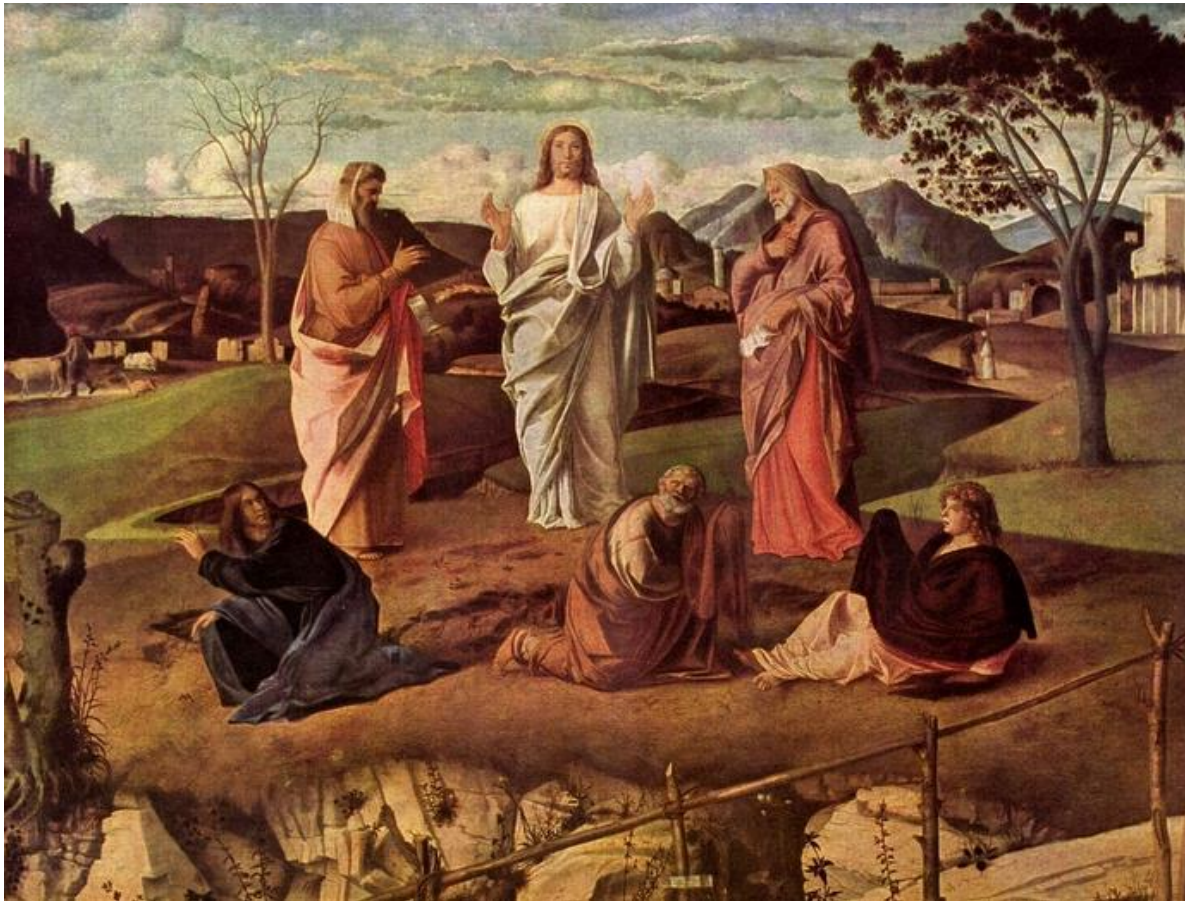


## SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Transfiguration of Christ from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, Artist: Giovanni Bellini (1426-1516)  
Date: 1480-1485 Building: National Museum of Capodimonte, Naples, Italy

## **Transfiguration Sunday, Sunday before Lent**

Welcome to Saint John's especially all who are visiting today.

An audio *loop system* is in operation for those with hearing aids. The order of service is available to download from the website and the 10.30am is livestreamed on St John's Malone YouTube channel. Those baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and are communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion, according to conscience.

**Today: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel *said***

**10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist Coffee/tea follows this service**

**The Eucharist ~See service booklet for 10:30am if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004**

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Organ Voluntary	Fugue in D minor (The Giant) BWV680 – JS Bach
Office Setting	Davison/Stanford in F



**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 and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**[First Reading Exodus 24:12–18**

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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 Israelites. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God]**

**Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16–21**

<sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor 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.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading *Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Mathew chapter seventeen beginning at verse one. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

### **Matthew 17:1–9**

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>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.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*  
***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### **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. **Amen**

## Services this week

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent:**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**7.30pm Choral Eucharist with imposition of ashes**

~~Zoom Compline See eNewsletter for access code and link~~

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February N.B.** There will not be a service this week at 10:30.

*A cup of tea/coffee is now available after this service.*

**Next Sunday: First Sunday in Lent | 22.02.26**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel *said***

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist *Coffee / Tea follows this service and all are welcome***

**18.30 p.m. Choral Evensong**



**Prayer Diary: Week beginning 15/02/2026**

**Porvoo Communion Churches:**

**Church of Ireland:** United diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe, Bishop Michael Burrows

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:** Diocese of Roskilde, Bishop Ulla Thorbjörn Hansen

**Notices:** |Sign up for the regular email Newsletter – Please do sign up for this to keep up to date with the parish programme events and link to the parish magazine.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** A limited number of hard copies of the magazine will be available at the rear of the church but printed copies of the magazine are limited as we move to digital distribution of the Magazine by a link in the eNewsletter. Please let the parish office know if you do not already receive the eNewsletter by email [secstjohns@btconnect.com](mailto:secstjohns@btconnect.com)

**Contactless Payments** The Select Vestry has made a contactless payment devices available in the parish and may be used for any donations you'd like to make at social time after the service in the hall or in the vestibule.

**Giving and Stewardship** in St Johns' much of our income received is through the Free Will Offering Scheme using either envelopes or increasingly, by Standing Order. Standing order forms are available by asking the Churchwardens or contacting the Office or [secstjohns@btconnect.com](mailto:secstjohns@btconnect.com). Alternatively if you wish to make a donation then the account details for St John's are also available from the Wardens. Your donations help us maintain our buildings and support ministry and outreach here in St John's and more widely.

### **Organising your wedding in St John's**

Weddings are special occasions in the life of any family and of the Church. We'd be delighted to talk to anyone contemplating their wedding in St John's. When considering getting married please check possible dates with the Rector before confirming any other arrangements. It is expected that couples will make a regular commitment to the life of the Church in preparation for marriage.

### **Hospital Visiting**

The Rector would appreciate knowing if parishioners are going into or are in hospital or discharged and is pleased to offer pastoral support.

### **Safeguarding**

The Rector, select vestry and parish leaders are committed to uphold the good practice to the parish's ministry with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Should you have any concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish please contact a member of the **Parish panel**. Rev Canon Stephen Fielding 9066 6644 | Mrs Patricia Armstrong 07854005699 | Dr Anthony Stevens 07710647080

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*Please take this booklet home with you for the readings, notices and reference during the week and recycle.*

## **READINGS:**

**Exodus 24:12-18:** God calls Moses to come up the mountain to receive God's commands, and he obeys and spends 40 days and nights with God on the mountain.

**2 Peter 1:16-21:** Peter affirms the reliability of his teaching, and that of the other apostles, reminding his readers of his experience with Jesus on the mountain, and confirming his trust in the message of the prophets.

**Matthew 17:1-9:** Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain, where he is transfigured and talks to Moses and Elijah who appear with him. God proclaims Jesus to be God's beloved son, and afterward, Jesus instructs the disciples not to tell anyone what they have seen until after the resurrection.

## **REFLECTIONS ON THEME:**

The heart of this year's transfiguration readings is God's affirmation – especially of Christ. In Exodus, Moses is called to meet with God on the mountain to receive God's commands, both affirming the leadership and ministry of Moses, and foreshadowing the meeting of Jesus with God on the mountain. Peter draws attention to his experience of Christ's transfiguration, and of God's voice affirming Christ, and on the basis of this affirms the trustworthiness of the prophets' message. All of these passages serve to draw our attention to God's voice speaking from out of the cloud and affirming Christ, as well as to the affirmation of Moses and Elijah in their appearance to Christ in this event. Since God saw fit to affirm Christ in this way, it raises the question of what that means for us. In the first place, it must challenge us to reflect again on our view of Christ. It must cause us to think again about the way in which we believe God's affirmation and act on it in our response to Christ. In the second place, God's affirmation of Christ, becomes the basis on which we trust and adopt Christ's way of living – as Peter suggests. This moment, placed before Christ turns toward his death, was intended to affirm again that his way of sacrifice is God's chosen way. This was an advance assurance for the disciples, who faced deep doubt in the face of Christ's death, but is also an affirmation for us as we face times when Christ's way appears to be "failing" or costing us too much, or doesn't make sense.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**18th February 2026**



Services:

10:30am Holy Communion

7:30pm Choral Eucharist  
with the imposition of  
Ashes.



**Lent 2026 in St John's Malone**

This day helps us realize that both our sinfulness before God and our human mortality have been conquered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

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**Church Organisations**

Sunday School; Mothers' Union; St John's Choir; Servers/Acolytes; Junior Orchestra; Parents & Toddlers; Seated Seniors Pilates; Walking Group; Study Group; Select Vestry and its Committees plus Churchwardens and Glebewardens' responsibilities; The Bigger Picture

**Non-parochial groups**

Scout Group; Guide Organisations; Scottish Country Dancing; Cappella Caeciliana Choir; NI Community Chorus; Laura Walker Ballet School:

**Other Parish Activities**

Parish Panel Safeguarding Team

Bible Reading Fellowship Notes are available

Thursday morning Eucharist & Coffee

Midweek Zoom Compline - online

Worship Rotas – reading, intercessing, administering the chalice

Audio Visual Team for livestreaming

Bell Ringing Team

Coffee Rota

Parish Magazine and eNewsletter

Advent & Lent Parish Books

Clergy Vestry Cleaning; Church Linen & Sacristy Team

Choir refreshments for Choral Evensong

Church Counting Rota

A small parish library is available to borrow from in the Edward Darling Room

The Book Exchange – available all through the week in the annex between the two halls

Church and Parish Halls and Rooms cleaning

Parish Office – see above

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