

Today's Gospel

What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye.

Are you prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God (see Exodus 34:29). Paul says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (2 Corinthians 3:7). In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles.

What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (see Exodus 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10; 2 Maccabees 2:8). While this transpired Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:22)! Upon awakening they discovered the transfiguration of Jesus along with Moses and Elijah.

How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God. Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

"Lord Jesus, keep me always alert and awake to you, to your word, your action, and your daily presence in my life. Let me see your glory."

Saint Paul the Apostle, Tottenham

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Lent 2



Hymns this week

Preparation :

Mass: 425, 64, 403, 53, 47, 237, 251, 65

The week at Saint Paul's

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| Mon 1 | S. David | 7.30am | Mass |
| Tue 2 | Lent weekday | 7.00pm 7.30pm | Rosary Healing Mass |
| Wed 3 | Lent weekday | 9.30am 12noon | Mass Coleraine Club |
| Thu 4 | Lent weekday | 9.15am | School Mass |
| Fri 5 | Lent weekday | 7.30pm | Mass Social Club Lent Group |
| Sat 6 | Lent weekday | 9.00am | Mass |
| Sunday 7 | Lent 3 | 8.00am 10.30am 5.15pm 6.00pm | Mass Parish Mass Mass Stations & Benediction |

NOTICES THIS WEEK:

Stations of the Cross: as usual, **Stations of the Cross and Benediction will take place every Sunday evening in Lent.** Stations is a meditation on the Passion and Death of Jesus and is, therefore, particularly suited to Lent. It helps us to think in a concrete way about the suffering of our Lord. Please take the opportunity to come to this service as an extra devotion.

Lent Groups: please sign up for copies of our Lent Course. There will be a Men's Fellowship Group as usual on Fridays in Lent. The first Men's group will meet on Friday.

Healing Mass: this coming Tuesday at 7.30pm, with anointing and laying on of hands.

The Spurs Cafe will start on Saturday March 13. Please note.

Social Committee: despite announcements saying that this meeting would take place on Friday 26 February, only two of the people who volunteered for this committee actually turned up, with no apologies. Where were you?

Deacon's Cupboard: we have had a lot of demand lately and we would be grateful for any donations of non-perishable food for our cupboard.

For your diary: Quiet Afternoon before Holy Week will be on Saturday 27 March, starting at 10.00 with Mass. There will be no 9am mass that day.

Deanery Stations of the Cross: please note that this will take place on Palm Sunday Evening (March 28) at 6pm at S. Benet's Church, Walpole Road. P

Looking Ahead: Fr James' and Fr Mark's licensing at St Benet Fink is at 7.30pm.

Please make a careful note of this date.

Collection last week: **plate:** **£110**
 Envelopes: **£334**

Rotas next week:

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| Eucharistic Ministers: | Michael & Ariel |
| Sidespersons: | Olga, Doris, Ibrahim, Monica |
| Teas & Coffees: | Corrine & Anne |
| Cleaning: | Esther & Emma |
| Readers & Intercessor: | Various Youths |

IN YOUR PRAYERS:



The Church: The Unity of the Church

The World: Haiti & Chile

The Community: The Governing Body of the school

In Hospital or Sick:

Dennis Hurley, Gwen Bailey, Henry Brown, Judith Brown-Davis, Mandy Gerald, Vincent Wheatle, John Davy, Valerie Munroe, Anetha Langford, Hilary Stoughton, Rita Mason, Grace Adjekum, Norma Campbell, Hilary Robinson, Ruth Williams, Edna Henry, Myra Lea, Pat Nurse, Magdalen Octave, David Brown, Mary Edwards, Benjamin Browne, Hugh Davis, Ken Lovell, Joe Salmon, Pearl Welsh, Mary White, Franklin Farrington, Chanel Jones, Rheama Ivy Nhyira Wimfrey-Dallas, Ama Achiah, Francis Layne, Olajumoke & Toyin, Charles Bryceland, Mary White, Cynthia Myers, Veta James, Henry Robinson, Tumpa Rahman, Denise Robotham, Cheryl Codrington, Baby Freddy Hearn, Jacob Sear, Shenelle Dyal, Florence Lan-George, baby Josh, Oliver Lewis, Patricia Salmon, Winifred Gordon, Sharon Roberts, Shaun Tyrell, Selvin Grant, Elaine Mitchell, Fr Geoffrey Seabrook, Fred Dyer, Valerie, Neil Thompson, Judith Brown-Davis, George Blake, Cutie Binns, Ruth Williams

Please use the 'Prayer Request' card when commending someone for prayer.

Those who have asked for Prayers:

Alozie Family, Verna Anderson & Family, Mary Andrews' Family, Rebecca Anglin & Family, Atulomah Family, Paulina Archer & Family, Gaynor Brown, Hyacinth Brown, Herma Clarke, Zena Cudjoe & Family, Audrey English, Marcia Ford, May Griffiths & Gregory, Myrtle Jackman, Celis Jacobs & Denise, Anthony John, Brian Kennaby, Prince Lewis, Kathrine Monsegue & Family, Lorcan Mullan, Ruairi Mullan, Fr Paul Nicholson, The Nworgu Family, Kwamy O-Gyamfi, Pat Pond & Family (including Ezra, Codi & Caden), Rose Sampson, Jasmine Sharpe, Paula Simms, Patricia Thompson & Family, The Unams Family.

Faithful Departed: **Maud Richards, Wendy Paisley, Muriel Arnold**

Anniversaries: **Felicia Ossei, Violet Metcalfe, Dorish Ship, Elizabeth Whelan, Sylvany Cudjoe, (1st); Daisy Fletcher, Iris Guthrie, Colin Hylton, Crispin Chipatiso (2nd); Myrtle Solan (4th); Kwame Boakye (5th)**