keith Bottjer, Robert Turner, Patricia Price, George Ross, Frank Daniels, Geoff Ebdon, Peter Griggs, Joan Fitzgerald, Sandra Fitzgerald, Clifford Foxwell, Pat Kent, Antoniette Ambrose .

Anniversaries We pray for Hannah Ingham, Eric Malley, Nell Yetton, Elizabeth Sinkins, Brenda Manton, Paul Huggins, Fr. Donal Donegan, Paul Gerard Huggins, Christine Warrington, William Lepper, Nick Crowley, Michael Rzeszowski, Margaret Crisp, Fr. Sidney William, Alexander Caldwell, Ron Anton, Robin Adams, Mandy Hamblin, Patricia Hawes-Deanes, Barrie Sean Reynolds, Michael Morris, Catherine Ford, Jessie Foley

1. DIOCESAN NEWS

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year from **Wednesday 5th March to Thursday 17th April** walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope.

Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

View a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin

Free admission

Wednesday 12 March – Monday 21 April

at St George's Cathedral Lambeth Road Southwark SE1 7HY

St George's Cathedral is open Monday–Friday from 7:15am–5pm, Saturday from 9am–7pm, and Sunday from 7:30am–7pm.

The Shroud of Turin is a length of linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front & back of a crucified man - believed by many to be the actual burial Shroud used to wrap the body of Our Lord after his crucifixion, & upon which his bodily image is miraculously imprinted.

More details about the exhibition are on the Southwark Archdiocesan website:

<https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/whats-on/shroud-of-turin-exhibition-at-st-george-s-cathedral/>

And on You Tube Fr. Robert Spitzer SJ and Chris Stefanick discuss the Shroud of Turin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xxiR37eUt8>

SERIES OF LENTEN TALKS – HOLY YEAR 2025 - BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

Just to inform you that I've organised a series of Lenten talks on the power and significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives of faith, entitled, *"Those who believe, don't leave."* Canon John J Harvey (Cathedral Dean)

Wednesday 19th March: Fr Philip Caldwell who is a parish priest of the Salford Diocese who taught Theology for many years at Ushaw Seminary before its closure; he writes for the Catholic Truth Society and gives retreats. **Theme: The Eucharist & and the Saints.**

Wednesday 26th March: Bishop Alan Williams, our own Bishop of the Diocese, a Marist, former Director of the Shrine in Walsingham, and Bishop of the Diocese for over ten years. A Doctor of Psychology, and the Conference of Bishops' delegate on many commissions.

Theme: The Eucharist & Our Blessed Lady.

Wednesday 2nd April: Fr Stephen Morrison (O Pream), Norbertine Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham. After studying French at Oxford entered the Norbertine Order. Latin Scholar and speaks several other languages. Gifted preacher.

Theme: "Eucharistic Doctrine of Song: The 'Lauda Sion' of St Thomas Aquinas."

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

will take place from **10th - 18th March 2025** at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work.

If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are at **10.00am** every day of the Novena except **Sunday**, when it is at **11.00am**. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena

The Novena Prayer Booklet is available on request for a suggested donation of £1 per booklet to cover costs.

You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at **6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ**, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

MARANTHA

Join us for Prayer and Praise and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday 20th March from 7.00 to 9.00pm**. We also continue this month with The Rescue Project which seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way. All are welcome and there is no need to book, just come along and we look forward to seeing you at the Sion

Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX.. Teresa Carvalho and team.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

Men's Spiritual Exercises, 30 March – 4 April 2025

A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men with a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass.

For more information and to

book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the second talk in the series 'Proclaim the Word', entitled 'A richer table of God's word', Fr Adrian Graffy explains how after the Second Vatican Council readings from all parts of the Bible were arranged so that more abundant provision of Sacred Scripture is available

to all at Mass. The talk will be at 7 pm (tea and coffee from 6.30 pm) on

Wednesday 2nd April at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The talk is also available via live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org. No need to book for this free event.

HOLY WEEK PILGRIMAGE

Holy Week Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, **13th April 2025**. £849.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castle court Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Live outdoor Passion Play at Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Please save the date for the upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminars which are being held in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall 6 Tuesday evenings

(29th April - 3rd June). Come along to hear inspiring speakers, be filled with the Holy Spirit and travel through your own 'Holy Door' as we celebrate this Jubilee Year. More details will follow shortly.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

will take place in Brentwood Cathedral on **Saturday 21st June** - if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, please let your parish priest know. In a message for this week the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life, Bishop Bosco MacDonald, writes 'the hope of marriage is that it becomes a source of stability and happiness, showing us the endless love that God has for all of us. Read the whole message on the Bishops' Conference website cbcew.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from **Friday 18 to Friday 25 July**. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours](#)

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

The jubilee year 2025 is inviting us to visit a holy place and obtain plenary indulgence by

entering through the holy door. The parish of OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS is arranging a pilgrimage to Italy visiting the holy places along with some tourist attractions. We will visit

THE VATICAN, ROME, ASSISI, PADUA, VENICE & PISA. DATE: **30TH AUGUST–4TH SEPTEMBER 2025** (6 DAYS). Superior 4* Hotel Accommodation. Adults and children over 9 years: £775; Children (2-9 years): £730. Single room supplement £220. For more details and to book your place, email:

frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org.

and spiritual paternity. As a widely respected sacramental theologian, a consultor to multiple Vatican dicasteries, author of numerous articles and

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 25/26

Applications are now open for the volunteer retreat team at Walsingham House. If you are in Yr13 or finishing university and enjoy working with young people, then a year on the retreat team could be the perfect next step. Live and work as part of a young Catholic Christian community,

sharing your faith and helping to run retreats for the young people of Brentwood diocese. For more information then please see the website: www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

1. Programmes:

INTER FAITH DIALOGUE

An edited recording of the talk given by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald at Gidea Park parish is now available on the website www.whatgoodnews.org The Cardinal explained how the Second Vatican Council encourages dialogue with people of other faiths, and described especially the contribution of Pope Francis to this work.

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS AND YOUTH MINISTRY

is an online course is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. For more information or to register your interest please email clairebailey@brcdt.org or see the website <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE ELECTION

An edited recording of the talks given recently at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, by Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, is now available to view. Simply go to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org and click on the link.

2. Appeals:

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

3. Job adverts:

Headteacher – St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford.

Our current Head, Mrs Waterfield, is retiring after 20 years. The Governors are seeking to appoint a Headteacher to begin in September to continue the excellent work at this caring, friendly and diverse two form entry primary school. Visits from prospective applicants are warmly encouraged and can be arranged at a time to suit you. Full details: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>. Salary Group 3 L18-24a (depending on experience). **Closing date for applications: Monday 17th March.**

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE invite applications for the post of BOOKKEEPER. (Relevant skills and experience required). 20 HOURS A WEEK. Office based in Colchester CO4 3XD. For further details please look at our website – www.canonesses.co.uk **Closing date for applications May 9th, and interviews on May 23rd.**

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Bishop Alan is seeking to appoint a Director of Education to promote and implement his vision for Catholic education within the Diocese. This is an inspiring, rewarding and fulfilling position as the Diocese serves a network of 90 schools, providing for the formation and educational needs of some 40,000 children and young people.

The successful candidate will have extensive leadership experience in an education context, a strong grasp of current educational issues (including CMATs' evolving role within the Parish, diocese and local community); excellent leadership and management skills; and a deep knowledge and understanding of Catholic education as structured in this country.

Closing date for applications: Monday 7 April at 12 Noon

More information here: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/



This week's Article: **Second Sunday of Lent – A Call to Transformation**

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we continue our journey of spiritual renewal, inspired by the message of transformation. We hear of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This significant event, where Jesus is revealed in His divine glory to Peter, James, and John on the mountain, offers us much to reflect upon. The disciples, who had walked with Jesus and witnessed His teachings and miracles, were now given a glimpse of His true, divine nature. This moment was a powerful reminder of the glory of God present in the person of Jesus Christ.

The Transfiguration is not just an extraordinary moment in the life of Jesus; it is also a call to transformation for us. Just as the disciples were changed by their encounter with the divine, we too are invited to undergo a spiritual transformation in our own lives. In the midst of our daily struggles and challenges, the Transfiguration invites us to see beyond the ordinary and to recognize the extraordinary ways in which God is working in our lives. Lent is a season that encourages us to reflect, to pray, and to make space for God in our hearts. It is a time to examine our lives and consider where we might be called to change.

The Transfiguration shows us that transformation is not about outward appearances but about the inward renewal of our hearts. It is about being open to God's presence and allowing His grace to guide us toward holiness.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us reflect on the words of God the Father: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to Him." In listening to Jesus, we are invited to allow His teachings to shape our lives and our actions. We are called to hear His voice in our daily lives and to follow His example of love, mercy, and compassion.

The Transfiguration also reminds us that our journey of transformation is not one we make alone. Just as the disciples were accompanied by Jesus on the mountain, we too are accompanied by Him on our journey through Lent and beyond. We are part of a community of believers, and together, we support one another in our efforts to grow closer to God.

As we approach the midpoint of Lent, let us take time to pause, reflect, and renew our commitment to follow Christ more closely. Let us open our hearts to the transformation that God desires for us, trusting that His grace will lead us toward greater holiness.

