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Sunday 28th February 2021 – The Second Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel Reflection – '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*).

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.

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 Keane 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: Catherine Gordon, nee Connaughton. London & Newtowncashel, Co. Longford. Funeral will take place on Monday 1st March in Ballaghaderreen. **John P. McMorrow**, Strandhill Rd., Sligo, & formerly of Gubaderra, whose funeral took place on Saturday 20th February. **Bridie McTiernan (nee Healy)**, originally from Fawnlion. Funeral on Tuesday next - 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:**

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*).

Special Intention. Mass on Tuesday 2nd March at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Catherine Gordon, nee Connaughton. Fr Vincent's sister. Mass on Wed 3rd March at 9.30am

Eamon Mullen. Rosses Point. Memorial Mass on Thurs 4th March at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Catherine Gordon, nee Connaughton. Fr Vincent's sister. Mass on Friday 5th Mar at 8.00pm

Jim Kelly, Gortgarrigan, & his parents **Thomas & Kate Ann Kelly. Annie & Packie McKenna,** Carrickacrochery. Anniv. Mass on Saturday 6th March at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Eddie & Clara Boylan, Cornalaughta. Mass on Sunday 7th March 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'**.

Killargue First Responder Group: This new group is up and running and working towards purchasing an AED for the Killargue area. The group is small at present and would welcome volunteers from across the Killargue area to be trained as First Responders. Training will be free and be provided by Enda McLoughlin. For more information please, contact the Chair, John Glynnmartin, 086 8565649, Anita Gilbride, Secretary on 089 4466369.

