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The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A) 6th August 2017

Sunday Reflection: In the Scriptures, the mountains are often places where people encounter God. Jesus takes the disciples up to the mountain top to pray, to a quiet place, away from all the attention and the crowds. They have the most wonderful experience as we read in the Gospel today. Can you recall a place where you have felt deep peace or sense of experiencing God? In nature or in the places you go for some 'time-out' for yourself? Perhaps it is in special moments with family and friends; times of joy or sorrow. These 'mountain-top experiences nourish us, can bring us insights or help us to deal with difficult periods in our lives. They can bring feelings of euphoria, deep joy and blessing and often sustain us in life. No wonder the disciples wanted to build 'three dwellings' so that Moses, Elijah and Jesus would stay with them like this forever. However, we cannot remain in those experiences forever. Jesus' way involves both time for encounters with mystery but also coming down from the mountain and continuing on life's journey and mission. Can we carve out these moments of quiet in our busy days to be with the Word, to create the space to listen and make room for these encounters with the Lord? This week, imagine yourself in this story as you read '*Jesus took me with him and went up the mountain to pray...*' 'To pray the scriptures is to descend to the level of the heart and find God' Michael Casey OSCO, Intercom: July/August 2017 - P39.

Summer Changes – During the Month of August of this year 2017, we will only have One Mass each week day (Monday – Friday). On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Mass will be celebrated at 10am each morning and on Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm each day. We hope and pray this will facilitate our weekly Mass goes. Please let us know if this is convenient for you. We also have other Mass commitments to fulfill. We trust you understand. On Saturdays Masses will be at 10am and 6.30pm. Sundays Masses will be as usual. Thank you for your co-operation.

'Thank You' – Fr. Philip Allen OSM was really touched by the many people who sent cards and gifts to him on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee of Ordination which he celebrated last week. He wants to say "Thank you" to all who remembered him and assures every one of his grateful Prayers for your kindness.

Proclaim Workshop 'Initiatives & Resources' – Will be run at nine parish halls across the diocese. We encourage each parish to be represented at one of these workshops by members of their Evangelisation team or those who could help form such a team in the parish along with their parish priest. Date of nearest workshop is on Mon. 6th Nov. in Kensington 1 – Our Lady of Victories, W8 6AF. To register please email Warren Brown at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk Tel: 0207 7982152.

ECHO – Is a retreat for young adults aged 16-25. It is an opportunity to explore the beauty and depth of what the Church teaches about what is to be human and how we can be happy. We are inviting you to join us in a journey to discover more of who you were made to be; we will have live music, sports, art, times for questions, times for prayer, times to learn and lots of good food and conversations. Ever wondered what you were made for? Want to live 'fully alive'? Come join us to find what ECHOs in your hear. More information: Rebekahcurran@rcdow.org.uk

Gumley House School FCJ – Paid work on an ad hoc basis from July to August 2017 for anyone able to help move furniture while deep cleaning takes place. Please contact llonergan@gumley.hounslow.sch.uk

New Foundation Degree for Catholics working in Healthcare & those seeking to be Chaplains – Starting in October, St Mary's University Twickenham is pleased to offer a new foundation degree in Healthcare Ethics,

Theology and Care. This is a part time two year programme, one evening a week and additional lectures and resources. If you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk

Day with Mary – Our Lady of Muswell, Conley Hatch Lane Ldn N10 on Sat 12th Aug.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Thur 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm

Sunday 8.30 am

10 am

(Spanish) 11.15 am

12.15 pm

7 pm

Mon – Sat 10am: Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat

6.30pm - Tues/Thur

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Thurs 6.15 – 6.30 pm

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am

6.00 – 6.30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Thur 10.30 am – 11.15 am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group – Thursday 11am in the Founders' Room. (Please Note this Group will Not be meeting during the Month of August)

Saints Days

Mon 7th – St Sixtus II, St Cajetan

Tues 8th – St Dominic

Wed 9th – St Teresa Benedicta

Thurs 10th – St Lawrence

Fri 11th – St Clare

Sat 12th – St Jane Frances de

Chantal

Good Wishes: We extend our good wishes and prayers to Dominic & Teresa who were married in our Church this weekend, Saturday 5th July. God Bless them!