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2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B, 25th February 2018

This is my Son the Beloved

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

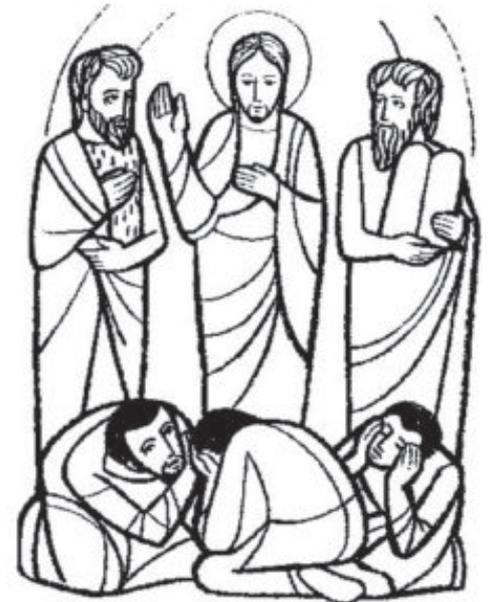
The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led

the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus *rabbi* instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.



In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk
in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

From the bright cloud
the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved.
Listen to him.'

*Welcome to Sr Flynn who has come
to share her work with us and will be
making an appeal on behalf of her mission*

AROUND PERTH

Mass in

St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday

8am - Weekdays

(except Wednesday and Saturday)

7am - Wednesday; 10am - Saturday

Sunday Mass in

Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

Sunday Mass in

St Mary's, Kinnoull

10am

Sunday Mass in St John's

6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the souls of

Giuseppina Carena,

Thomas Horsburgh (snr),

Thomas Horsburgh (jnr),

Charles and Agnes Gallagher

and Neeharika Seeta

and all those whose

anniversaries

occur about this time.

Eternal rest grant

unto their souls, O Lord.

Candlelit Stations of the Cross



7pm

**Thursday 15th March
St John's RC Church**

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £332.75.

Stations of the Cross

Today, Stations of the Cross will take place in St Mary Magdalene's at 3pm and thereafter, on the Sundays of Lent, immediately following Sunday Mass.

Italian Association

Italian classes have recommenced on Saturdays from 4.15-6.15pm. All welcome - from beginners to advanced.

Stations of the Cross will take place in St John's on Saturdays at 2pm, in Italian.

Concert

7pm, Thursday 8th March in Our Lady's - Michael Ellacott entertains - in aid of the Struan Road Community Hall Funds.

Quiz Night

St John's Academy Quiz Night - Friday 9th March - 7.30pm - St John's Church Hall. Entry - £5 per team of 6 (max) - tickets on sale at the school office

Justice and Peace

God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

**Pope Francis, Message for
Lent**

SCIAF Boxes

SCIAF's WEE BOXES are available in the church porch. Please take one home and use it for your Lenten Alms - returning it on Holy Thursday. Thank you.



Catholic Papers

The Scottish Catholic Observer, Catholic Herald, Catholic Times etc are available in the church porch - please take copies and share them with the wider community.

Beginning Experience

The Beginning Experience are holding a residential weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 23rd to 25th March 2018 at St. Mary's Kinnoull, Perth. For details contact: Ros on 0131 669 0003 or e-mail: rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk Completed Applications must be returned by Friday 9th March 2018.

OUR LADY'S, LETHAM UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

DAFFODIL TEA

Parish rooms at Our Lady's

11am-1pm,

Saturday 10th March

Entrance fee is £2

Gifts for Mothers' Day,

**Guess the weight of
the Simnel Cake...**

in aid of

Student Priesthood Fund

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass