

Welcome to Week 2!

Stepping Forward in Love

Stepping Forward in Love inspired by Scripture

2nd Sunday of Lent Gospel - Luke 9: 28b-36

Jesus is transfigured before them

Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray, and revealed to them something of His divinity, and the glory of heaven; this was to strengthen them for the passion that was to come.

Lord, reveal to me something of Your divinity. Help me to know your Holy Spirit is always with me to guide me and strengthen me. Lord, let us see your glory in our lives and help us know Your love.

Don't forget if your children would like to watch a short Sunday liturgy to prepare for Mass, there are many good ones, but you could start with

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/> (main video is for ages 8-12 and Little Liturgies is for age 7 and below).

Stepping Forward in Love through the example of the saints

Saint Patrick (circa fifth century) Sun 17th March

Saint Patrick lived only four or five hundred years after Christ, at a time and in a place where not much history was written down, so we do not know much about him for certain. However, there is a long tradition that he was a missionary to Ireland where he converted many Celtic pagans to Christianity, and where he was eventually a bishop. There is a legend that he stood on a hilltop and banished all the snakes from Ireland: they all slithered away into the sea, which explains why there are no snakes in Ireland today. This legend might not be literally true, but it symbolises Saint Patrick driving out false beliefs and evil. Whatever the details of his life may have been, he is venerated in Ireland today as a great saint, and the bringer of Christianity. Some people call him Apostle of Ireland. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Because he converted the druids, people often pray to him for protection from false teaching, magic, and witchcraft.

Does anything have power over me which is not God (for example computer games, toys, or sweets)? Saint Patrick, help me to be free of all addictions and false attachments, so I can be more free to love God and other people.

Saint Patrick pray for us.

Saint Joseph 19th March

Joseph, who was a carpenter, was betrothed to Mary when the Holy Spirit conceived Jesus in her womb. It was a big problem to be expecting a baby before being married, but an angel told Joseph to marry Mary anyway. Joseph was such a good and holy man that he obeyed the angel, and he loved and cared for Mary and his stepson Jesus. He made sure that Mary and the baby she was expecting were safe on the dangerous journey to Bethlehem for the Roman census, and afterwards took them to Egypt to escape Herod who wanted to kill Jesus because Herod knew Jesus was a king. He made sure that the Holy Family observed the Jewish Law and took his family to the Temple for Jesus to be presented to God, and, later, to Jerusalem when Jesus was about twelve.

Saint Joseph is a very important saint and is the patron saint of many things, among them fathers and workers. Traditionally in the Catholic church, the month of March is dedicated to him.

Do I need help to focus on my schoolwork or any household chores I have been given? Do I need to ask for help to work cheerfully rather than complaining?

Saint Joseph pray for us.

Stepping Forward in Love begins with prayer

- ❖ Light a candle, find somewhere quiet and take a moment to pray to Saint Patrick to help you grow in faith, hope and love.
- ❖ Pray to St Joseph for your dad, your grandfather, your Godfather, Fr Mark and Fr Benedict and others who look after you
- ❖ Pray for all the children making their First Reconciliation next weekend
- ❖ Pray to St Joseph for those who look after you, and for your parish priests. You might like to pray the St Joseph prayer with your family.
- ❖ *Extended confession time will be on Saturdays throughout Lent 9:30am - 12pm at St Peter's (upstairs in the Pastoral Centre)*
- ❖ Pray to the Holy Spirit to help you grow in love and holiness this Lent.

Activities

- ❖ Shamrock/Trinity Craft:

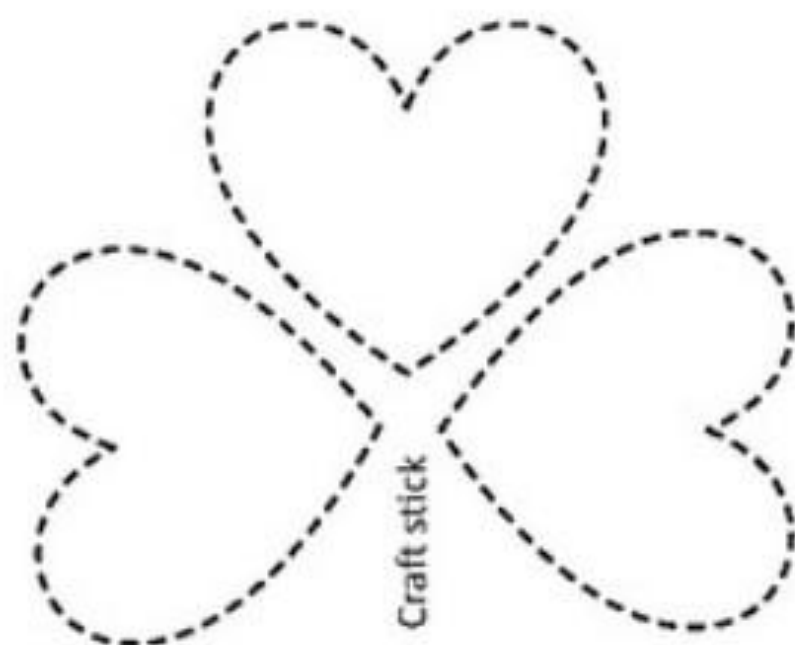
St Patrick taught the mystery of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using a shamrock.

1. Cut out 3 heart shapes from green paper or card (or you could paint or colour white card)
2. Write 'Father' on one, 'Son' on another, and 'Holy Spirit' on the third (you could even draw on a heart with God the Father, a cross with God the Son - Jesus, and a dove or flame for God the Holy Spirit)
3. Stick them together either on a lolly stick, or on another piece of paper and draw the stem in.
4. You now have your shamrock to help you explain the mystery of the Trinity!

Cut on the dotted lines.

Glue shapes onto a craft stick to form a shamrock.

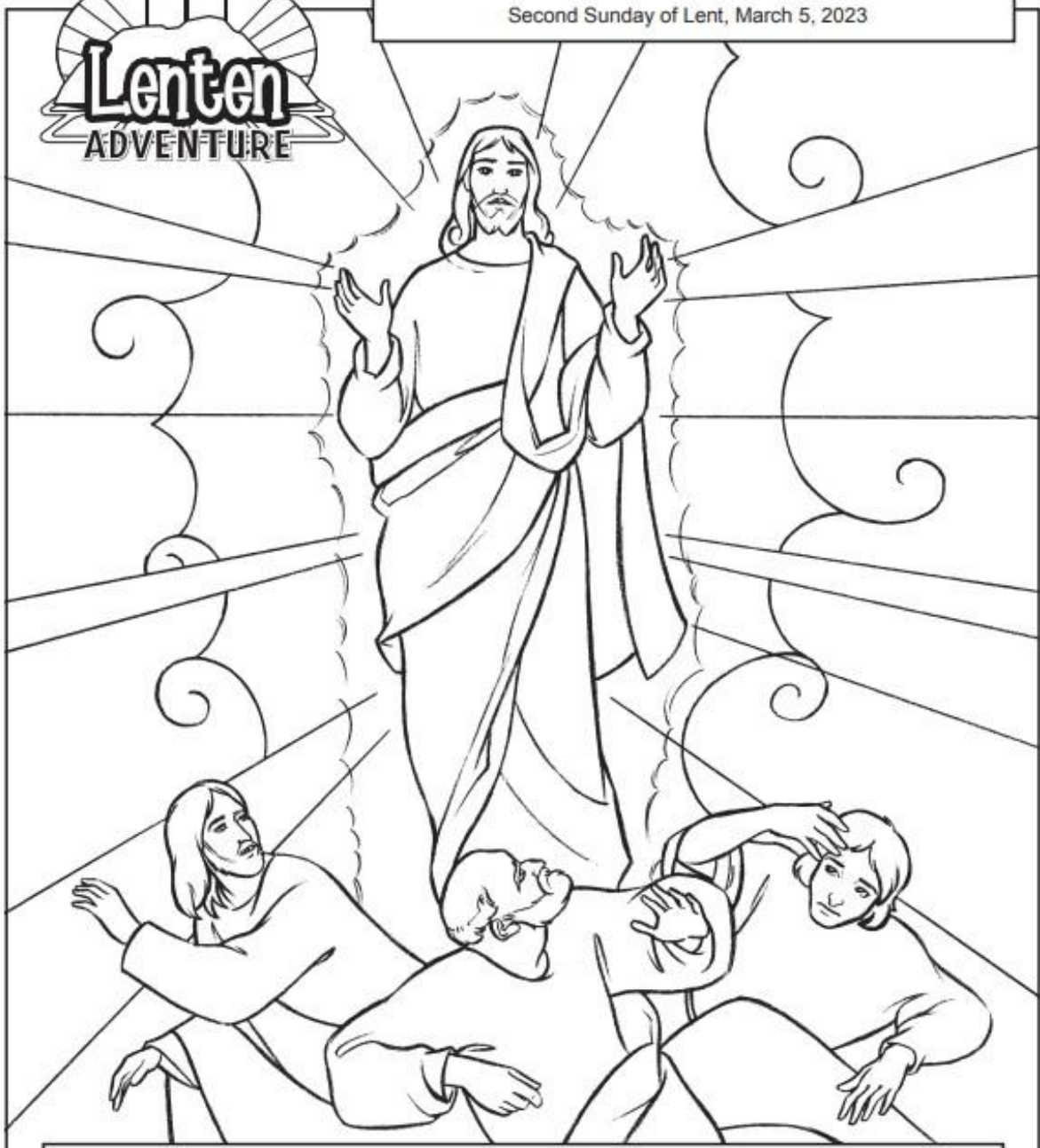
Glue a word onto each shape.



Father	Son	Holy Spirit
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Second Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2023



Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. ... behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

(Matthew 17:1-2,5)

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Transfiguration

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The Transfiguration

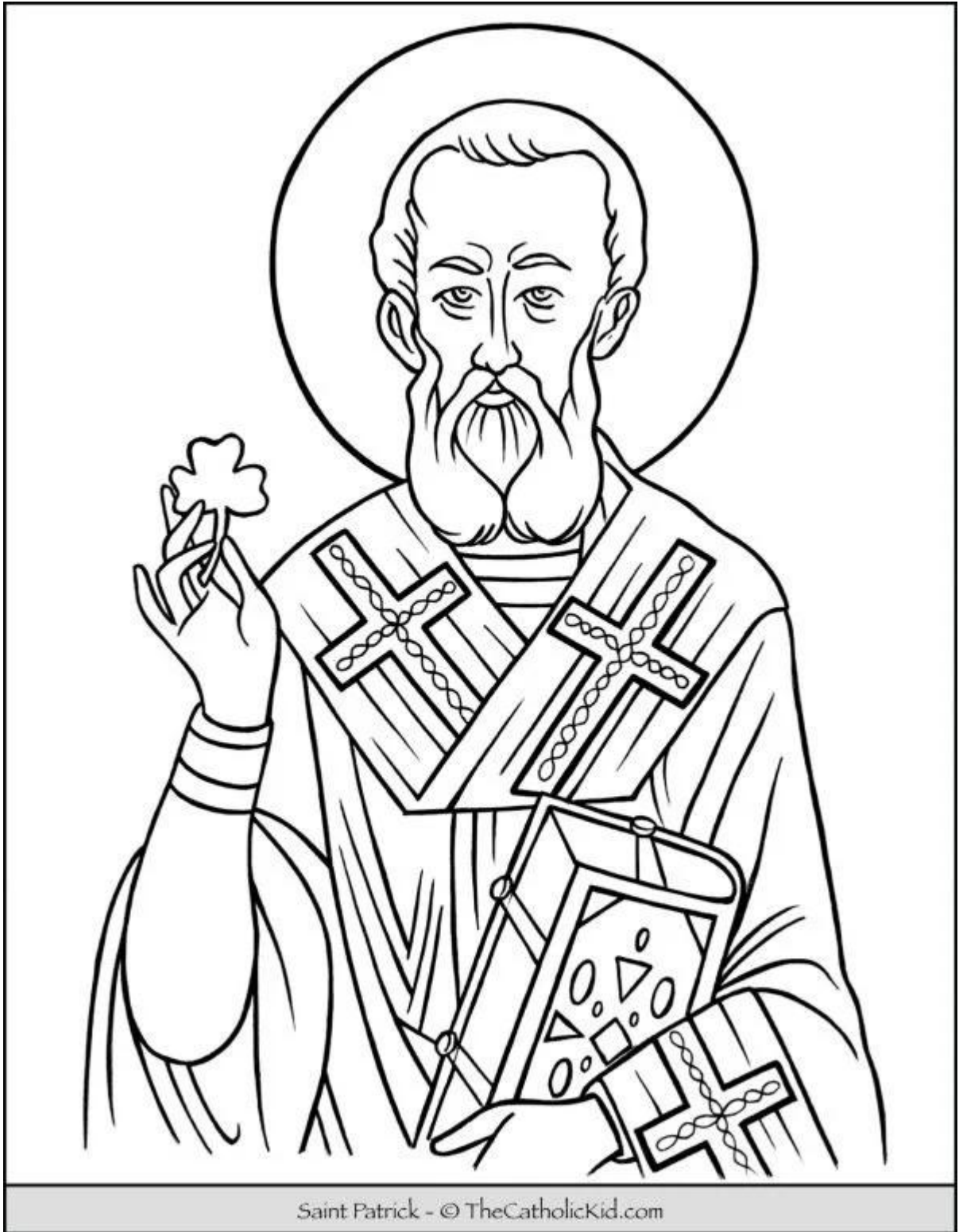
As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).

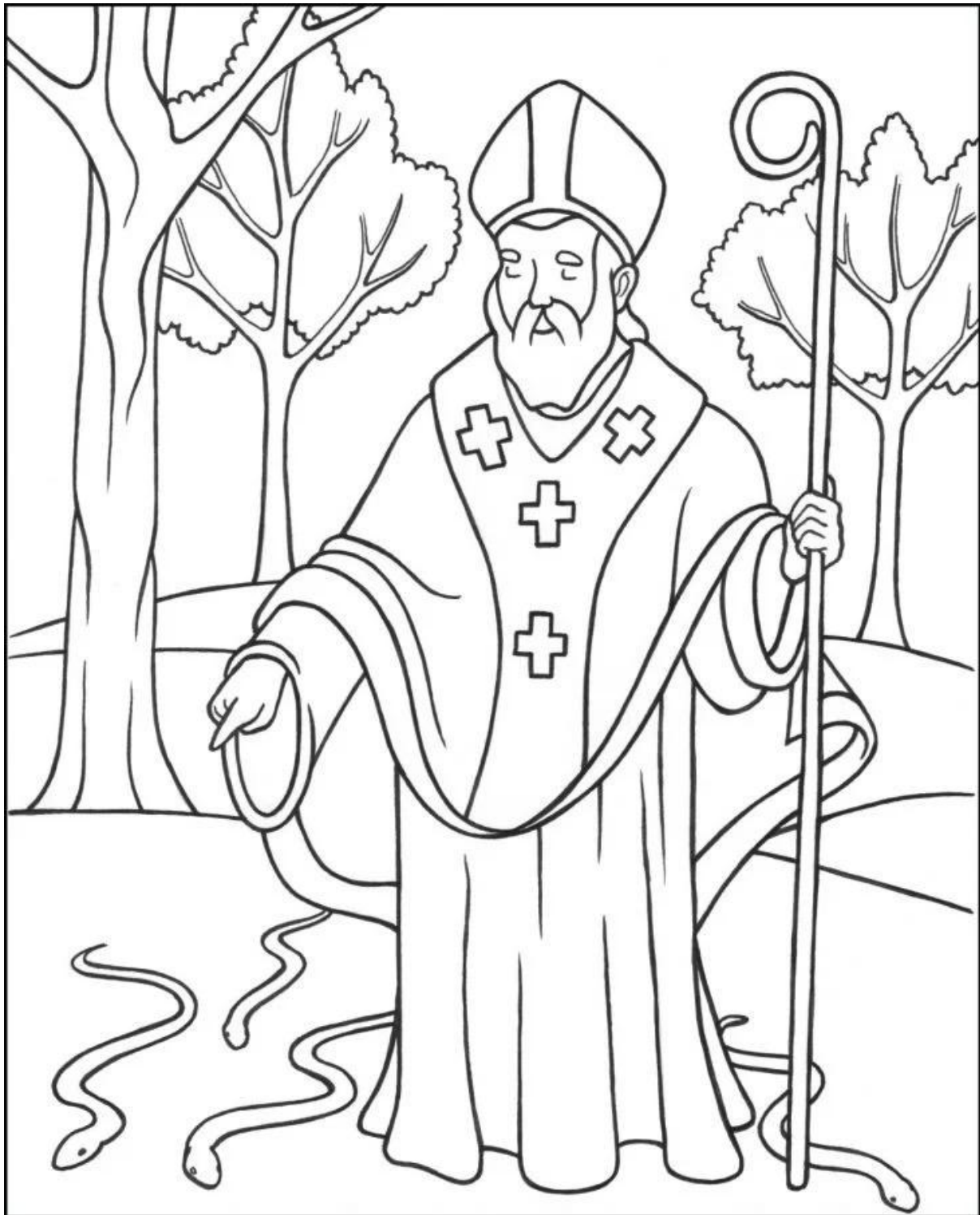


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JAMES	PRAY	CHOSEN	CLOTHES	ELIJAH
TALKING	FACE	BRIGHT	APPEARED	DISCIPLES



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