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Sunday 21st February 2021 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel Reflection – 'Wilderness'

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to embrace the wilderness. The past year has given us experience of wilderness as our world battled a pandemic. **Many people were afraid**, isolated, alone, and uncertain of what the future would bring. Humanity was adrift in what seemed like a desert moment. However, **wilderness can bring opportunity**. It can be a time for deep reflection, where we take stock of what is most important to us, a chance to let go of things that are really not important and focus on where we are being called to be.

During this past year, what opportunity did this wilderness offer you?

Lent is also a time where people give up something, focus on weight loss or getting fit, take on a course, try to better themselves in some way. And these can be good things, but **Lent is so much more than that**. It is a retreat time, a time to make room for something deeper. It is a spring-cleaning sort of time, an opportunity to ask, *'what needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God?'* 'What changes am I being called to embrace?' Without change we cannot grow, and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. Lent offers us the opportunity to make space for something new, to let go of that which is keeping us from living life to the full.

The Gospel today is short, Jesus is sent into the wilderness, into the desert, and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space. It is true that we might encounter our demons there, but we should not be afraid because as the Gospel tells us clearly today, this is a Spirit-led desert. God is with us. Let us try to embrace this wilderness. How we make use of this time determines what will be.

'You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be yourself.' (Alan Alda)

Every Wednesday during Lent, there will be a guided Holy Hour each Wednesday evening from 8.00pm to 9.00pm

This will be done via our Webcam while the government restrictions remain in place. From the comfort of your own home, you could be part of a relaxing and peaceful hour in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I invite you to consider taking this on for Lent individually or as a family.

Trócaire Boxes are available to take home at the back of each church.

Lent Workshop: *Kilmore Youth Ministry* is offering an online workshop for Lent 2021. Each week you would be emailed a piece of writing or scripture on the Monday and then have a group video or call on a Thursday to discuss it. Each week would have a different theme. You must be 16+ to sign up. Any questions please feel free to contact Francis Keaney on 086-3977872. Ext 6.

Covid-19 Pandemic: Thankfully, the numbers have started to reduce, but sadly we are seeing more people dying from the virus. Please continue to act responsibly to minimise the risk of contracting the disease or infecting others. If you feel unwell in any way or if you have been in touch with a positive case, please isolate in your own home.

SINCERE THANK YOU: To all who have dropped in their parish envelopes for the support of the parish. You can continue to drop Dues/Offertory Collection Envelopes into Fr Paul at the Parochial House in Dromahair (or to John McMorrow in Killargue). **Please do not leave Collection Envelopes in any of the three churches while unattended.** Thank you for your generosity & understanding.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **John Kelly**, Manorhamilton and formerly of Drumlease & Lisgorman, whose funeral took place on Wednesday last – 17th February. **Ann Kelly (nee Silke)**, Drumlease, whose funeral took place on Tuesday last - 16th February. **John P. McMorrow**, Strandhill Rd., Sligo, & formerly of Gubaderra, whose funeral took place in Sligo on Saturday 20th February. **Bridie McTiernan (nee Healy)**, originally from Fawnlion, Funeral on Tuesday 2nd March in England.

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Tuesday at 8.00pm; Wednesday at 9.30am & Holy Hour at 8.00pm; Thursday at 8.00pm; Friday at 8.00pm; Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.

To access the webcam please type the following in your search engine. **www.churchtv.ie** then click on **County Leitrim icon**, and then, click on the **Dromahair icon**, then click play.

2. **Pray for:**

Andrew & Catherine Feeney, Buckhill. **Con Healy**, Fivemilebourne. 1st Anniversary (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 20th February at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Ita Reynolds, Leckaun. Mass on Sunday 21st February at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

John Joe Fowley. Mass on Tuesday 23rd February at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Sean McGilly, Athy, Co. Kildare. Mass on Wednesday 24th February at 9.30am (*streamed live*).

Nora Martin, Magurk. Anniv. Mass on Thursday 25th February at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Pat & Teresa Flynn, & their son Frank, Drumlease. **Anne (Nan) O'Rourke**, Market St., **Frank & Mary O'Rourke**, Tullynascreena. Mass on Friday 26th February at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

William & Margaret Harkin, Townahoosey & their grandchildren **Shane Banks & Mary Salmon**. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 27th February at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Michael & Beryl McGoldrick, Kilmore. Mass on Sunday 28th February at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

(For those watching mass via the webcam. Please pray this prayer with Fr Paul before the final prayer of the Mass.)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Drumlease N.S. Enrolment 2021/2022: Enrolment packs are now available from the school. Please email drumleasens.ias@gmail.com or phone 071 9164586 to receive a pack. Enrolment forms should be returned by post to the school by Monday 1st March 2021.

Leckaun National School Enrolments for 1st September 2021 - will commence for the school year 2021 – 2022 from Monday 8th February 2021. Application forms will be available on the school website, by calling (089) 6009185, or by emailing: info@leckaunns.ie.

Trócaire Boxes: Trócaire boxes are currently available from the back of the churches. Please take one home with you this weekend. The Trócaire box reminds us that, even in these challenging times, there's someone else much worse off than me. Whatever you can give to Trócaire, it will make a massive difference. St Francis of Assisi said, *'it is in giving that we receive'*.

