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Second Sunday of Lent

Every so often, we catch a glimpse of the "something more" that God has in store for us. These fleeting experiences are to be treasured: the birth of my first child, falling in love, a sense of "being held" by God's presence. Such experiences may help us approach the Transfiguration. Like all transcendent experiences, it is fleeting and yet it etches a memory and leaves a longing. What should we do? Practice listening to him. Be not afraid. We cannot always be on the "mountain" and yet what happens on the heights can help us on the lowlands of everyday.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 1st March 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Elizabeth Greene, Mullykivet

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 1st March 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Carmel Corrigan, Fairview Park

Anniversary: Tessie and Barney Flood, Sillees Grove - Joe and Ita Corrigan, Drumary

Tuesday 3rd March Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 3rd March 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 4th March 10am Mass

Thursday 5th March 10am Mass

Thursday 5th March 7pm First Penance

Sunday 8th March 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Anna Gallagher, Derryvarymore – Tommy and

Lucy Flanagan, Drumadillar – Francis and Mary Ellen Dolan, Sandhill – Eugene Dolan, Australia

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 8th March 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Mary Johnston, Muckenagh **Anniversary:**

Eamon, Liam, Edie and Edmund Corrigan, Aghamore – John Curran and Deceased of the Curran

Family, Reyfad

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relative and friends of Hugh McGurk, Drumcroohen. May he rest in peace.

Lenten Prayer

Loving God, Caring parent,

I am a child who so often turns my back on your love.

Please accept my small acts of sorrow today and help to release me from the self-absorption that closes my heart to you.

As I journey through Lent,

let me remember the feast you have prepared for me in the resurrection and let me be filled with thanks to you. Amen.

Enniskillen Vocations Society of

St Joseph Branch: Holy Hour

Devotion for Vocations will be held **on Friday 6th March** in St Michael's Church at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

Monthly Meeting will be held in St Michael's Parish Centre on **Monday 9th March** at 7.00 pm. New members of all ages are welcome to attend.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign: Bridie Duffy, Trocaire Representative from Enniskillen will speak at both masses in the parish today. You are encouraged to support this year's Trocaire Lenten campaign. Further information at trocaire.org.

Envelope Collection: week ending **15th February** Weekly Offerings £1470.00 and €61.20 Development Fund £1480.00 and €100.00 . Thank you for your generous support.

A Discernment Retreat for Diocesan Priesthood: "They left everything at once and followed him" (Luke 5:11) Retreat takes place from **6th to 8th March** in Drumalis Retreat House, Larne. To book a place mail Fr Raymond: ffraymondtonnelly@clogherparishes.ie

Thought for Today

'Lent is like a long "retreat" during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One.

It is a period of spiritual "combat" which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance.

In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.'

Pope Benedict XVI

Eucharistic Healing Retreat: in Knock Shrine, led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palic **Saturday 7th March and Sunday 8th March**. Venue: St. John's Welcome Centre; Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm & Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. He will be supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team; no prior booking required; everyone is most welcome and please bring a packed lunch. For further enquires contact, Patricia 089 9466193 or Fiona on fionatjennings@yahoo.com.

2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 3rd - 8th July - booking now open. Pilgrims and Assisted pilgrims should contact John Hueston at 028677 24329 or booking forms can be downloaded at website - www.lourdes2clogher.com. Pilgrim fare - €1,100 per person (excludes €40 coach transfer to/from airport). Assisted pilgrim fare €1,100 (Includes travel insurance & coach transfer to/from airport).

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: from **20th to 22nd March** in St Mary's, Knock, Co Mayo. A Weekend like no other. For further at www.marriageencounter.ie

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4200. £20 Geraldine Dolan and Martin Burns online players, Angela Greenan, Garrison. Draw in Old Pals tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. Club membership for 2026 is now due. The rates remain the same as last year: Adult Playing Member - £60, Adult Non-Playing Member - £10, Underage Players - £20, Gaelic for Mothers and Others - £20. Membership can be paid through your Foireann account. You can register for the first time, or login at foireann.ie but please do not set up a new account each year, just reactivate the existing account. Sean McLoughlin has also offered to take non-playing adult memberships in his Fairview Meats premises on Main St. Any issues, please contact Nicola 07794467482 or Lorraine 07789675436. Condolences to the Kehoe family on the recent passing of Jim, Enniscorthy.

Reflections

The story of the transfiguration directs us away from trying to understand Jesus only as he is revealed in glory. It points us down the mountain and invites us to walk with Jesus into the suffering, hungry crowds. The divine voice commands us to listen to Jesus. But listening is more than hearing. As Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount, building on the rock means not only hearing his words, but acting on them (Matthew 7:24). Hearing without obeying leads to catastrophe.

At Gethsemane, when Jesus himself faces the temptation to disobey his Father and abandon the road to the cross, the same three disciples who saw him transfigured wait with him while he grieves and prays. He passes the test, but they do not. He walks steadfastly on to suffering and death, and they desert him and flee. On the cross Jesus shows the world the obedient Son of God in all his suffering humanity, pouring out his blood for the forgiveness of sins. After the resurrection, the Son of God appears to the disciples with all his divine authority, calling them to baptise and to teach people to obey his commands. Then he sends them down the mountain and into the world he loves, promising them that he will be with them always. We too are sent; we too must listen and obey. And the promise of his presence is ours as well.

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"The purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations, but to 'soften' our heart so that it may open itself to the realities of the spirit, to experience the hidden 'thirst' for communion with God."

- Pope Saint John Paul II