



WORKSOP
PRIORY
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ST PAUL'S



Second Sunday of Lent



Sunday 16 March 2025

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



Background to the Gospel

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter

reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus “master” instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this 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.



LOYOLA PRESS.

Please pray

for Fr Lee Dunleavy soon to be ordained priest

For peace especially in the DR Congo, the Holy Land, Lebanon, Ukraine, South Sudan, Sudan, Yemen and Syria; for all who suffer hunger

for our GP surgeries, hospice, hospital, and care homes;

for the sick, especially,

Bev, Christine, Eric, Jan, Jon, Pope Francis, Linda, Lynn, Mick, Paul, Richard, Tuomas and Wendy

for those who are unable to attend Mass,

Anne, Becky, Christine, Eileen, Hazel June, and Judith

and for those who have died recently,

Jeffery Hughes, Joan Margaret Barr and Andrew Higgins

for those whose anniversaries fall around this time.



16 Mar	Cecily Ruth Bembridge
17 Mar	Margaret Joyce Jackson
18 Mar	Evelyn Phoebe Chambers, Horace Ronald Palethorpe
19 Mar	Arthur Varley
21 Mar	Colin Arthur Hardwicke
22 Mar	Geoffrey Frost, Henry Joseph Hopkinson

Please for your charity continue to pray for the repose of the soul of **Andrew Higgins** who died peacefully on February 27th. Jesu have mercy; Mary pray.

Andrew will be received into church for 4pm on Sunday 23rd March to rest the night. His Funeral Mass will be at 9.30am on Monday 24th followed by cremation at Babworth. Please feel free to join in any of these and share the dates with others.



Services for the week ahead		
Today	9.30am 11.15am 11.30am	Mass at Priory with Junior Church Mass at St Paul's with Junior Church Mass at Clumber
Monday 17 March S Patrick	9.30am	Mass at Priory
Tuesday 18 March Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass at St Paul's
Wednesday 19 March S Joseph	9.30am	Mass at Priory
Thursday 20 March Lenten Feria	1.00pm 6.30pm	Funeral of Jeffrey Hughes Mass at Priory PCC at Priory
Friday 21 March Lenten Feria	12.00pm	Mass at Priory
Saturday 22 March Lenten Feria	9.30am 2.00pm 3.00pm	Mass at Priory Baptism at Priory Baptism at Priory
Next Sunday Third Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 4.00pm	Mass at Priory with Junior Church Mass at St Paul's with Junior Church Mass at Clumber Andrew Higgins received into Priory

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment, or before mass on Thursday Evening or Friday Lunchtime.

Please contact Fr Spicer for either Prayer or practical need. If requested, we will come and visit if we can, and especially in extremis.

If you go into hospital or a care home please give the staff our contact numbers so that we can visit.

Email: vicar@worksopriory.co.uk
Tel: 01909 472180

**Live streaming through Workstop
Priory Facebook Page will take place when-
ever possible and technology permits.**



Other Activities		
Tuesday 18 March	10am 10am 1-2pm 2-3pm 2.30pm	Coffee Morning at St Paul's Public Hour at St Paul's CommuniTea at St Paul's Community Pantry at St Paul's Lenten Study Group at 91 Beaumont Rise
Wednesday 19 March	10.15am 6 -7pm	Songs and Stories at Priory Community Pantry at St Paul's
Thursday 20 March	7.00pm	Priory PCC Meeting
Friday 21 March	10.30am	Public Hour at Priory

Public Hour

For booking Baptisms and Weddings and any general queries regarding Priory and St Paul's.



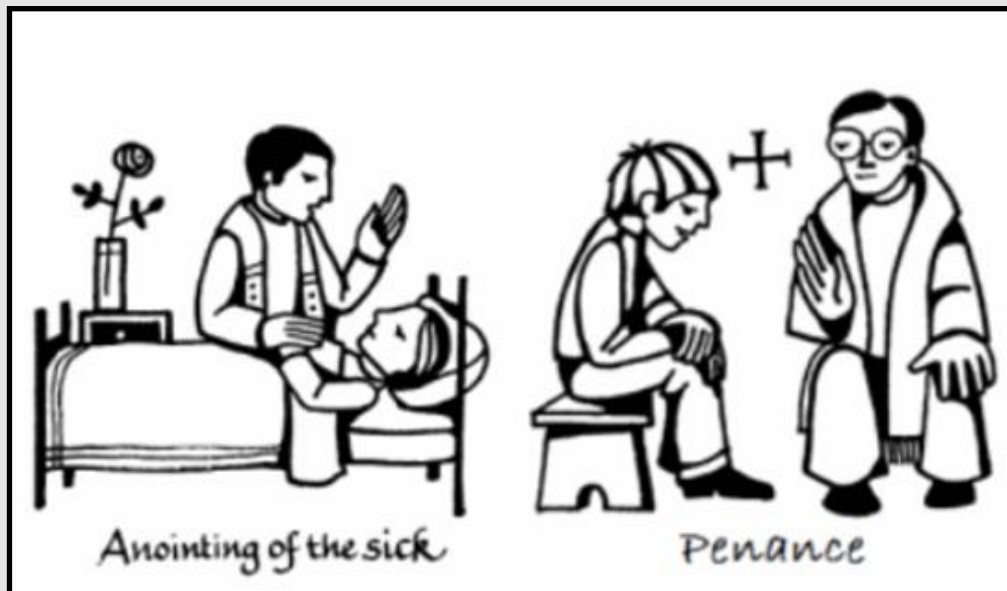
BAPTISM BOOKINGS AT PRIORY



Are you, or someone you know, wanting to have either a child or yourself baptised in Priory Church? Baptism Services generally take place during the first weekend of each month. Either at 4pm on Saturdays or 11am on Sundays.

Bookings are taken during the public hour in church on Fridays 10.30am to 11.30am when availability can be confirmed by Susan (Parish Administrator). For more information email admin@worksopriory.co.uk or call 07355 850735.

The Sacraments of Healing



Please contact Fr Spicer for either prayer or practical need. If requested, we will come and visit, if we can, and especially in extremis. If you go into hospital or a care home please give the staff our contact numbers so that we can visit.

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Our Giving

Bank details for standing orders or donations are:

Workshop Priory PCC:

Virgin Money Sort Code: 05-09-89 Account Number: 38125853

St Paul's Church (Manton) Workshop Parochial Church Council:

HSBC Sort Code 40-47-21 Account Number: 20724599

Due to bank charges for processing cheques and cash, we kindly ask that, wherever possible, people donate money using online banking, even for small amounts. This doesn't cost us a penny. Please indicate in the reference field who it's from, and what for, then we can Gift Aid your donation wherever possible.



For convenience there are also card machines in the Priory and St Paul's which can be used for donations or regular payments.



You can also donate to Priory quickly and easily by scanning our QR code, where there is an option to register to gift aid your donation, it takes a matter of seconds!

If you wish to continue to put cash in the collection plate each week, gift aid envelopes are only required for amounts over £30.

We are deeply grateful for all your continued financial support.



LENTEN STUDY GROUP

Every Sunday at Mass we recite together a summary of our faith called the Creed. The Creed mostly used is called the Nicene Creed. It is so called because it was drawn up by a council of the Church meeting in a place called Nicaea.



The Church was caught up in a series of disputes as to what was its authentic belief. Those present eventually formulated a statement that summarised what should be held true by all Christians. That statement is known as a creed, coming from the Latin word *credo*, meaning I believe. This year is the one thousand seven hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and is being used by many Christians to think more deeply about those words which have been handed on by the Church from generation to generation and are so often on our lips during worship.

Here at the Priory, S Paul's and Clumber Chapel, our Lenten study group, this year, will be exploring the Nicene Creed. We shall both seek to understand more of its meaning and also how better we might better live out its teaching. We will be meeting at my home:

91 Beaumont Rise

Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm (starting Tuesday 11 March).

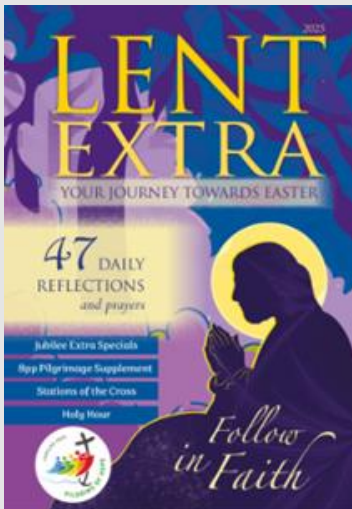
Please either sign the list in church or inform me personally if you plan to be present.

Father Jarrett

The Society of Mary and Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham



The Rosary is on Thursday 27th March at 6pm in Priory, followed by Mass. Fr Spicer would like to know of anyone who would like to join in either a mid week or weekend pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham. Please speak with him if you are interested or would like to find out more



In this year's ***Lent Extra*** magazine you will find:

- 47 daily reflections to help you get ready, remain hopeful and faithful this Lent.
- Discussion points that pose practical guidance for thoughtful prayer.
- Engaging articles

Copies of LENT EXTRA available in church for a £3.00 donation to cover the cost of purchase.



Opening Hours:

Tuesdays 2pm -3pm

Wednesdays 6pm -7pm

**All are welcome,
no referral necessary!**

£4.50 buys a mixed bag of produce, fresh and frozen and ambient products depending on availability.

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COUNTERS NEEDED

Could you possibly spare a little time after a Mass or other service that you attend to assist with counting the cash received in the collections we take?

It is good practice to have two people doing this and with the majority of giving now being done on-line it doesn't take very long!

Please either speak to Keith Wake (07500 781759) or Susan Bekisz (07355 850735) if you think you may be able to help.



Fr Dunleavy is to be ordained priest at 7pm Monday 24th March in S Cyprian's Church Nottingham NG3 7AN. He will offer a Mass of the Holy Spirit in S Cyprian's Saturday 29th March at 11am.

Everyone is welcome to attend both or either of these. Please hold him, his wife Sally and the people of S Cyprian's and S George's Nottingham in your prayers. Let us be thankful that the Lord in answering our prayer - "Give us Priests"



Bassetlaw Food Bank



There are collection boxes at the back of Priory and St Paul's Churches

Regular financial donations make a huge difference! 🍎

As grants and funding get harder to come by, knowing we have regular donations in means we know we can continue to support households in crisis in Bassetlaw.

You can set up regular or one off donation here:

[http://bit.ly/donate to BFB](http://bit.ly/donate_to_BFB)



WINNER

Wednesday 12th March

**The winners of the 12 March draw
to be announced next week.**

**There are still some numbers available for this
Priory fundraising venture. In addition to the
weekly draws there are two £100 draws and an
annual £500 draw. Each number is £1 per week.**

**If you would like to be in it to win it, contact Ivy
Underwood who will be happy to help you.**

ivy.underwood1945@gmail.com

or 07846 245859.



Worksop Priory C of E Primary Academy



Welcome to Priory Nursery and Reception



Our Nursery Times are:

Morning – 8:30am to 11:30am

Afternoon – 12:30am to 3:30pm

We are also able to offer 30 hrs by application



We offer some fun groups to attend *with your little one*, either before your child starts with us or once they are at Nursery.

Playgroup @ Priory Nursery

Activities, dancing, stories and rhymes for the under 5's. Every Monday
1.15 – 2.15pm.

Family Fitness

Action activities with stories and rhymes for the under 5's. Tuesday 3.30-4:15pm. Runs for six weeks each term, please contact the office for dates.

Wiggly Worship at Priory Church

For the under 5's (pram service), every Wednesday 10.15-11.15am.



We look forward to seeing you!

Contact the Academy Office on 01909 478886

Or email office@worksoppriory.snmatt.org.uk



MIDDAY MUSIC AT WORKSOP PRIORY

Easter to July 2025

THURSDAYS AT 12 NOON for half an hour

Free entry; hot drinks; optional collection.



*** returning performers**

- April 24 *Samuel Davie – Baritone, Durham - student
- May 01 *Thomas Howell – Organ, Birmingham - student
- May 08 Karen Ann Gooding – Mezzo-soprano, Louth
- May 15 *Caroline Horne/ Mosaic Recorder Consort – Worksop
- May 22 *Rosemary Field – Organ, Worksop
- May 29 is Ascension Day. Sung Mass with choir, 6.30 p.m.
- May 30 FRIDAY Stellarum - Professional vocal consort, dir. Richard Prior
- June 05 *Haydn Lee – Piano, Worksop
- June 12 *Ian Bevell – Organ, Worksop
- June 19 *Nicholas Konradsen – Folk pipes and strings, Louth
- June 26 *Angela Sones – organ, Birmingham
- July 03 Holly Riordan, Cello, Grantham - student
- July 10 *Soprano tbc*
- July 17 *Priory Church Choir
- July 24 Audience concert – musicians among us, please join.

Performers may be replaced if unavoidable circumstances apply.

Series resumes after an August break, for September and October.

SONGS AND STORIES FOR BABIES, TODDLERS & PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Every Wednesday 10.15am-11.am in church.

All parents, carers, grandparents and childminders are welcome to bring children to join in these friendly and fun sessions.

Most weeks we are also joined by a small group of nursery children & staff from Priory School who bring a craft activity along.

Please spread the word amongst your family and friends. Also, if you can help our lovely volunteers with helping set up, run or clear up afterwards we would love to hear from you.



A Lenten Reflection...



Give up complaining; focus on gratitude
Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts
Give up worry; trust divine Providence
Give up discouragement; be full of hope
Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness
Give up hatred; return good for evil
Give up negativism; be positive
Give up pettiness; become mature
Give up jealousy; pray for trust

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achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-st-cuthbert-worksop-priory

Safeguarding matters please contact:

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admin@worksoppriory.co.uk 07355 850735

Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org 01636 817200

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The Society

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