

# 2nd Sunday in Lent

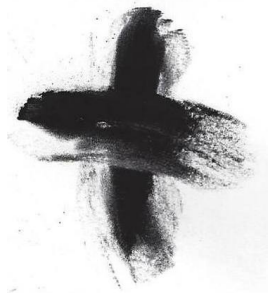
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"The water that I will give him will become a spring of water within him welling up to eternal life."  
JOHN 4:14

This Sunday's Gospel tells of the Transfiguration. We are told in the Gospels that Jesus did not face the knowledge of his upcoming death alone. This is emphasised in what we hear on Sunday which tells us that Jesus is given the strength to make that journey to Jerusalem in the declared love of the Father. The direction which Jesus has to follow will cost him his life and Matthew shows us that Jesus is not just the one who is to suffer but that he is the beloved Son of God. These two go together. The suffering and the glory are evident in the one person of Jesus. In the transfiguration, the name of Jesus is called in love: he is named and owned by the Father and we are all directed to listen to him.

In our own journeys we can face difficult decisions more surely in the knowledge that we are loved and supported. When we hear our name called in love, we can face our road to Jerusalem. The power of that love funds us to face the future, just as its absence would make the future a more difficult concept. In the death of Christ, God demonstrated the extremes of His love. It is that love that we must remember and celebrate.



*God of goodness and mercy,*

*Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love.*

*Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.*

*Amen.*

In addition, this week let us pray for:

- ◆ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning;
- ◆ all the Lenten intentions and promises throughout our community;
- ◆ all those around the world who need to share in the light of Christ to live in peace and harmony;
- ◆ all those affected by the ongoing war.



**His face shone like the sun.**

**Matthew 17:1-9**