

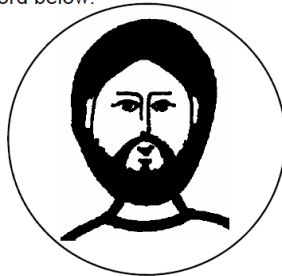
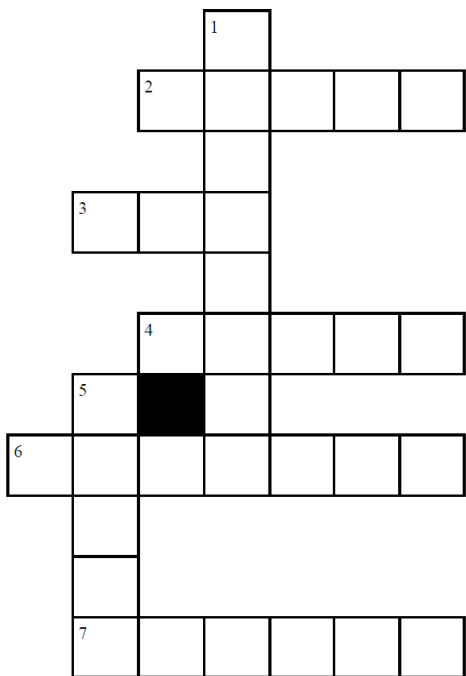
Holy Family Little Church

Pray these words taken from today's psalm.

Today is the 2nd SUNDAY of LENT



Listen to today's Gospel reading. Then complete the crossword below.



1. Jesus went up on a m_____.
2. A v_____ was heard.
3. God the Father said, "This is my s_____".
4. With him Jesus took Peter, John and J_____.
5. Jesus' face s_____.
6. Jesus' look c_____.
7. Moses and E_____ appeared with Jesus.

Fr. Peter

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Opening our eyes and ears.

When we hear or read the same thing over and over again, we can do one of two things: we can quickly pass over the repeated words and look for some new, captivating ideas, or we can stay with those words, sit with them, and allow them to do their work of transformation / transfiguration within us. Since the beginning of the year we have heard on three occasions a Gospel reading which has included directly, or indirectly, the proclamation of Jesus' identity as the Son of God: "This is my Beloved Son." And with each reminder of Jesus' core identity, comes an invitation for us to rediscover our belovedness.

"When Michaelangelo visited quarries in Italy in search of blocks of marble that might be suitable for his purpose as a sculptor, what he saw were not just pieces of marble. With an artist's eye he imagined a beautiful figure hidden inside the marble. His task would be one of chiselling and polishing the marble so that the beauty that was hidden would be released. This way of looking at his work was important for his understanding of Christian living. It echoes a phrase of St. Paul who remarks that God sees in each of us Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). Over a lifetime God works to set each person free so that they emerge with the features of his Son. There are moments of transfiguration in every life, moments when the glory of God breaks through. Today's gospel describes one such experience. Jesus' transfiguration was a glimpse of that glory. 'Christ was transfigured, not by acquiring what he was not, but by manifesting to his disciples what he in fact was; he opened their eyes and gave these blind men new sight' (St. John Damascene)." [Diocese of Galway website]

"What is especially worth noting is that after the vision on the mountain was over the apostles suddenly found themselves in a cloud where they could see nothing. Only then did they hear the voice of the Father speaking to them: 'This is my Son the Beloved. Listen to him.' God spoke to them when they were in the cloud. Sometimes it is only when we are in a 'cloud' (darkness/confusion) that God will speak to us most powerfully." [Fr Murdach's homilies] If we choose to listen to Jesus we will hear him say, "Don't be afraid." Again, these words are repeated many times in Scripture. Do we speed-read the texts where they are found or do we stay with those words, sit with them, and allow them to do their work of transfiguration within us?

Second Sunday of Lent Year A

12th March 2017 Eucharistic Prayer: 2

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 11th March 2017

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Edward & Veronica Lily Raw-cliffe	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Joe Holden Brian	Second Sunday of Lent
Mon 9.15m 1.15pm	<i>Holy Family</i> <i>St. Anthony</i>	For our parish Funeral Service: John Hanlon	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	George Keane	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Marie Coyle	
Thur 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am 12.45pm 6.00pm 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>St Anthony</i> <i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Thelma Devereux Funeral Service: - Philip Davenport	Stations of the Cross Exposition & Holy Communion
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Patrick Paul Nelson	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Tom Hooper` For our parish	Third Sunday of Lent

Last Weekend: Attendance: 87. Offertory: £145.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week:

Dick & Ida Salisbury, Rose Salter, Albert Butler, Agnes Ainscough.

Monday Surgery

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

Please remember in your prayers

those who are sick, Bill O'Shaughnessy, Margaret Johnson, Eveline Eccles, Malaya, Ray Mannion, John Miller, Claire, Bill York;

those who have died recently, John Hanlon, Philip Davenport;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Freda Clarkson, Richard Kelly, Ada Cragg, Winny Carter, Frances H Thompson, John Hull, Joseph Ingleson, Richard Dell, Jack Garstang, Cornelius Carig, Clifford Seed, Mary Holland, Elizabeth Marsh, Eleanor Hodges, Florrie Barnes, Peggy Monk, William Ashton.

LENT

'Lent in the Minster'- This annual ecumenical series continues in 2017 with talks each Monday in Lent; the theme is 'MISSION'. Five Mondays through Lent from 6th March to 3rd April (incl.) mainly at Preston Minster, 7.30pm to 9.00pm

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

'The Road to Jerusalem'

Lenten series of Prayer & Bible Study, each Thursday, 2nd March -6th April, 7:30pm, St Wilfrid's. See poster or www.metanoiaproject.co.uk

Mass in school - the parish Mass on the Thursdays of Lent is in school.

'Art & Religion—the Journey to Easter'

By Fr. Geoff Wheaton SJ, at St. Wilfrid's, tomorrow Monday from 7.30-9.00pm. Poster

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion

The next Session is on Tuesday at 3.30pm. Meet in Pastoral Centre.

"Share-It" Prayer & Praise

At Ingol Methodists this Wednesday, at 7pm. Please join us - everyone welcome!

'Messy Church' - The next one at St. Clare's is on Saturday at 1.30pm - 3 pm.

'The Virgin Eye: Towards a Contemplative View of Life'

'A Good Read: Fr Matthew Power SJ (with Katherine Daniels) based on the new book, by Robin Daniels. @ St Wilfred's, Winckley Square Preston, next Sat 18th March 3.30pm - 5pm. Talk followed by refreshments.'

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Michael will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 9th June at 6.30pm. We will be inviting applications soon.

'A Life Worth Knowing' - A Passion Play for Preston

On Fri 14th April (Good Friday), starting in Winckley Square at 11.30am. Graham Hickey invites people from the Preston Churches for the singing of mostly well-known songs. To take part phone Graham 07469 963837 or e-mail gghickey9087@gmail.com

Share-It Food Bank (at Holy Family)

These items are the most needed at the moment: -

* potato mash	** jams	** brown & red sauces (small)
* coffee sachets (2 in 1)	*	drinking chocolate sachets
* biscuits	* instant desserts	* juices for lunch boxes

Thank you for your continued generous giving.

NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 Give us water to drink

Rom 5:1-2,5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

John 4:5-42 A spring of water welling up to eternal life.