

Lent 2020

Gospel Reflection: The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of three of His disciples may have been a bewildering or confusing moment for them but, beyond that, it was a glimpse of the glory of God, a changing moment that would strengthen them in faith and give them the courage and hope they needed for the challenging and dark times ahead.

Bishop McKeown has provided the following reflection points for discussion and consideration:

- A. Things that we don't anticipate can happen in our lives (or in the lives of others) that cause us anxiety, fear or confusion. We may even wonder sometimes where God is! Like the three disciples in today's Gospel, however, we may also experience special moments of God's grace precious moments of transfiguration and knowledge of His presence that renew us in faith and hope. How can we encourage each other through our Catholic faith, to give renewed hope to others in times of doubt, fear or despair? How can the parish support the pastoral needs of the community in times of need?
- B. Staying close to God through prayer and through the sacraments increases our awareness of His loving presence, especially in challenging times. Are we allowing the sacramental opportunities that are available to us to "transfigure" our relationship with God as we prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter? As a parish, how can we best share with others the benefits of participating in the Sacraments for everyone to experience the enduring and loving presence of God?
- C. Jesus was transfigured in order to prepare the apostles for the difficulties that lay ahead. We face many challenges in Church today. Are we inclined to tell a story about the present and future that is dominated by loss and negativity, or do we prepare for the future with positivity and trust in the power of Christ's Resurrection?

Diocesan Lenten Prayer

Loving Father, To prepare for His mission of proclaiming Your kingdom to the world Your Son Jesus was guided by Your Holy Spirit to the quiet of the desert. In these Lenten days, I pray that I will be guided by that same Spirit, to a place of renewal in my heart and mind, so that I will seek opportunities for daily personal prayer, personal sacrifices and acts of kindness. With Your help, may I too be truly prepared to share in the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus You Son, our Lord. Amen.

Additional Daily Mass & Devotions During Lent In St Mary's Church, Killyclogher:

Holy Mass: Monday-Friday at 7.30am. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction: Sunday from 3-6.30pm (Please note there will be no Sunday Adoration in Christ the King Church during Lent)

Recent Baptisms: We welcome through Baptism: Theo James McKnight and Daithi Tiernan Wilson. **Recent Deaths:** We pray for the families of Eamon Bradley, Gleannan Brae and Jim Franey, Roscavey. May they rest in peace.

Cappagh Parish Book: The parish intends to publish a book to mark the bicentenary of our parish church and we would appreciate your help. We are interested in photos from all parts of the parish. They could be weddings, school photos or community events - any that you think would be of community interest! Please call into the parish office with the details and your photo, where they will be copied and returned. A number of people have already started work on this project, however all help would be greatly received. If you can become involved in any way, please leave your contact details in the parish office.

Holy Hour For The Youth: Every Thursday evening in Christ the King Church Fr Declan leads a Holy Hour for the youth of our parish from 8pm. Attendance at the Holy Hour can be credited towards JPII Award.

KC Minister of the Word for March: 9am: Eileen Loughran. 11am: Celine Fox. Vigil: Michael Duffy. 2-7 Mar: Kay McGerty. 9-14 Mar: Maura McStay. 16-21 Mar: Una Crossey. 23-28 Mar: Margaret Moohan. 30-4 Apr: Joe Martin. Tues 7.30pm: Michael Turbett. Fri 7.30pm: Peter Fox.

KC Eucharistic Ministers for March: *Vigil:* Anne McDermott, Catherine Kelly, Cathy McGaughey, Aoife & Teresa Eannetta. *9am:* James McGinn, Owen Doody, Dolores McBride, Madeline Sally & Michael Livingstone. *11am:* Dympna Friel, Eilish Clarke, Maura McStay, Colin McCartan & Noreen Conway.

Safeguarding Children Contact Details for Relevant Agencies and Services PSNI 0845 600 8000 | Gateway Services 028 8283 5043

Alternatively, if you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of church personnel and wishes to report it to church authorities please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will, in turn, report this concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

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Pope Francis Tweets

May we allow ourselves to be reconciled, in order to live as beloved children, as forgiven and healed sinners, as wayfarers with

him at our side, #lent

Killyclogher Knockmoyle Mountfield Strathroy

Mass Schedule

St Mary's Church, Killyclogher

Sunday Mass: Vigil: 7.30pm. 9am, 11am. Daily Mass: 7.30am,10am. Tues & Fri 7.30pm Confessions: Sat after 10am Mass & before Vigil

Rosary: Mon-Sat 9.10am. *Adoration:* Fri 3pm-7.20pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tues 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1st Sun/each month 3pm Legion of Mary: Monday after 10am Mass

St Mary's Church, Knockmoyle

Sunday Mass: 10am. Daily: When announced

Christ the King Church, Strathroy

Sunday Mass: Vigil 6.30pm, 12noon

Daily Mass: Thurs 9.30am. Mon & Wed 7.30pm

Confessions: Sat 5.45-6.15pm

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Wed 6.45pm Adoration: Mon 6-7pm, Thurs 7-8pm &

Sun 3.30-6.30pm

Pro-Life Prayer Group: Mon 6-7pm during adoration

Corpus Christi Church, Mountfield

Sunday Mass: 10am

Anniversary Mass

Mon 9 Mar: Marie McDevitt, Knocksilla Grove (intention for her 81st Birthday) / 10am / KC

Mon 9 Mar: Rose McBride, Hunters Crescent / 7.30pm / CTK Tue 10 Mar: Kathleen Rafferty, Woodside Terrace / 7.30pm / KC Wed 11 Mar: Colin & John Gallagher, Pinefield Gardens / 10am / KC

Wed 11 Mar: Mary Taggart, Brookfield Close / 7.30pm / CTK Thurs 12 Mar: Vincent McGill, Woodside Avenue / 10am / KC Fri 13 Mar: Louise Starrs, Castleview Park / 7.30pm / KC Sat 14 Mar: Agnes Hegarty, Meelmore Drive / 6.30pm / CTK

Sat 14 Mar: Paddy Love, Lisanelly / 7.30pm / KC

Sun 15 Mar: 1st Aniv: Dermot Bradley, Spring Rd / 10am / MF

Sun 15 Mar: Paul Ward, Glendore Wood / 11am / KC

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Drawing from advice received from the HSE to parishes in the Republic of Ireland, Bishop Donal McKeown has circulated this advice to all parishes in the diocese.

Current information suggests that COVID-19 can spread easily between people and could be spread from an infected person even before they develop any symptoms.

In order to minimise the risk of spreading the infection, we are putting in place the following temporary measures:

- 1. The Sign of Peace and shaking hands on arrival/departure from Church will be suspended.
- 2. Holy water fonts will be temporarily out of use.
- 3. While respecting a person's preference in how they receive Holy Communion, we ask that people receive Holy Communion in the hand, rather than on the tongue. Eucharistic Ministers and priests will wash their hands with a sanitising gel or wipe immediately before distributing Holy Communion.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation at this time.

Parish Dance: Dancing in the Parish Centre, Killyclogher on Friday 13 March. Music by "Packie Coyle". Supper served. Admin: £5. Everyone welcome!

Knockmoyle Hall: On Tuesday 17 March there will be tea and musical entertainment after 10am Mass in Knockmoyle. Everyone welcome.

Charity Dance: On Tuesday 17 March a Charity Dance in aid of NI Chest, Heart and Stroke will be held in Knockmoyle Hall. Dancing from 9.30pm to "Still Water". Looking forward to your support. All welcome.

Parish Draw, March Winners: £2,000: McCrory Girls (Damien McCrory). Promoters Prize, £100: Damien McCrory. £200: Fiona McCallion (Seamus McCallion), Cara Edwards (Margaret Patrick), Frances Skelton (Kate McGinn), Hugh McAleer (Pat O'Connor), Caroline Conway (Karen McKinney), Madeline Sally (Anna McElhone), Frances McGrenaghan (Pauline McGinn), Dermot McCullagh (Bartley McCullagh), Eileen O'Kane (Pat O'Connor)

Foster Carers: urgently required in the WHSCT area, to meet the unfortunate demand for foster placements. If you think you can help, please email www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net or telephone 0800 0720137.

Contact the parish office to book Baptisms, Weddings, Mass Intentions, (month's minds and 1st anniversaries take precedence - booking is subject to change) Notices for CPN must be received by Wednesday at 12noon.

Parish office opening times: Mon-Thurs: 9am-3.45pm. | Fri: 9am-2.45pm | Lunch daily:1-1.30pm **Parish Website:** www.cappaghparish.com **Facebook.com:** cappaghparish

Watch Mass Live: Visit parish website and select WEBCAM to view Mass in St Mary's Church, Killyclogher.

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