

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 28th February 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

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Hospital Visitation: is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



Second Sunday of Lent - Transfiguration

Can you recall a time when you had an 'aha moment'? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from spiritual practice. These are special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These moments move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration.

In the Gospel today, Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an experience of course he would want to stay there. What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment?

As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. These moments of Transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths, sustaining us on the way.

'The Lord is more constant and far more extravagant than it seems to imply. Wherever you turn your eyes the world can shine like transfiguration. You don't have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see. Only, who could have the courage to see it?' (Marilynne Robinson)



This year Trocaire's Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the Impact of Conflict on Families in South Sudan. This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity. Trocaire boxes are available at the back of the Church or visit the website <https://www.trocaire.org> for more options to donate.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 28th February, 2021

Sunday 28th Feb.	10:00am	Maureen Rice <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Veronica (Vera) Gow <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Oliver Rafferty <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Martha Lowth; Molly Browne & Jack Ball; Margaret Hughes; David Tuite; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
Monday 1st March	10:00am	Sean & Nuala Mc Donnell <i>50th Wedding Anniversary</i> ; Special Intention
Tuesday	10:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	10:00am	Special Intention
Thursday	10:00am	Clare & Fintan Keegan
Friday 5th March	10:00am	First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Arthur Hughes <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Annie Cooney; Oliver, Tom, Joe & Frank Byrne
Sunday 7th March	10:00am	Dolores Meegan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Paula Mimna <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Thomas Curran; Betty Johnston; Con O'Brien & Cassie O'Brien; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke

St Mary's Schedule (On webcam only.)



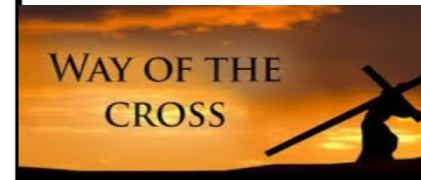
We earnestly hope that in 2021 we will find ourselves vaccinated, going back to work or finding new jobs, heading back to school, and breathing a sigh of relief.

We all look forward to a resumption of our visits to our elderly in our nursing homes and those who have been confined to their homes. Our prayers are with those families who lost loved ones during the course of the pandemic. Yet, like we do in the seasons of Advent and Lent, we must stay alert and prepare for whatever may lie ahead.

We want to say a very special thank you to so many of our parishioners who volunteered to help out in so many ways in the past few months. We have a wonderful team of parishioners who have helped to keep our church safe for everyone.

Mass will be celebrated privately each day at 10:00am and will be available via webcam. You can join us by going online to our website live stream. The Church will be open each day from 11:00am to 4:00pm so that people can call in to say a prayer or light a candle. Copies of the parish bulletin will be available in the Church.

Adoration in the main Church Monday to Friday 11:00am to 4:00pm.



Each Friday from 10:30am - 11:00am in the Church we will play a recording of the Stations of the Cross and you can join us via our webcam.



Diocese of Meath Vocations

Jesus said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." (Jn 12:32). Is the Lord drawing you to Him in a call to the Sacred Priesthood? Please join us for an hour of Adoration and reflection on the call of Jesus who wants to lift you to Himself on Thursday 4th March @ 7pm by Livestream on the Diocesan Facebook Page.

Tarsus Scripture School-for Lent and Easter 2021

Easter: Weaving the Tapestry of Death and New Life

9 pre-recorded lectures; 1 webinar; 1 meditation (€30)

"Behold my servant": the Servant of the Lord in Isaiah (Jessie Rogers)

"And when I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself": Easter in John (Sean Goan)

"Dying and raised to new life in Christ": Salvation in Romans. (Kieran J. O'Mahony)

For registration and further details, please go to: www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie.

A prayer for those who died...



Martin Farrelly, St. Finian's Park & formerly Yellowbatter
Oliver Byrne, Dublin & formerly Windmill Road

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can now use the **donate** button facility on our website. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.