

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him."

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is always read on the second Sunday of Lent. At the heart of Saint Matthew's writing stands a

great invitation to each and every one of us. It resonates to us down through history: "*This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.*" The Gospel of the Transfiguration which describes a unique event: Jesus climbing Mount Tabor with three of his disciples to encounter two of the great figures of the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah. And then they are present on one of the few occasions in the New Testament when God the Father speaks. The account of the Transfiguration can be found in all three of the synoptic Gospels: Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36 and here in Matthew which we read today. Also, John 1:14 may also refer to the Transfiguration: "*We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.*" And, in another reference in 2 Peter 1:18, we read: "*We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.*"

Jesus chose his inner circle of Peter, James and John to accompany him and they were also present with him in the garden of Gethsemane. Often an event can be only written in two or three Gospels but the fact that we have the five references to the Transfiguration in the New Testament shows that the writers appreciated its great importance. There can be occasions in our lives when God's presence can seem to be particularly close by. Perhaps at the birth of a child or grandchild, while we are walking in the countryside on a summer's day, listening to an inspiring piece of music, when looking at a photograph or painting that speaks to us in a particular way or while we are praying when visiting a church during a moment of quiet in a busy day. I think it is also important to reflect today on the words of God the Father which reminds us of the voice from heaven at the Baptism of Jesus in Matthew 3:17 when he said: "*This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.*" At the transfiguration, the additional phrase "*Listen to him*" is also included. I think it is very important to take time and space to listen to God in our own lives and to reflect on what God may be asking us to do for him. We are encouraged to "listen" to Jesus as our Gospel reading requests. Let us try to take time in the coming week to listen to the words of Jesus and ask him to guide and assist us on our journey of faith. We pray that, during this Season of Lent, we may create opportunities in our busy lives for listening to God so that we can be sustained and refreshed by the His Word. And may we allow "time out" to experience being closer to Jesus as Peter, James and John were at the Transfiguration. Especially during this Springtime, with the weather finally improving, may we be inspired by the revitalising of nature all around us and perhaps to come out of our comfort zones

a little so that we can reach out to those in any kind of need as we encounter them in our daily lives. **Deacon Gerard**

COLLECTIONS

Common Fund	€1,486
Share	€1,040
Sincere thanks for your support	

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Eamonn Burke, Blackberry Rise
Eileen Whelan, Portmarnock Cres.
Una O'Reilly, Portmarnock Drive
Loretta Doyle, Carrickhill Walk
Máire Killian, Carrickhill Road Up.

Saturday 28th February – 6.30pm

Martin Flaherty, [2nd A]; Jimmy Ennis, [12th A];
William & Mary O'Connor, [A]; Hilary Clabby, [RD]
Tillie Kirwin [8th A]

Sunday 1st March 10.30a.m.

Christy McGeough; Tillie Kirwin [8th A];

12 Noon

Winnie Smith, [Month's Mind];
Catherine (Riona) O'Reilly, [Month's Mind];
Donal Bernard, [2nd A]; Margaret Kelly, [2nd A];
Joe Connolly, [A]; Marion Mahony, [A];
James & Mary Doran, [A]; Larry Smith, [A].
Tillie Kirwin [8th A]

LENTEN ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER for the four Wednesdays of Lent

will be hosted by the parishes of Malahide Church of Ireland, St. Sylvesters, Malahide, Yellow Walls and St. Anne's Portmarnock.

The first celebration of **Evening Prayer will be celebrated on Wednesday, 4th March at 8.00p.m., in St. Anne's**, followed by refreshments in Parish Centre. All welcome



World Day of Prayer

will be celebrated in
**St. Anne's Portmarnock on
Friday, 6th March, 2026
at 12.00 noon.**

The liturgy prepared by the Women of Nigeria. Refreshments will be served after in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Archdiocese of Dublin


Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday, April 25, 2026



This year's theme:
Baptised and Sent

Workshops will include: 1. Living your Baptism and your Mission in Life; 2. Baptism and Ministries; and 3. How Confession Renews your Baptism;




For more information, email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

A bus has been booked for parishioners of the Partnership of Parishes - Malahide, Portmarnock, Yellow Walls and Kinsealy. More information will be available from Pauline Geoghegan, at St. Anne's, Portmarnock, at a later date.

LOURDES

PORTMARNOCK PARISH PILGRIMAGE

3rd Hôtel Saint Sauveur
 13th - 18th September 2026
 €845 pps
 Single room supplement €225 (limited availability)



INCLUDED

- Return Airport Dublin/Edinburgh/Exeter/Manchester
- Church services before/after Lourdes airport
- Flight to the 3rd Hotel Saint Sauveur with bus 10/21
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- Full religious programme
- Transport & Malahide Pilgrimage guide throughout
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- All airport taxes and Local City Taxes

FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT
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Accompanied by Spiritual Director
Canon John Flaherty

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DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
 Pastoral Theme 2026 – The Annunciation
 3rd to 8th September 2026,
 led by Archbishop Farrell.

Further information from info@joewalshstours.ie or phone 01 2410800. Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 W5W4. Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie / 01 8087555 or to Canon John Flaherty, john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie

THE WORD OF GOD MINISTRY

Formation evening for new and existing Ministers
 Exploring, Ministry, a guide to Best Practice
 Tuesday, 3rd March 2026 - from 7.30-9.30
 St Paul's, Arran Quay

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Formation evening for new and existing Ministers
 Exploring Eucharist, Ministry, Best Practice
 Tuesday, 10th March 2026 - from 7.30-9.30pm
 St. Paul's, Arran Quay
 To register and for more information contact:
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MEDUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGES

3rd to 10th JUNE 2026

WITH MARIAN PILGRIMAGES .

For more information on joining our group please contact Derek + Anne Farrell
 Mobiles : 0862573824 + 0879224077 .
 Spiritual Director : Fr. Christopher Nkole.

29TH JULY – 5TH AUGUST 2026

WITH MARIAN PILGRIMAGES

For more information on joining the group please contact Teresa McCabe 087 206 9249
 Spiritual Directors:
 Fr. Roland Nfambang & Fr Omodunbi

THE 46TH ANNUAL MALAHIDE YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

will take place this year on Saturday and Sunday April 18/19th. The competition takes place in St. Andrew's School on Church Road. We would like to invite musicians from Portmarnock, Malahide and Kinsealy to take part. Entries are now open.
<https://www.malahideyoungmusicianfestival.com>