

Jesus is glorified by his father and receives his mission from him. Jesus' transfiguration encourages us to be confident that we shall be with God eternally if we are faithful to him now.



Her son had died a few months ago and her grief was obvious. She was praying as best she could, hoping for some acceptance of what had happened and for peace of mind. Although she was being helped by many, she knew she had a long journey to go to consolation and comfort. The mountain to climb was high and

would be hard.

In the gospel of climbing the mountain today, I thought of her as someone at the foot of the mountain, knowing it was to be a long climb – but willing to believe in times of comfort and consolation along the way.

We face grief and anxiety in many forms – bereavement, illness of a parent or ourselves, worry about the children. Some people spend a lot of time at the foot of the mountain. In society also – the homeless, the neglected ones, the refugee. We can lose faith. We can fail exams, lose jobs. That's all on the journey. What keeps us going?

As we travel up the mountain, we have Jesus with us. And others. Can you remember times you were there? And who helped?

Jesus is the companion. He is always there – open to a bit of prayer. Others come at times and we would be lost without them. Thank God for them. Everyone here I would say has been a companion to someone else. In this time of impersonal communication, of being at the mercy of so much hardship outside our control, we need to have times of good listening and loving communication. We need time to switch off the social media, and listen to the voice of love within us and among us. In Lent we can give time to the better things in life like prayer, friends, family, and what gives a sense of joy and peace in your life.

Donal Neary SJ., Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

In Lent, we look at Jesus. In Jesus' Heart were Two Special Friends hidden; God The Father, and God The Holy Spirit. Jesus let Peter, James and John feel the love of God, in today's story. The Light of God The Father was so brilliant that it made every part of Peter glow with joy, and the Holy Spirit's Voice was full of every sound. So we always bless ourselves in the name of our Three Special Friends, God The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 115:10.15-19

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **(R)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I: you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **(R)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R)**

SECOND READING Romans 8.31-34

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us -he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

GREETING

In the name of the Father**Amen.**
 The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us.....
Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 22.1-2.

9-13. 15-18. A reading from the book of Genesis.






God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael

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Date	Time		
Sat 27th Feb	6.00pm	Lily Dunphy, Irishtown John Dunphy, Irishtown Margaret Dunphy, Irishtown	1st Anniversary Months Mind 3rd Anniversary
Sun 28th Feb	10.00am	Maurice & Josephine Kehoe, Ryleen Molly & Jim Reeves, Mount Carmel Sr. Assumpta Ryan & her sister Margaret Ryan, Fisherstown	6th & 2nd Anniversaries Anniversaries 2nd Anniversary Months Mind
Mon 1st Mar	10.00am	Ina Figgus, Dublin Ruben & Cybil Jones, Wales, UK	Remembrance Anniversaries
Tues 2nd Mar	10.00am	Fr. James Cashman Dick & Elsie Hanrahan, Charles Street	Recently Deceased Anniversaries
Wed 3rd Mar	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish Intentions Jack & Mario Cooke, UK	Anniversaries
Thurs 4th Mar	10.00am	Fr. Paul Sullivan ODC, Clarendon Street, Dublin Special Intentions for Healing	Recently Deceased
Fri 5th Mar	10.00am	Tim Ryan, Priory Street	Anniversary
Sat 6th Mar	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.	

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the soul of Martin Byrne, Camblin, whose anniversary occurs around this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the soul of Thomas Greene, Shanbough, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

Should you wish to have a loved one included in this section, please contact the Parish Office with the details by the previous Wednesday before 2.00pm.

PARISH INFORMATION.....

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—NEW ROSS: 085 8313073

Radio & Live Stream Mass: 104.7FM & New Ross Parish Website Live Stream, Saturday Vigil @ 6.00pm & 10.00am Daily including Funeral Masses.

Mass Bookings: Next Monday the 1st of March we will be taking mass bookings up to and including August 2021.

Next Weeks Readings: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Ex 17: 1-7 (shorter form 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17). Ps 18: 8-11, R/ Jn 6: 68. 1 Cor 1: 22-25. Jn 2: 13-25.

Meals on Wheels: Avail of our high quality meals available 5 days a week. To order just call 051-445711, St. Aidan Centre, Cross St.

Safeguarding Representative: Mairin Jackson - Contact No: (051) 421348 - Any queries in relation to working with children or adolescence within our parish please contact the above.

Bethany Bereavement Support: Bereavement Support available by telephone Please ring 087 3846577 if you need support.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: If you would like to register as a friend of New Ross Parish Church St. Mary & St. Michael and support the weekly envelope collection please call to the parish office for details. During this unique period when normal services are not possible, we suggest that weekly envelopes be deposited in the letter box at the Parish Office or at the allocated collection boxes at the main entrance of the Church. Collections: 21st Feb 2021 @ € 1,495.60 (158 No.). Alternatively you can donate via. The Ferns Diocesan Website (www.ferns.ie) by clicking the big pink button. Thank you for the support. **Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.**

Sanctuary Lamps

Intentions:

Available @ €10.00 per week.
Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

Our Lady's (Left):

Special Intentions

Altar (Centre):

Walter Bradley RIP

St. Josephs (Right):

Elaine Finnegan, Bundoran RIP



MARCH:

Stations of the Cross Live Stream Every Fri Evening during Lent @ 7.00PM
Wed 17th: St. Patricks Day.
Sun 28th: Palm Sunday.
Mon 29th: Live Stream Penitential Service @ 7.00pm.

APRIL:

Thurs 1st: Holy Thursday. Evening Mass for The Lords Supper Live Stream @ 6.00pm.
Fri 2nd: Good Friday Ceremonies of the Lords Passion Live Stream @ 3.00pm
Sat 3rd: Easter Saturday Vigil Live Stream @ 6.00pm.
Sun 4th: Easter Sunday, The Lord's Resurrection.



Trócaire has been in touch with An Post over the past couple of weeks regarding the Lent campaign.

An Post have very kindly offered to display the Trócaire boxes that had been intended for a schools audience, throughout all post offices in the country. Over 120,000 English language boxes and 3,300 Irish boxes will be distributed by the end of the week, anyone who wants to pick up a Trócaire box can now also do so from their local post office as well as the parish church.

Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted his only Son;
 in you Mary placed her trust;
 with you Christ became man.
 Blessed Joseph, to us too,
 show yourself a father
 and guide us in the path of life.
 Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
 and defend us from every evil.
 Amen.



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



2021

Suggestions of Friday Penance during Lent

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- ç Abstaining from meat
- ç Abstaining from over eating, alcoholic drink or smoking
- ç Abstain from being critical, envious & hurtful in word and deed
- ç Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
- ç Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- ç Making the Stations of the Cross
- ç Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely

FRIDAY PENANCE



O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; Amen.

St. Joseph, patron of the Church and Protector of families pray for us.



New Ross Parish Community strives to be a welcoming, life-giving PEOPLE, nourished by FAITH, WORSHIP of God and SERVICE of all in the example of Jesus Christ.