

Worthing Deanery Prayer

The theme of this week 13th March 2017.

Focus



Reflection

This week we hear the story of the Transfiguration when Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain to pray to God his Father. It is one of those stories from the gospels that is so familiar to us but we often fail to listen to it and understand it. And yet in this scripture God does something we rarely experience in the New Testament – God speaks directly to us, and tells us to listen. “This is my Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.” Today, I know I need to set aside time to consciously listen to God’s Son. What is Jesus saying to me today? What is Jesus asking me to do in Lent and beyond? What are we being asked to do for our families, friends and neighbours-near and far. Let’s continue to pray and listen, fast and give to our school charities. **And how might we be transfigured, turned into something even more beautiful, through listening to the stories of others this week in our schools?** “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” Amen. (1 Samuel 3:9)

Prayer

Prayer of St Patrick

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me.

Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.

Christ on my right, Christ on my left.

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down. Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me. Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.

Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me. Amen.



From the bible

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Matthew 17: 5