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Second Sunday of Lent - 25th Feb 2024

This Weekend Feb 24th/ 25th

7.00 p.m. Bartley McGovern (Second Anniv).

11.00 a.m. No Intention.

Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Next Weekend: Mar 2nd/ 3rd

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. 1. Michael Kenny, Lacken.

2. John Kenny (32nd Anniv).

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. Some special spiritual experiences are well nigh impossible to describe in words. The Transfiguration was one of these. Jesus had a new and deeper insight into his relationship with his heavenly Father, one that would sustain him through what lay ahead of him. Have you had WOW moments that you found hard to describe to others? How have these sustained you in difficult times?

2. It can be both scary and wonderful to witness transformation in another, especially a person who is close. At times parents get a taste of this when a child's talent blossoms and is recognised by the child. We may also experience it when a dear friend recognises s/he is in a blind alley and gives up an addiction.

3. 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John were particularly close to Jesus, but they were not good at listening to Jesus, especially when he spoke of the painful road of servant discipleship. Jesus is the one we must listen to, even when his message is hard to hear. It is in this message we find life. When have you found this to be true?

4. Strangely this instruction came to the disciples when they were confused and 'in a cloud'. Perhaps you recall a moment of insight coming to you at a time when you were confused. - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Thought for the Day

Jesus was 'able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attraction full of fondness and wonder. As he made his way throughout the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things.' The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence.' If 'the universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely... there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face.' The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it? - Laudate Deum 64-65, Pope Francis

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 31st May - 5th June. See poster in Church for full details.

- Fr Tom Heafy -

Travelling so far for water each day affects other parts of the lives of Malita and her children, Margaret, Patrick and Patricia. Carrying 20 litres of water leaves the children tired and some days they are not able to go to school. Farming is an important part of how the family support themselves, but a lack of water makes farming difficult. Trócaire and our partners in Malawi are working to create solutions to the water shortages, such as digging bore holes close to villages. To learn more, go to: <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>

'Water poverty especially affects Africa where large sectors of the population have no access to safe drinking water or experience droughts which impede agricultural production. Some countries have areas rich in water while others endure drastic scarcity.'

- (Laudato Si', 28)

Loving Father, we pray that individuals, communities and policymakers can work together to build a just world where all people have access to their basic needs, such as food, water and education.

Sunday Scriptures

First Reading - This reading shows how complete was Abraham's obedience to God. He was even ready to sacrifice his son Isaac if God so wished it.

Second Reading - God the Father has shown his love for us by giving up his Son to death for our sake.

Gospel - Jesus is transfigured before the eyes of three of his apostles on Mount Tabor. That glimpse of his glory was meant to sustain their faith in him during his passion and death.

Take the Risk for Christ

In our first reading we read that "God put Abraham to the test". Abraham responded with complete trust "Here I am". We pray for those discerning a vocation that they may have the grace and strength to trust in God and respond like Abraham - "Here I am".

Lenten thoughts:

"Lent affords us the opportunity to search the depths of our sin and experience the heights of God's love." - Chuck Colson

"What is more important than the practices we take on is the heart attitude behind them. If there's anything we should give up this time of year, it's our sense of superiority either to those outside the church or those inside the church who do things differently than we do. The cross levels us all. And that's true whether or not you practice Lent." - Trevin Wax

"You could say that prayer without fasting is like boxing with one hand tied behind your back, and that fasting without prayer is, well, dieting." - Matt Fradd

Lenten Humour:

Why are Catholics the best runners during the Easter season? They fast during Lent.

I'm giving up spreadsheets for forty days. Excel Lent.

Moderation is a very good thing! It's so good, in fact, that I've given it up for Lent.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Dolores Courtney.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Niamh Cassidy, Sandra Durkan.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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