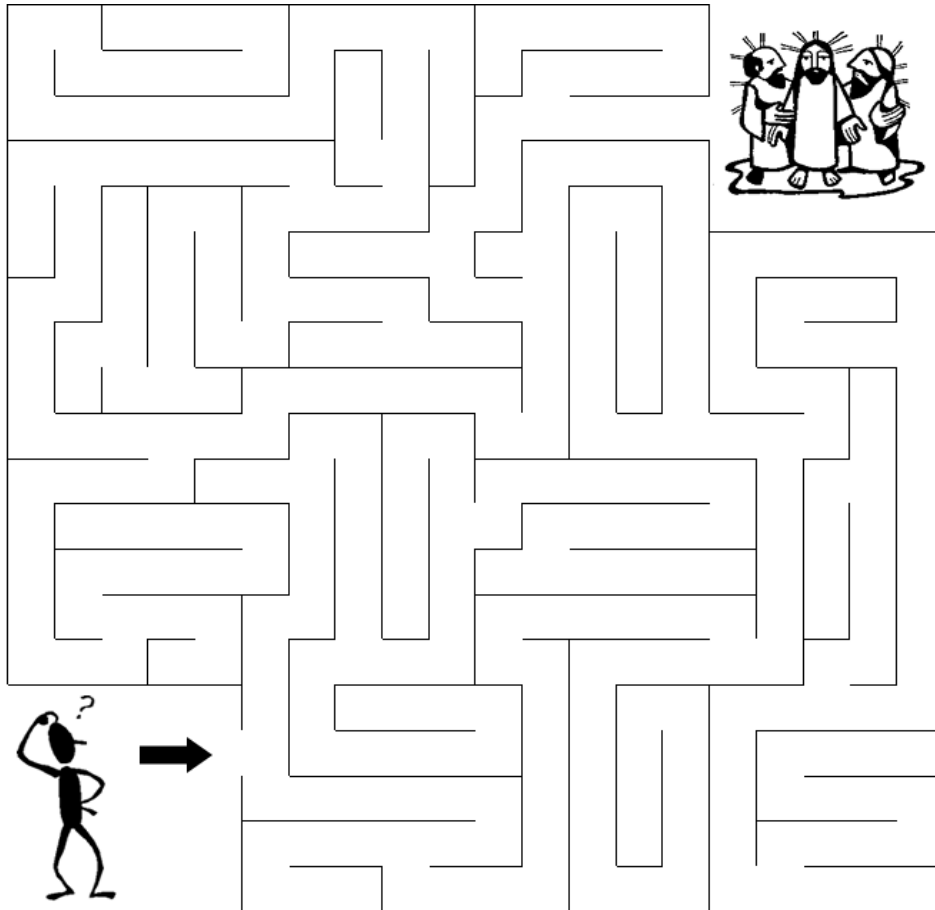


Holy Family Little Church

'Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray... And a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him."

Can you find the way to Jesus, Moses, and Elijah on the mountain?



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Listen

The transfiguration of Jesus must have been a glorious experience for Peter, James and John. They wanted to stay there, as we all do when we have a peak experience. But they had to descend into the valley, to live their lives, to follow Jesus. It doesn't seem that we grow in depth if we only have peak experiences, if we stay on the mountain top. Things have trouble growing on mountaintops. Beyond the tree line almost nothing will grow because it is too cold and there is a lack of moisture. Living things grow best in the valley: they can develop roots; they are grounded. While they may lack the excitement of mountain peaks, valleys tend to be growing places. But it is in the valley that we really acquire depth, rootedness, strength and flexibility. That is where we are called to mature emotionally and spiritually. Of course, we need both; we can't always live in the valley.

Often our reading of this story focuses on what is seen but do we sometimes emphasise the light of transfiguration to the exclusion of the voice of transfiguration? We are looking but are we listening? A voice came from the cloud and said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 'Listen' is the only thing the disciples are told throughout this whole event. Listening is central to transfiguration. Yet Luke records no words or teaching from Jesus during this event. Jesus is silent. So it must be about more than words, instructions, and lessons. True listening is an interior quality, a way of being. It is more about the heart than the ears. And it is more about silence than words. Ultimately, listening is about presence.

Listening creates an opening through which the transfigured Christ enters and transforms us. Listening asks of us intention, attention, and letting go of the things that deafen us. Anything that destroys or limits presence is a form of deafness. We are being told to be present, to be open, to be receptive to the one who is always present to us, whether we are on the mountaintop or in the valley or covered by the cloud of unknowing.

Queen of Apostles website; Michael Marsh

Second Sunday in Lent Year C

17th March 2019

Eucharistic Prayer: 1

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 16th March 2019

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Theresa Crook	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Patrick Fortune For our Parish	<i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Lancashire Infirm Clergy	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Denis Towers	<i>Feast: St. Joseph</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Joan Wane	
Thur 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am 6.00pm 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Joe Holmes	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	William Devereux	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Philip Morris For our Parish	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance 76 Offertory: £200. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week:

Philip Morris, William Devereux, Mollie Walmsley, Osbaldeston family, Joan Wane.

Monday 'Surgery'

Fr. Peter will be in Holy Family Church from 5.30-6.30pm this Monday evening especially for anyone who wants a word about baptisms, weddings, Sacrament of Reconciliation etc.

Please remember in your prayers

Bill O'Shaughnessy, Malaya, Ray Mannion, Bob Blacoe, Rhoda Case, Bill York, Lawrence Dunnagan, Trevor Hughes, Claire, Rowland Eyre;

those who have died recently: Frances Copp, Joan Wane, Lucia La'Velle.

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Clifford Seed, Peggy Monk, Elizabeth Marsh, Mary Holland, Eleanor Hodges, Florrie Barnes, William Ashton, Edward Holland, Ethel Baxendale, Philip Corbishley, Peter Brown, Annie MacHale, John Anderton, Dorothy Barrett, Margaret Vandome, Agnes Ainsworth, May they rest in peace.

Father, may these, and all we have known who have gone before us, be received into the glory of the Resurrection, won for us by your Son Jesus, the risen Lord.

LENT

Stations of the Cross. Every Friday in St. Anthony's at 6pm.

'Lent in the Minster'- The annual talks will take place on Monday evenings during Lent but this year they will be at Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, starting at 7.20pm for 7.30pm until 9.00pm.

St. Anthony's project - "Genesis to Jesus"

- our Lent course giving an opportunity to deepen knowledge of the Bible started last Thursday. You can follow the free 6 week course in your own time or join a small group each Thursday evening to watch the videos together. Meet in the Presbytery at 7.00pm. Contact Jackie Stopyra on jackie.stopyra@gmail.com or 07934 667292. Sign up for the course at the St Paul Center, USA - <https://stpaulcenter.com/>

Ignatian Lent Retreat - At Xaverian Missionary Spirituality Centre (Tabor) on 6 Tuesdays in Lent from 7.30—9.00pm. Details from rose.mccrave@outlook.com 07866 736067. See flier.

Clergy Deanery Conference

This Tuesday, 19th March we are hosting a Clergy Deanery Conference in Holy Family Pastoral Centre. Last year half a dozen people helped with the coffee at 10.30am and the meal at 1.00pm. Can we ask for helpers to do the same this year? Many thanks.

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion

This Tuesday at 3.30pm the children will be making their first Reconciliation in Holy Family Church. Parishioners are invited to come and join them and to receive the Sacrament if they wish.

Holy Family`s Christian Passover.

In the pastoral centre on Monday 15th April at 6.30 for a 7.00 start. The cost is £11.00 adults drinking wine, £9.00 adults not drinking wine, and £7.00 for children. Soft drinks will be provided, as will a 3 course meal. Tickets available from Caroline or Jane. Payment with the tickets please. Please let us know by Monday 8th April.

Friendship Group

Next meeting is Tuesday 19 March, 2pm at St. Anthony's Presbytery. Come and join us.

Lourdes 2019 Pilgrimage

- to coincide with the Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage, from 25th July—3rd August, by coach. See poster or ring Bernadette Roberts on 07443 639364 for booking form.

Lourdes 2019 Pilgrimage—Young People

For young people (aged 15+, year 10 and above), to book with us. We are also looking for adult leaders to come with us for Lourdes. For adults coming with the youth section, the price is £420. To find out more please get in touch.

Share-It Food Bank (at Holy Family)

Donations of food have started to come in again: thank you.

Priority items for the next few weeks are: **Any tinned meats**