

The Feast of the Transfiguration – August 6th

Extract from a homily by St. John Paul II

“In the event of the Transfiguration we contemplate the mysterious encounter between history, which is being built every day, and the blessed inheritance that awaits us in heaven in full union with Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.



We, pilgrims on earth, are granted to rejoice in the company of the transfigured Lord when we immerse ourselves in the things of above through prayer and the celebration of the divine mysteries. But, like the disciples, we too must descend from Tabor into daily life where human events challenge our faith. On the mountain we saw; on the paths of life we are asked tirelessly to proclaim the Gospel which illuminates the steps of believers... we are made for eternity and eternity begins at this very moment, since the Lord is among us and lives with and in his Church”.

In 2002, St. John Paul II selected the Transfiguration as one of the five Luminous Mysteries of the rosary.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Sunday

Sun 8.30am Gus Scott (Rec Dec)

Sun 11.15am Kevin Leonard (An)
Christopher Reilly (1st An)



Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Niall Connor **Sun 8.30am**

Tues 10.00am Mass for bereaved parents

Wed 10.00am Holy Souls in Purgatory **Sun 11.15am** Elizabeth O'Brien

Thurs 10.00am In Thanksgiving

Fri 10.00am Altar list of the Dead

Mass intentions for week beginning 10th August

Mon 10.00am Andrew Fottrell **Sat 10.00am** Fr Brian Keenan

Tues 10.00am John Reid

Wed 10.00am Dec members of Deegan Family Holy Souls in Purgatory

Mass in Honour of the Heavenly Father **Sun 8.30am**

Thurs 10.00am **Sun 11.15am** Bridie Ferris

Fri 10.00am Dec members of Lynch Family

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Sunday Mass in Drynam continues at 10:00AM only. On Saturday 15th August, there will be Mass at 9:20AM for the Feast of the Assumption.

Confirmations for the children from Holywell ETNS will also take place on Saturday 15th August in three separate ceremonies beginning at 11:00AM to ensure compliance with HSE Guidelines.

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The abundance that we do have.

“O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!”

Newsletter Sunday 2nd August 2020



What happened in today's gospel is what happens at our Mass every Sunday. We begin with the WORD - in the account of the Gospel it was Jesus himself and for us here this morning it is the Liturgy of the Word followed by the Liturgy of the Eucharist in which The Lord, the bread of Life is distributed for all of us to receive. And in the Gospel it was done in an orderly fashion, the division into groups and the distribution by the disciples. At Mass we file forward and the distribution by the priest and the Ministers of the Eucharist.

What the Lord did in the desert was a foreshadowing of the Last Supper when he said that this bread is my body and this chalice is my blood. And of course the Mass is a continuing of the Last Supper when Jesus said, 'Do This in Memory of me'

The miracle of today's Gospel is essentially a sign of God's kingdom. In that kingdom there is never a scarcity or lack of power to respond to others but always a superabundance of God's nourishing and satisfying presence among and within us.

Very often we may fixate on what we don't have and neglect or overlook **the abundance that we do have**. True satisfaction does not come from what we buy, but is freely, abundantly, and sometimes surprisingly given to us through our relationships with others

So today's Gospel is also about sharing resources and using our gifts and talents to help others and the wider community and how when we ask the Lord's help and blessing for our endeavours or when we act as the Lord's hands and feet, eyes and ears, that wonders, even miracles can happen.

Finally, the Gospel is much more than Jesus inspiring people to help each other and to share resources with those who have less, which of course is wonderful and life giving when it happens. But more importantly it points yet again to the Kingdom of heaven – to God's continual blessing of us with abundance beyond our ability to imagine. This miracle also points to the abundance of the fullness of life we share now. God in Jesus Christ has already gifted us with divine life and that it will be ours one day in utter fullness.

The miracle was intended to show that if Jesus could multiply bread physically in a way that no human could, then he could also change bread spiritually to feed us with his life for ever. The multiplication of the loaves and fish was intended to help the people accept the upcoming gift of the Eucharist and the words he used we hear every time Mass is celebrated. He took, he blessed, he broke and he gave. The twelve baskets left over point to the messianic banquet and eternal life.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*How much better our family life would be if we used the words...
Please. Thank you...and I'm sorry. Pope Francis*

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FACE-MASKS

The National Public Emergency Team strongly recommend that all people wear cloth face coverings when in an indoor public space

Can I ask that everybody at Mass please wear a face-mask. If you don't want to wear one, then please do so out of consideration for others. We can all sing quietly through them and speak through them so really it should not be an issue.

Stewards

I thank the stewards in both our churches who are doing a fantastic job. It is not easy, but they as expected are caring and considerate in exercising their ministry and after Mass they sanitise the Church. We could have no Mass without them!

Mass Schedule for July and August

The Mass Schedule for July and August in St. Colmcille's will be as follows:
Monday to Friday – 10.00am only Sunday – 8.30am and 11.15am

The Sunday Obligation

In the current emergency, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. You may fulfil your obligation by attending Mass on any day of the week.

Stewards at Mass

Would you be available to volunteer to help at Masses?. During the next few weeks people are on holidays and we are looking for more people to help out. It does not take too long, arrive about 30 mins before Mass to assist people to seats and sanitise the Church after Mass. Please contact Jeanette after Mass, 8400547
Thank You

Office closed

The Office will be closed for summer holidays from Monday 3rd August until Friday 7th August. It will re-open on Monday 10th August
There will be no newsletter for Sunday 9th August

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation Ceremony which normally happened in one day will now happen over 5 days in order to comply with social distancing requirements. The Confirmation Ceremonies for the girls from St. Colmcille's GNS will take place over the five days from **Monday 17th August to Friday 21st August** inclusive and all ceremonies will be held at 1.30pm

The Boys were lucky as their Confirmation took place the day before the Schools closed down due to the Corona Virus

The Irish Hospice Foundation - National Freephone Service

Have you been impacted by a bereavement during COVID-19? Are you finding it difficult to cope with a bereavement at this time? Would it help to talk to someone in confidence about your loss? The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service - 1800 80 70 77 - available from 10.00am to 1.00pm, Monday to Friday.

1st and 2nd Collections

At every Mass, weekday and weekend there will be collection boxes situated around the Church. If you cannot make the Sunday Mass, but are able to go to the weekday Mass, you can make your weekly contribution during the weekday Mass.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group is available to parishioners providing telephone support during the COVID-19 pandemic. We offer our sympathy to anyone bereaved during these very difficult months. If you would like to talk to a Bethany member please phone **Brid 086 6006397 (after 6.00pm) from 2nd August -8th August , Terri 8403243 from 9th August - 16th August**. If there is no reply please leave your first name and phone number. Or you can email the parish office stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com and your message will be forwarded to Bethany Group. This is a free and confidential service.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

John Delaney

Oaklands Ave

St. Vincent de Paul

The next collection is due on Sunday 9th August. As the number of Sunday Masses is reduced by one and as the Church capacity is very low at 48 the Conference will collect after Mass on **Friday 7th August as well as Sunday 9th August**. They haven't had a collection in 4 or 5 months