

## FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.' On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants; His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

RESPONSE: **The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

1 The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right.

2 The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.

3 For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits.

## SECOND READING

2Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son; the Beloved; he enjoys, my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no-one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

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**Weekday Mass:** Tue, Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Mon & Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)

**Confessions:** Saturday: 5.30 - 5.50pm

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## Transfigured!

The Transfiguration is about experiencing a wonderful appearance, so bright that the disciples' eyes needed to be shielded. But listening is also crucial to transfiguration. A voice came from the cloud and said, "This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him!" Yet there are no words of teaching from Jesus during this event. So it must be about more than words, instructions, and lessons. Listening always is. True listening is an interior quality, a way of being. It is more about the heart than the ears. And it is more about silence than words. Ultimately, listening is about presence. The disciples are being told to be present, be open, be receptive to the one who is always present to us.



## CAFOD and human rights

Maisoon Badawi – a Palestinian citizen of Israel - works as a field researcher for our partner Yesh Din, a human rights organisation working in the West Bank. Every day, she meets with Palestinian men and women who have been victims of crimes committed by ideologically motivated Israeli citizens (mostly settlers) to take control of land in order to expand illegal settlements. Every few months, Maisoon holds workshops for women in Palestinian villages, to raise awareness of their rights, identify cases of abuse or violence, and help them file complaints against them if they wish to.

## The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A

6th August 2017

Missal: p1164

Eucharistic Prayer: 1

# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 5th August 2017

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Gerry Allen	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Letty Lawrenson For our parish	The Transfiguration
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	M & I Rome	<i>Feast: Martyrs of Lancaster</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Mary-Jo Cuerden	<i>Feast: St. Dominic</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Ken Hatch	<i>Feast: St. Teresa Benedicta</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Winnie Poland	<i>Feast: St. Lawrence</i>
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Shannon O'Hara	<i>Feast: St. Clare</i> Exposition & Holy Communion
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Deceased members of SVP	<i>Feast: St. Martha</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Margaret Smethurst For our parish	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 213 (6.00pm: 107, 9.30am: 106). Offertory: £728.45  
Thank you for all your generosity.

### Masses received this week:

Ellen Buck, Margaret Devereux, John Devereux, Winifred Cooper, Michael Fitzgerald.

### Congratulations!

- Jamie Heaton and Rachel Nagy who were married in St. Anthony's Church this week.

#### ***Please pray for those who are sick:***

Bert Swarbrick, Frances & Les Farrer, Jamie Tulloch, Jean Anderton, Frances Copp, Teresa Clarkson, Chris Goldsmith, Marie Gardner, Bill Embery, Anne Osbaldeston, Norah Stanton and Richard Drain;

**... for those who have died recently:** James Stott, Bridie Coulton;

**... and for those whose anniversaries are around now:** Fernanda Fry, Pat King, Norah Mathews, Joe O'Kane, Mary Atherton, Bill Carling, Michael Ashworth, Patricia Roe, Terence Beirne, Ken Hatch, and Brian Clarkson.

We keep in our prayers those who have been injured or lost their lives in conflict, especially those from our parish.

### Taking Holy Communion to the Sick & Housebound

Thank you to those who have offered to take on the ministry of taking Holy Communion to the housebound. We have now taken on responsibility for the Little Sisters Home this so new Ministers will be most welcome. Have a word with Deacon John.

### Prayers of the Faithful - (Bidding Prayers)

We have several families who compose these prayers week by week. Each family takes one month at a time. A vacancy has arisen on the rota. Would you like to take a turn in writing the prayers for Sunday Mass? Have a word with Deacon John.

### A Week of Guided Prayer – Advance Notice

St Gregory's and St Wilfrid's in partnership will be offering a Week of Guided Prayer to the Preston Deanery from 1st- 7th October this year. This is a tried and tested experience, a retreat in daily life in which participants commit to a period of personal prayer each day and have the support and guidance of their own individual retreat director/companion. There will be space on the retreat for about 60 participants and meetings between participants and prayer companions will take place at St Wilfrid's and St Gregory's, dependent on which is the participant's preferred location. There is a small Poster bin the porch. The points of contact for enquiries and for bookings are:

Fr Ted Gannon, St Gregory's – 01772 930934 & info@stgregoryspreston.org.uk  
Fr Peter Randall, St Wilfrid's – 01772 555244 & peterarandall@gmail.com

### Annual Cleator Pilgrimage

Mass and Blessing of the Sick at 3pm with Bishop Michael Campbell OSA on Sunday 10th September. Some areas organise a coach, others go by car. Young people of the Diocese (age 16+) will be walking in pilgrimage, covering at least 10 miles per day, from Honister across Haystacks into Ennerdale then on to Cleator. Their journey begins at Castlerigg Manor on Friday 8th September and concludes on Sunday 10th in Cleator. It is an opportunity to pray, make new friends and triumph over the physical challenge of the walk. To book, please contact Fr John Moriarty at Castlerigg on 017687 72711

### Covenant Books (at Holy Family)

During August, the Bookshop will be open only on Thursdays from 10am-12:30pm, though it will probably also be open after 11.00am Mass on Sunday (around 12.30pm.)

### Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

This course is offered for catechists, teachers & others who may be interested in deepening their knowledge of the Catholic faith. See Fr. Peter for Course details if you are interested or the Education Centre at <http://www.lancaster-diocese-education.org.uk/> tel 01524 841190.

### Leadership Posts in Catholic Schools

- a Diocesan Course to be held Nov 9th at Castle Green Hotel, Kendal. For: those considering Headship, those considering senior leadership posts, Catholic teachers in non-Catholic schools wishing to apply for leadership posts in Catholic schools. Details from the Education Centre at <http://www.lancaster-diocese-education.org.uk/> or tel 01524 841190.

### Catholic Singles

- an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit [www.catholicingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498