



February 25 2024

"We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain."

The familiar Gospel story of the Transfiguration is a beautiful, moving encounter with the things of heaven. It's a dramatic moment when Jesus encounters Moses and Elijah and the voice of God the Father is heard. Jesus brings his inner circle comprising Peter, James and John with him to Mount Tabor for this remarkable event. The transfiguration is recounted in the gospels of Matthew 17:1-9 and Mark 9:2-8 as well as Luke 9:28-36.

In addition, 2 Peter 1:16-18 also refers to it, where it says: "For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." The last line of this scripture passage has a tremendous power of authenticity and witness about it. St Peter, who later became the first Pope, says "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain." It was an event which clearly remained fresh in St Peter's mind and one that he no doubt often recalled, especially in times of difficulty. He was literally an eyewitness to Christ's glory. Moses and Elijah are giving Jesus strength and advice for his difficult journey to come. This Gospel story reminds us of the times in our lives when we have felt particularly close to God. It may have been during a retreat or when walking in the countryside. Let us pray in the coming week that we may recognise these moments of grace in our lives when God is giving us encouragement and refreshment. And to have the

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time and space to recall them during busier times in our lives when the pace of life may be a lot faster. God is always present in our lives even when we are unable to recognise it.

Deacon Gerard

COLLECTIONS last week-end:-

Common Fund : € 1,080

Accord Special Collection : € 2,412

Sincere thanks for your support.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Mary Mulrane

**Michael O'Regan, Brother of Frank O'Regan
Michael John Canning, Brother of Peter Canning**

Sat 6.30pm **Monica Mullins, [Month's Mind]
Jim Ennis, [Anniv];
Tilly Kirwan, [Anniv]**

Sun 10.30am **Chris McGeough, [3rd Anniv];**

Sun 12 noon **Jackie Kelly, [Month's Mind]
David Kelly, [Month's Mind]
Kathleen Lennon, [1st Anniv]
Teresa & Edward Rice, [Anniv]
Eileen Breslin, [Anniv]
George Byrne, [6th Anniv]**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION will take place after all Masses on **Saturday/Sunday this weekend.**

'GOOD GRIEF' LENTEN GATHERINGS:

Our Partnership of Parishes joins with St. Andrew's Church of Ireland Parish on four Wednesday of Lent, to pray and explore the theme of grief. The terrible anguish of losing someone we love is something almost every person goes through. Being a Christian does not shield a person from the sadness of bereavement and the sense of loss. It is not wrong to grieve. It is not a sign of physical or spiritual weakness or failure. In these short Services, we will explore the hope and comfort faith provides when someone we love dies. **Each Service which takes place at 7.30p.m.,** will be followed by Refreshments. All are welcome. **Ms. Marian Gribben, a Portmarnock Parishioner and former Chaplain in St.**

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Francis Hospice Raheny, will deliver a short address at the St. Anne's Service.

Wednesday, 28th February St Anne's Portmarnock

Wednesday, 6th March Sacred Heart Yellow Walls

Wednesday, 13th March St. Sylvester's Malahide

CONFIRMATION CONNECT: Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who each receive a gift from the Parish of a copy of St. Mark's Gospel during their **Confirmation Connect** Mass this weekend. We hope each Candidate will read this first written and shortest of the four Gospels with their Families in preparation for Confirmation. Loving *Father, bless these candidates for Confirmation.*

Through your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds and open their hearts to love and treasure the words of the Gospel. Through reading and praying the Scriptures may they come to know Jesus and his love for them, putting his words into practice in their lives. we ask this through Christ our Lord.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Confession for Confirmation Candidates:

Parents/Guardians who want their Confirmation Candidate Children to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in advance of Confirmation are invited to bring them to the **weekly Confessions after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday evenings OR to Confession for Confirmation Candidates on Saturday 2nd March or Saturday 9th March from 12noon – 1.30pm.** Please note that these Confessions will not be organised by the Schools but at the discretion of each Family.

FIRST CONFESSIONS continue on Wednesday afternoons 28th Feb, 6th and 13th March as advised to Families by our Schools.

Individual Confessions are heard in St. Anne's each **Saturday evening after the 6.30 Vigil Mass.** Confession will also be heard during Lent **after each 10.00a.m. weekday Mass** except when there is a funeral or on request.

WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – will be celebrated on the **3rd March 2024 St Andrew's Church, Malahide at 7.00p.m.** All Welcome.

PARTNERSHIP LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

Saint Sylvester's, Malahide will host the Partnership Area communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a Penance Service on the **Monday of Holy Week, 25th March at 7.30pm.**

ROSARY GROUP

The Parish Rosary group pray the Rosary at 9.30a.m. each morning except when there is a funeral. All are welcome to join with the Rosary group in the Church or on the website.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Will take place on the **15th – 19th September 2024** accompanied by Canon John Flaherty, Spiritual Director. Please contact Pauline Geoghegan, 087 6293744.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday, 27th April 2024.** Details for the Parish Pilgrimage will be given at a later date. Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you intend to travel.

MEDUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

5th to 12th June 2024 with Marian Pilgrimages To be included in our group please contact Derek & Anne Farrell , 0862573824, or 0879224077.

PILGRIMAGE TO BENEVENTO, SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, & ALBA ADRIATICA : 27 May 2024 for six nights.

For information please contact Aisling Handley at 086 1641101

FAMILY CARERS

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

PARISH OFFICE

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