

Sunday 6 August 2017

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### This week's Services and Mass Intentions

<b>Sunday:</b>	Transfiguration of the Lord	
10.15 am	Mass	Mary Reilly
<b>Monday:</b>		
10.00 am	Mass	Joseph Almaguer
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St Dominic	
10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	
10.00 am	Mass	Mim Magor
<b>Thursday:</b>	St Lawrence	
10.00 am	Mass	Special Intention
<b>Friday:</b>	St Clare	
10.00 am	Mass	Patsy Robb
<b>Saturday:</b>		
10.00 am	Mass	Rose Boyle
<b>Sunday:</b>	Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	
10.15 am	Mass	Antonio Pacitto

**The Church is open for prayer every day** from 9.00 am until after Mass.

**Every Wednesday** there is tea and coffee after Mass in the Parish Room.

**Please note** that there will be no Exposition after Mass on Saturday.

**National Pilgrimage to Carfin in honour of Our Lady of Fatima:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Pilgrimage Mass at 3.00pm.

**Iona Pilgrimage for Youth:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. See poster for further information.

**The Ecumenical Core Group** invite you to a meeting at St Patrick's, Cowgate on Tuesday, 15 August, 7.30pm for 8.00pm, on the theme **"The Reformation from the Catholic Perspective"**. The guest speaker is the writer and broadcaster and former editor of the Catholic Herald Peter Stanford who has recently published a new work on Luther. There will be Mass at 6.30pm prior to the meeting.

### **Financial Matters:**

Last Sunday's Collection: £558.36

Contributions by Standing Order: £234.69

**Church Cleaning:** Team 1

**Tea Team for Next Sunday:** 3

### **Parish Contacts:**

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## Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

**Sunday Liturgy:** Order of Mass: 479

### **Hymns:**

Entry: 970 Be thou my vision  
Offertory: 644 Alleluia, sing to Jesus  
Communion: 720 Be still for the presence of the Lord  
633 Eat this bread  
Recessional: 771 Walk in the light

### **Summary of Readings:**

**Daniel 7:9-10,13-14** *Daniel gives a sublime description of heaven, with symbolic, mysterious language.*

**2 Peter 1:16-19** *Peter himself describes what he saw and heard on the mount of Transfiguration.*

**Matthew 17:1-9** Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him, and these three become witnesses of Jesus in his heavenly glory.

**Today's Liturgy:** 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 a 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 on the mountain to pray ...' 'To pray the scriptures is to descend to the level of the heart and find God' Michael Casey OCSO *(Reflection by Jane Mellett)*

**St Columba's Hospice** has vacancies for volunteers in a number of different roles, including driving, serving in the Iona and staff cafes & volunteer administration. If you have some spare time and are interested in helping this valuable Edinburgh institution, you will find further details at: <http://www.stcolumbashospice.org.uk/volunteer/volunteering-vacancies/>.