

Extract from a homily by St. Jon Paul II

“In the event of the Transfiguration we contemplate the mysterious encounter between history, which is being built every day, and the blessed inheritance that awaits us in heaven in full union with Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. We, pilgrims on earth, are granted to rejoice in the company of the transfigured Lord when we immerse ourselves in the things of above through prayer and the celebration of the divine mysteries. But, like the disciples, we too must descend from Tabor into daily life where human events challenge our faith. On the mountain we saw; on the paths of life we are asked tirelessly to proclaim the Gospel which illuminates the steps of believers... we are made for eternity and eternity begins at this very moment, since the Lord is among us and lives with and in his Church”.

In 2002, St. John Paul II selected the Transfiguration as one of the five Luminous Mysteries of the rosary.

Fr Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Fr Sean O’Neill	Sat 6.30pm Tony Conway
Tues 8.00am Tona Morgan	Sun 8.30am Mary Scahill
Tues 10.00 In Thanksgiving	
Wed 8.00am Harry Sheridan	Sun 11.00pm Bridie Ferris Kevin Byrne (MM)
Wed 10.00am Harry Sheridan	
Thurs 8.00am Sr Laborine Cuddy	Sun 6.30pm Elizabeth O’Brien
Thurs 10.00am Michael Ciosoig	
Fri 8.00am Harry Sheridan	
Fri 10.00am Christopher Fitzsimons	

Church of the Visitation Drynam *The Visitation of the BVM*

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)& 12 noon.

We will continue to have Sunday Masses in Scoil an Duininigh Hall with entrance from the rear of the school.



Living the Paschal Mystery

Jesus’ response to the crowd’s needs was an in-breaking of God’s kingdom, embodied by the very person and presence of Jesus whom the crowd sought. If we are the presence of the risen Christ today, then we too are an in-breaking of God’s kingdom when we reach out in compassion to satisfy the needs of others.

One challenge, then, of our everyday living of the paschal mystery is to see in the self-sacrificing dying we embrace for the sake of others as an in-breaking of God’s presence and kingdom. In other words, our compassion and care for others is more than simply satisfying another’s need (as important even as that is in itself); like Jesus, our compassion carries with it the foretaste of eternal life. This places our everyday self-sacrificing in a whole different context, and so we are better able to see how our dying to self leads to rising to eternal life. At the same time, sometimes we must hold our own hands out and say, “I’ll have some of that.” We must be willing to receive the life that divine presence brings, whether that comes through liturgy and prayer or through the goodness of others, and, always, we are given life in abundance. (Source: *Living Liturgy*)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Joan Parker

Seatown Villas



Fr. Michael Carey-8403378: Fr. Peter McCarron-8405948.

Parish Secretary: Colette Stokes - Parish Office, Seatown Road-8407277

(Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm & Tues-Thurs 2pm-4pm)

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

We are made for eternity and eternity begins at this very moment

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

Newsletter Sunday 6th August 2017

If you look at a marble statue, especially one that you delight in, it is easy to forget that this wonderful sculpture was once a rough block of marble cut out of the mountainside. In a similar way, a painter takes a blank canvas and transfigures it into an image that people delight in looking at. Or a writer takes blank pages and transfigures them into something engaging and absorbing to read.

People too can be transfigured. One obvious example being, people at an airport waiting on a loved one. They search each face as the passengers come through the arrival doors. When they recognise their loved one, their faces light up. In a sense, they become transfigured. All of us, I am sure, would have had transfiguration moments. Such moments will often be times when we hear our name spoken in love, when we have a deep sense that we are accepted and valued by someone. We find it easy to remember these moments and in more difficult times we can find ourselves going back to such moments in memory and continuing to draw life from them. Such experiences live on in our memories, and can sustain us long after they have happened.

We need this sustaining memory and this ability to reflect, because we cannot stay on top of the mountain – we cannot build three tents as Peter wanted to do in order to stay there, in order to stay in the moment. The moment ends and we have to come down.

But in coming down the mountain, the Lord is with us and this is where we need him most – in the ordinary ‘hum drum’ of everyday living.

But it is in these ordinary moments that the Lord continues to reach out and touch us – but we must have eyes with which to see, ears with which to hear. These transfiguration moments, the sense of God saying to us, ‘You are my chosen one’ can come to us through an experience of prayer, an experience of nature - which can leave us with a deep feeling of wonder and gratitude. It can come through the celebration of the sacraments. God’s love can touch us at a very deep level in and through the sacrament of reconciliation or the sacrament of the Eucharist. We can come away from those sacramental moments transfigured in some way.

In the Gospel, Jesus on the mountain, experienced a love that was faithful enough to carry him through his passing in Jerusalem, (in other words, his death.) and the experience of such a love was transfiguring.

Hopefully there will be moments in our own lives when we experience God as Jesus did on that mountain, in a way that leaves us transfigured in the very depths of our being. For many of us, God’s transforming love is experienced in and through the relationships that matter to us. The experience of a human love that is faithful can be transforming, giving us a foretaste of that moment in eternity when we will experience God’s love to the full



ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon - 'When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall we shall see him as he is'.



Special Collection

The special collection held on the 22nd/23rd July last, for the peoples of South Sudan raised in our Parish of Swords/Drynam the magnificent total of €5521. I thank you for your extraordinary generosity. These monies along with what will be collected throughout Ireland will make a significant impact in that poor and devastated country.

Summer Schedule

Saturday Morning Liturgies

Brackenstown – celebrates Saturday Morning Mass at 10.00am followed by confessions from 10.30am to 11.30am

River Valley - celebrates Saturday Morning Mass at 11.00am followed by confessions until 11.30am

Confessions:

Saturday confessions are available on Saturday evenings from 6.00pm to 6.20pm

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed for summer holidays for the next fortnight and will re-open on Monday 21st August. For urgent business please contact the Sacristy or Fr Michael. There will be no newsletter for the next fortnight.

Outdoor Collection – This Weekend

The Legion of Mary will hold their annual outdoor collection in aid of the Lourdes Pilgrimage Trust. The monies from this very worthwhile collection goes to the Lourdes Office at Archbishop's house and helps sponsoring the cost of sending sick pilgrims to Lourdes with the Diocesan annual pilgrimage on September each year.

St. Vincent de Paul

The outdoor monthly collection for the VdP, will be taken up after all Masses next weekend Sat 12th/Sun 13th August

The Transfiguration – Sunday 6th August.

The Cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, Resurrection and glorification. The disciples have to realise that he must depart, just as they are prepared for his going to Jerusalem to die. The Transfiguration of the Lord on Mt. Tabor came to strengthen the faith of the disciples.

Bank Holiday Tomorrow, Monday 7th August is a bank holiday – there will be one Mass at 10.00am. The weekday 8.00am Mass has resumed.

World Meeting Of Families 2018

Bring All the Family! 21st August 2017 – One Year to World Meeting of Families 2018: We invite you and all your family to come along to the launch of the one-year programme of preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018, which will take place at the Knock Shrine, County Mayo, on Monday 21st August 2017, the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady. This day of celebration will include the celebration of the Eucharist, workshops and faith and fun activities for all the family. The WMOF2018 Icon will be presented at Mass in the Basilica at 3pm and then begin its journey around the Dioceses of Ireland.

Registration & Tickets for WMOF2018 Registration for the World Meeting of families in 2018 is now open. Visit the Tickets Section on www.worldmeeting2018.ie to access information on the different type of tickets and registration available.



National Novena at Knock: From 14th -22nd August speakers, workshops, Mass & a Witness Walk at the National Novena. Among those taking part are Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Dr. Mary Healy, Fr. Seamus Enright, CSsR, Fr. Michael Cussack, CSsR, Marty Morrissey, Rev. Kevin O'Gorman, Bernadette McNeive, Bishop Kevin Doran, as well as Dr. Aoife McGrath, Fr. Timothy Bartlett, Secretary General for the WMOF2018, Maria Steen and Cora Sherlock. For more information email: mariahunt@knockshrine.ie www.knockshrine.ie

Mass intentions for week commencing 14/08/2017

Mon 8.00am Dec members of Kenny Family

Mon 10.00am Christopher Farren

Tues 8.00am Thomas Greenan

Tues 10.00am Harry Sheridan

Wed 8.00 am Get Well intention

Wed 10.00 Maureen Aherne

Thurs 8.00am Special intention

Thurs 10.00am Anne McAnna

Fri 8.00am Nuala Fitzmaurice

Fri 10.00am Geraldine Harisson

Sat 6.30pm Christine Darcy

Mary Cassidy (MM)

Sun 8.30am Christopher Fitzsimons

Sun 11.00pm Nick Bates

Sun 6.30pm Catherine Moran

Mass intentions for week commencing 21/08/2017

Mon 8.00am Jim Thomas

Mon 10.00am Mary Scahill

Tues 8.00am Louise Quigley

Tues 10.00am Peggy Garrigan

Wed 8.00 am John & Kathleen O'Connor

Wed 10.00 Harry Sheridan

Thurs 8.00am Patrick & Kathleen O'Reilly

Thurs 10.00am Cyril O'Neill

Fri 8.00am Nuala Fitzsimons

Fri 10.00am Dec members of Elmore Family

Sat 6.30pm Eileen Crosbie

Paul Murphy (1st An)

Sun 8.30am Maureen Aherne

Sun 11.00pm Paddy Barker

Sun 6.30pm Ellen McGrane