

She was the one whose features I bear,
Complete with the facial expressions I wear.

She gave her love which follows me yet,
Along with the examples in life she set.
As I got older, she somehow younger grew,
And we'd laugh just as Mothers and daughters do.

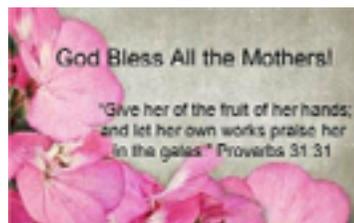
But then came the time that her mind clouded so,
And I sensed that the Mother I knew would soon go.
So quickly she changed and turned into the other,
A stranger who dressed in the clothes of my Mother.

Oh, she looked the same, at least at arms length,
But she now was the child and I was her strength.
We'd come full circle, we women three,
My Mother the first, the second and me.

And if my own children should come to a day,
When a new mother comes and the old goes away,
I'd ask of them nothing that I didn't do.
Love both of your Mothers as both loved you.

By Joan Snow Duncanson

Fr. Michael Carey



Mass Intentions this Sunday

Sat 6.30pm Imelda, Gerald & Bernadette Donnelly(An)

Brian Taylor (1stAn)

Sun 8.30am Walter Higgins(An)

Sun 11.15am Gerry Foley (An)



At our Masses this Sunday we also remember: Anthony Casciania, Peter McDermott, Kathleen Lee, Bartle Savage, Matty Cahill

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Vera Barker

Mon 10.00am Bridget Barry

Tues 8.00am Margaret Morrissey

Tues 10.00am

Wed 8.00am Eugene Walsh, Martin, Michael & James Hickey

Wed 10.00am Anthony Casciania

Thurs 8.00am Phyllis Davis

Thurs 10.00am Noel McDonald

Fri 8.00am John Heaslip

Fri 10.00am Susane Labora

Next Sunday

Sat 6.30pm Alice Roe

Sun 8.30am Cathal Kelly

Sun 11.15am Mary O'Connor

Church of the Visitation Drynam *The Visitation of the BVM*

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)

In line with other notices from the parish relating to Covid-19, Mass will not be celebrated in the church in Drynam on the 22nd and 29th March. To access Mass on line please visit one of these websites:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/> or <https://www.mcmedia.tv/>



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4th Sunday of Lent

Christ, The Light of the World

"Hold fast to love and justice (Hosea. 12:6)" –

Trocaire Scripture reference for Lent 2020

Newsletter Sunday 22nd March 2020



In these Lenten Days of 2020, we meet a man in the gospel with 20/20 vision!

He began the day in blindness but, having encountered Jesus, ended it able to see. His sight ran deeper than just seeing the people and things around him. For alongside his physical sight, his spiritual sight was also ignited. Having been questioned by people who could not accept Jesus, he came to realise that only a man who comes from God can give sight to the blind. When he pointed out this simple truth, he was put in his place by the experts: "Do you mean to teach us and you a sinner through and through?"

The manner of his healing is significant. It is messy – Jesus taking soil from the ground and spitting on it to make a paste that he rubs into the man's eyes. Little regard for health and safety there! Yet what needed to happen, happened. The man was gifted with the ability to see. Is there some deeper significance in this? Is there something about respect for the earth – that earth that receives our mortal remains and from which, with Jesus, we strive to rise again. Is the spittle something to do with tears, waters flowing from Jesus' side? Maybe or maybe not but the fact remains that God uses the everyday things around us to work his miracles if only we have eyes to see.

Reminding ourselves again of Trócaire's Lenten Campaign, we are aware of families blinded and harassed by circumstances not of their making. Like the Gospel man today, the sins are not theirs or those of their parents, they are victims of injustice. Just as the Lord wished to open a new future for the blind man, so he does for those at the heart of the Lenten campaign. It may not be easy but there is surely a call going out to all who can help to do so in whatever way is possible. Perhaps the eyes that need opening today, are the eyes of the oppressors, that they may see clearly the harm they are inflicting on others (*Trocaire Lenten Resources for 2020*)

Two Mothers Remembered

I had two Mothers—two mothers I claim

Two different people, yet with the same name.

Two separate women, diverse by design,

But I loved them both because they were mine.

The first was the Mother who carried me here,
Gave birth and nurtured and launched my career,



