



15th February 2026
Sunday Next Before Lent

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Lent Course

At 2.30 pm on Tuesdays from 24th February to 24th March, Fr Tony Dickinson will lead this group on an exploration of the Passion story, based on his book, *Faces in the Crowd*. If you plan to come, please add your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Exodus: 24: 12-18

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me

on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 79 **Bright the Vision**

Offertory hymn 445 **Meekness and Majesty**

Recessional hymn 306 **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 16th February Mark 8: 11 – 13

12.00 noon Interment of ashes

2.30 pm Viewing of *The Chosen*

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 17th February Mark 8: 14 – 21

2.00 pm Funeral of Lilian Joyce Tucker

Wed 18th February Mark 7: 14 – 23

12.00 noon Eucharist for Ash Wednesday

7.00 pm Parish Eucharist for Ash Wednesday

Thu 19th February Luke 9: 22 – 25

Fri 20th February Matthew 9: 14 – 15

11.00 am Funeral of Joan Mundy

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 21st February Luke 5: 27 – 32

Next Sunday: 22nd February

First Sunday of Lent

Matthew 4: 1 – 11

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Psalm 2

Why are the nations in tumult, and why do the peoples devise a vain plot? The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his anointed: 'Let us break their bonds asunder and cast away their cords from us.' He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury: 'Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.' I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' Now therefore be wise, O kings; be prudent, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet, lest he be angry and you perish from the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all they who take refuge in him.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

