

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD by Tom Shanahan, S.J.



Today's feast of the transfiguration of Jesus is one of those gospel events that steps out of the ordinary as does, for example, the account of the baptism of Jesus by John. Both involve the presence of the divine and the divinely inspired. I think of the transfiguration as something like "coming attractions." The event takes place near the end of Jesus' public ministry and seems to act as a glimpse into the very near future -- Jesus' death and resurrection.

Jesus leads three of his disciples, Peter, James and John into this special scene and then astounding events unfolded before their eyes: "he was transfigured" before them; his "face shone like the sun;" and his garments became "white like the light." Peter responded by acknowledging "how good it is for us to be here." And then the cloud, the ancient sign of the very presence of God overshadowed them, and the voice, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."

What on earth is going on here? From our historical perspective we can look back and say that the disciples were given a preview of the glory that belongs to Jesus after his death and resurrection and in the fullness of the Kingdom of God. They don't know it now, but that is the same glory that they will be given after they bring the message of the Kingdom to their contemporaries. What a special moment for them, and also for us who receive the promise of ultimate glory from Jesus through God's generous love. We are invited to plumb the depths of this astonishing transfiguration moment in the lives of Jesus and the disciples.

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### MASS TIMES

#### Sunday Masses

**Sat** 5.30 pm Vigil Mass  
**Sun** 8.00 am  
9.30 am Family Mass  
11.15 am Sung Mass  
5.45 pm Youth Mass 1st Sun

#### Reconciliation

**Sat** 10.30-11.30 am. 4.30 - 5.15 pm.  
Also by appointment.

**ROSARY INTENTION** For all those who long to do God's will, and are struggling to discover what his will for them is.

### Weekday Masses

**Mon, Tues, Thurs.:** 7.30 & 10.00 am

**Wed:** 7.30 am, 12.30 pm,  
7.30 pm Extraordinary Form  
(1st Wed monthly **ONLY**)  
4.30 pm at Burrswood  
(2nd Wed monthly **ONLY**)

**Fri:** 7.30, 10.00 am & 7.30 pm

**Sat:** 8.00 and 10.00 am

### TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

#### YEAR A PSALTER WEEK 2

#### PARISH MASS BOOK

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## THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> The Transfiguration of the Lord - 18th Sunday Yr A PS Wk 2**

**OUTREACH: Aid to the Church in Need** has made a special appeal for the thousands of Iraqi families – whom you have been helping since they were forced from their villages by ISIS – as the day they have long waited for will soon arrive. Now that ISIS has been driven out of the Nineveh Plains, there are plans to rebuild around 13,000 houses so that the Iraqi Christians can go home. Archbishop Bashar Wada who is caring for the displaced families says thank you for your help and now we need even more money to build these homes, we look forward to your support.

**TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> St Dominic**

**8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Gp - Church**

**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)**

**THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> St Lawrence**

**FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> St Clare**

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Yr A PS Wk 3**

**OUTREACH - CHURCHES FOR TUNBRIDGE WELLS.** To support the ongoing work of the Christian Churches in Tunbridge Wells, particularly to help homeless people and families that are struggling to cope.

**Would the owner of Gift Aid Box 126** please contact the Church office during office hours Thank You

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**Heartfelt thanks,** Canon Peter for your kindness and that of your companion priests, Fathers Josaphat and Agnelo.

I appreciated very much all the efforts you made to make my appeal on behalf of our Columban missionaries as successful as possible. Kindly thank your companions on my behalf. Please give my thanks also to your parishioners who received me so warmly. With renewed thanks and praying God's blessings upon you all.  
Kindest wishes, Gerry Markey

**Advance Notice for your diary  
It's that time of year again!!**

**St. Augustine's  
Parish International Mass**

Saturday 9th September at 5.30pm  
Afterwards there is a party in the Hall, bring a plate of 'finger' food and join us.

**Romero Centenary Mass**

Celebrating 100 years since the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero 1917-2017  
Saturday August 12th at 12.30 in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 7HY

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Peter Smith, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia will give the homily. Refreshments and a toast in the Amigo Hall afterwards.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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