



## *Parish of the Sacred Heart and St Thérèse of the Child Jesus*

Welcome to Mass! Do please join in the singing of congregational hymns and enjoy our fellowship.

Second Week of Lent – Year B2, Psalter 2	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Lent	Ethel and Fred Welch RIP
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February – Second Sunday of Lent 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Thanksgiving Imelda and Jim John Holmes RIP
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – 9am Mass</b>	David Copeland RIP
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – 10am Mass	Kathleen and James Falconer
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February – 10am Mass	Fr. John Smethurst RIP
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 12 Noon Requiem Mass</b>	Fr John Smethurst RIP
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Lent	Valerie Dobson RIP
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Harry McDermott RIP Skitch family

**Sacrament of reconciliation: Saturday before Mass 5.15 – 5.45pm.**

**Pastoral visits** for the anointing of the sick are permitted at home, in our care homes and in hospital, so do please contact the parish office as necessary to arrange a visit by the parish priest or EMHC.

*Please note the Parish Office is usually open Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9am to 12 noon.*

*Fr. Ralph's day off is usually on a Monday.*

### **This Week's Sunday Gospel: The Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-10)**

As the time of the Passion approaches, the foreboding of the disciples grows. Jesus sustains them with this vivid manifestation of himself in glory. On the holy mountain of revelation, they see him transformed. It was a real visual experience, though described in symbols familiar from the Bible - brilliant white clothes, and so on. Moses and Elijah are seen there because they also had experienced the vision of God on the holy mountain: Moses when he had received the Law from God on Mount Sinai; Elijah when he encountered God in the cave on Mount Horeb. The disciples were frightened, confused, and overcome at the awesome experience, and yet, at the same time, comforted in such a way that Peter wanted to prolong it. Their reaction to the presence of the Lord will later be reflected by that of Christian mystics – both a reassuring terror and a frightening homeliness, the awareness of a presence which is awesome yet comforting - an experience which cannot fully be put into words. The Voice from Heaven is an echo of the Voice heard at Jesus' Baptism. There, however, the Voice was addressed to Jesus, whereas here it is spoken to the disciples, proclaiming Jesus as authorized teacher, the one who speaks with the authority of the Beloved Son. When and how do you meet Jesus? How do you respond to God? Are you frightened of God, or is God a comfort to you?

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Parish Priest: Fr Ralph Candy

*Fr Ralph writes...*

**CAFOD Family Fast Day collection this weekend:** This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools, and training to feed their families for good. Give in the second collection today or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Check our noticeboards for more information about CAFOD's appeal. You can still bring the envelope back next week and place it in the collection basket or hand to the parish greeters or to Fr Ralph.

**Fr. JOHN SMETHURST RIP:** His Requiem Mass will take place here, at the Sacred Heart Church, on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 12 noon**. (Fr. John's vigil will take place at Holy Angels on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm.) May his soul rest in peace.

**SOUL LISTENING WORKSHOP:** An interactive prayer workshop led by Julia Beacroft for the Year of Prayer. Join us on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10am** starting with a **Service of the Word** in church.

### **CAFOD Big Lent Walk**

Put your faith into action this Lent by connecting with your local and global community in a meaningful way. Sign up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and challenge yourself to walk 200km in 40 days. You'll be joining a big team all over England, Wales and Scotland walking, raising money and helping people around the world as they overcome poverty. You can sign up at [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk)

### **A ZOOM LENT COURSE 2024 Friday's at 7pm**

The Parish of All Saints in Teignmouth is again organizing a series of Lenten Talks on Zoom to which anyone is welcome.

16 Feb - The Temptations, Rev Nick Johnson

1 March - The Transfiguration, Fr Andrew Marlborough

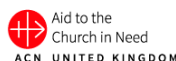
8 March - The Woman at the Well, Mrs Deborah Fisher

15 March - The Man born blind, Fr Ignatius Raj SDM

22 March - The Raising of Lazarus, Mr Gerard Gillespie.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83445840521?pwd=K3lKRfVGbnY0eEMzc3pVMVhOcnFCdz09#success>

Meeting ID: 834 4584 0521 Passcode: 862737



### **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)**

is looking for an **ACN Parish Volunteer**

Through prayer, awareness, and action we support suffering and persecuted Christians.

If you think you would like to support ACN within your parish, please contact me.

Stephen Riedlinger Community Outreach ACN

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**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** 17/18<sup>th</sup> February £653.24. Thank you for your generosity.

Thanks also to the **Circle of Friends** for their generous donation towards the upkeep of the church hall – it's very much appreciated.