

to CAFOD's aims and values and an interest in sharing our work in secondary schools through delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. For further information contact CAFOD on 01483 898866. Thank you.

FAITH IN FOCUS: MOUNTAIN VIEWS

We're not told in today's gospel what the name of the mountain was that the Transfiguration took place on. Tradition says it was Mount Tabor, but it doesn't really matter. In fact, whenever a mountain features in the bible we can be pretty sure that God is about to appear in some form or other and tell us something significant. That's what happened to Moses on Mount Sinai and to Elijah on Mount Carmel. Mountains are a sort of scriptural code for an appearance of God.

In our run-up to Easter we can be forgiven for thinking that mountains don't matter. But we all need them. Mountain moments are those in which we seem to catch something of God's presence amid the humdrum of our daily routines. Out of the blue we see something or hear something that makes us realise that there is more to life than meets the eye. Mountains are what bring us our spiritual experiences. It could be something natural like a sunset; it could be the birth of a child, the success of a friend, the embrace of two lovers. Whatever it is, it takes our spirit beyond our bodies and lets us have a glimpse of something that is greater than the merely human.

Because primitive peoples thought that God lived in the sky they went up mountains to be closer to him. But we have lots of mountain experiences down here on the ground. These moments of breakthrough sustain us through all the days when God's presence can seem a bit more distant from us, when like the people of Exodus we wonder whether God is with us or not. They act as a booster to our faith.

Today we see Peter, James and John. They have been given some bad news that Jesus is destined to be put to death and they are feeling low. Yet the Transfiguration is a flash of God's glory visible in Jesus. The Transfiguration is a defining moment for them. From being fearful they are strengthened.

As we journey through Lent on our way to Easter God will offer us our own moments of Transfiguration. He'll let us see his glory and, just as on the mountain top, he'll tell us "This is my Son. Listen to what he's got to say." So, wherever we bump into our own mountains, we need to keep our eyes and ears open.

St Anne's Catholic Church, Newsletter

8th March 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

(Missal Page 176)
(Prayer of the Church Week 2)



Sunday Masses

6:30pm(Vigil) 8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30-11:30am & on request

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Last Week

Sunday Collection: £333 + Standing Orders. Thank You.

Sunday

CAFOD Collection for Lent Fast Day

Coffee and Tea available in the Savio Centre after the 10.30am Mass

3pm Deanery Care Mass

Monday

9.30am Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Parish Council in Savio Centre

Wednesday

9.10am Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

10.30am Funeral Mass of **John Kinal RIP**

7.30pm Reconciliation Service for Parents of First Holy Communion in Church

7.45pm Legion of Mary in Savio Centre

Thursday

9.30am Mass

10am-4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10-11am Mothers' Prayers

7.30pm Journey in Faith in Savio Centre

Friday

9.30am Mass

Saturday

10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday -

3rd Sunday of Lent . 3pm First Reconciliations for First Holy Communion children.

E-mail address

The new e-mail address of the parish can now be used. It is chertsey@abdiocese.org.uk.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

on Friday 6 March was the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please use your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

Deanery Care Mass at St. Anne's

The next Care Mass will be at 3pm on March 8th. Everyone is invited. Afterwards there will be a celebration tea for everyone. We would be very grateful for any donations of food and would really welcome people's help in serving tea and drinks.

Many thanks.

LENT PRAYER & PRAISE -

Sunday 15th March at 7 pm - 8 pm.

Come and join with others to lift up your heart to God with songs and prayHer (vocal and silent) and intercessory prayer. Make this part of your Lenten time and prepare for the joy of Easter.

Prayers for Healing available for those requesting this.

Refreshments available after in the Savio Centre.

Notice of Intention to Marry:

For those of you considering marriage please be aware that this Diocese requires that you contact the parish in which you wish to be married **12 months** beforehand, in order to begin the appropriate preparation and complete the required paperwork. Thank you.

Spiritual Meditations online

TakeTime is a method of spiritual meditation which can be done in groups but also online in your own homes. Download the app by entering "Take Time Spiritual Meditations" in the App Store search box or visit <https://taketime.org.uk/meditations/> Try it during Lent as part of your Lenten observance.

Beginning Experience:

A weekend away for those who find themselves single again following separation, divorce, or the death of a partner. The Beginning Experience is a weekend programme to help you to move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning and to face the future with renewed hope. Next weekend is 3-5 April at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. More information from **Freda** 01322 838415 or **Maura** 01322 551503 or **John** at johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

CAFOD is looking for

volunteers who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. We need people who have a commitment