

Catholic Parishes of Evesham and Broadway

Feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord 6th August 2017

Parish Priest: Fr. Christopher Draycott ☎/Fax 01386 442468

✉ priestevesham@gmail.com

Safeguarding representative: Kay Buckley

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No. 234216

Times and intentions for Holy Mass

(E) = Evesham (B) = Broadway

Sat 5th	5.00pm(B)	George Spencer Pacey
Sun 6th	8.00am(E) 10.00am(E) 5.30pm(E)	Deacon Gerard OFM Conv Matthew Picton People of the Parish
Mon 7th	10.00am(E)	Bill Skelcher
Tues 8th St Dominic	10.00am(B) 7.00pm(E)	Holy Souls 1962 Holy Souls
Wed 9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	10.00am(E)	Bernard Morgan
Thurs 10th St Lawrence	7.00pm(E)	In Thanksgiving(HW)
Fri 11th St Clare	10.00am(E) 11.00am(B)	In Thanksgiving(ACE) Holy Souls
Sat 12th	10.00am(E)	Ints John Picton

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 12th	5.00pm(B)	Mary McGarrigle
Sun 13th	8.00am(E) 10.00am(E) 5.30pm(E)	People of the Parish Ints Lynn Byrne Ints Pauline Lyon

Confessions. Evesham: Tuesday 6.15pm-6.45pm Wednesday After the morning Mass Friday 2.00pm-2.30pm Saturday 9.00am to 9.50am
Broadway- after all Masses

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday: 8:30am -9:45am(Evesham)

Tuesday: 9:am-9:45am(Broadway)

Wednesday: 10:30am-11:00am(Evesham)

Friday 10:30am-3:00pm *Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 2.30pm* (Evesham)

Holy Baptism

Baptism for infants: arrangements should be made with the parish priest. Baptism should be arranged as soon as possible after the birth of a child. Details are to be found on the notice board in Church

Please pray for

Maureen Gaughan Marie Fallon Ann Bishop, Patrick Duffy, Rose Miller, Olivia Dalton, Doreen Sinclair, Suzie Ford, Cynthia Such, Josie Byrne, Maurice Keyte Mary Miller, Bette Francis, Rita Hore, Marjory Grantham. Janet Martin Irene Thompson, Les Smith Tim Davenport Geoffrey Bourne

Of your charity

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Salvatore Muratore who has recently died and for Elena de Franco Fr. Matthew McGettrick ODC Helenar Hardiman Samuel Young Carmela Devizio Edith Margaret HarrellFrank Saunders whose anniversary of death falls at about this time

From Fr Christopher

Today's Feast takes precedence over the Sunday and invites us to look at the mystery of Jesus Christ, living among us. This Jesus is truly God and yet truly human. At the time of His baptism and then at the time of the Transfiguration, the Divine breaks through and a voice is heard: "This is my beloved Son." The Baptism of Jesus is the beginning of His public ministry, but it is also a baptism into death, a baptism into our human condition, a baptism into the will of the Father. The Transfiguration echoes that baptism: it is a preparation for the death of the Lord, a preparation to see Him die in our human condition, a preparation for

his complete acceptance of the will of His father.

The first reading comes from the Book of Daniel. We are given a vision of heaven that is full of imagination and images and symbols. Daniel is one of those who could see the Son of Man and know that a Saviour was coming. The Prophets in general were able to see that God's love for His people would require a Saviour to come. What that would mean was not yet clear. What was clear was the sinfulness of humanity and the love of the Father. Just as in the Transfiguration, we have the divinity of Jesus breaking through into our human situation, so also the Prophets could see that God must once again break into our

human condition to draw us to Himself.

The second reading comes from the Second Letter of Saint Peter and teaches us that the Transfiguration is given to us so that we can know the power and the majesty of the Lord Jesus. The declaration from the Father, "This is my son," is unique and helps all believe that truly, Jesus is God and has come to save us.

We should note that the Transfiguration was experienced by Peter, James and John—not by the other Apostles or disciples or followers of Jesus—not even by Mary His Mother. Peter will be placed by Jesus as the head of His followers. James is the first Apostle to die for

Jesus. John is by tradition the disciple that Jesus loved. Jesus does not always share with us his reasoning about why He does things and so we are invited to wonder—as surely did the other followers of Jesus. Furthermore even though Jesus tells these three not to share the vision with anyone until He has been raised from the dead, surely the others were aware that something had happened. We can try to imagine what answer these three would have given when the others asked: what happened up there?

For us, the Transfiguration draws us deeper into the mystery of Jesus. Our faith and the practice of our faith must rest on our belief that Jesus, fully human, is God. God breaks through into our human history once more in Jesus Christ. The Incarnation is not that God sent another Prophet or another Anointed one. This Anointed One, is God Himself, present in our human condition, One like us in all things but sin.

What about Mary?

Throughout his pontificate, Saint John Paul II called for a "New Evangelisation." Pope emeritus Benedict XVI made this a central pillar of his pontificate. We need to be evangelising countries where the Gospel was announced centuries ago, but where its presence in peoples' daily life seems to be lost. The New Evangelization invites each of us to live our baptismal vocation, no matter what our state in life, completely given over to the work of the Lord. We do so when we live at the heart of the Church for the sake of the world. That requires a personal encounter and on-going intimate relationship of communion with the Lord Jesus, the Saviour born of Mary. She was the first evangeliser when she visited her cousin Elizabeth.

Only a Church fully alive in the Lord and filled with His Spirit can carry out the evangelical mission. The Church is Christ's plan for the entire world. Mary is the Mother of the Church, the Mother of the first evangelization and the Mother of the New Evangelization. This Catholic Church is not a mere human institution. If it were, it would have shipwrecked long ago. The contemporary culture has lost its way, throwing off almost every remnant of Christian influence. It has embraced a new paganism. What Pope emeritus Benedict called the "Dictatorship of Relativism" is the bad fruit of a rejection of truth. The West has embraced a practical atheism.

We need to view the once Christian Nations of the European continent as mission territory. We need to view ourselves as missionaries in a new missionary age. The Lord of the harvest is calling workers to the New Evangelisation of His Church. As loyal sons and daughters of that Church, He is calling us into the fields of contemporary culture which are ripe and ready for harvest. Going before us in prayer and example is Our Lady. *"Dear friends, the Gospel has transformed the world, and it is still transforming it, like a river that waters a great field. Let us turn in prayer to the Virgin Mary that in the whole Church priestly, religious and lay vocations ripen in service to the new evangelisation."* **Pope emeritus Benedict XVI**

Eucharistic Adoration

Please try to give some time to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. I would urge everyone to use the opportunities which are available, and especially to participate in the time of exposition of Fridays in connection with the Divine Mercy devotion.

Holidays

Please remember to check the times for Sunday Mass wherever you may be during the summer. Also please remember that the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady on August 15th is a day of obligation in most parts of Europe including our own country.

Solemnity of the Assumption

15th August (Holyday of obligation)
Holy Mass will be in Evesham at 10.00am and 7.00pm and in Broadway at 12.00noon

Evesham Information

Coffee
Available in the parish centre after the 8.00am and 10.00am Sunday Masses

Food Bank

The box is available today. The next date will be Sunday 3rd September 2017

Faith Share Meetings

23rd August and 20th September

Thursday Club

Thursday 17th August - No meeting in August

Thursday 21st September - Visit to The House of The Open Door. Meet at the church 2.00 p.m.

Lamp before the Sacred Heart

This week: The homeless

Lamp before Our Lady

This week: World Peace

Finance

Many thanks for your contribution to the work of the Church. Totals in bold print

Second Collection

This Week: Parish development

Next Week: Parish development

Broadway Information

Finance

Many thanks for your contribution to the work of the Church. Totals in bold print

Second Collection

This Week PA System

Weekly offertory	£756.77 GA452.40
Apostleship of the sea	£417.19 GA£227.12

Next Week: PA System

Social Gathering

To celebrate the transfiguration which is our Feast of title please join us for refreshments after Mass this evening

Day out

On August 14th We hope to organise a trip to Hereford in the early afternoon and

Weekly offertory	£231.30 GA£116.00
Apostleship of the sea	£60.20.

then attend Solemn First Vespers of the Assumption at Belmont Abbey at 6.00pm. Names please on the list at the church door. We shall travel by car.

Weekly offertory	£235.20 GA£109.00.
-------------------------	------------------------------