



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

TRANSFIGURATION

The Transfiguration of Jesus is one of the most profound moments in the Gospels. It is a pivotal event that reveals Jesus' divine nature to Peter, James, and John, offering a glimpse of His glory and foreshadowing His resurrection. As we reflect on the story, we are invited to consider its meaning for our own Lenten journey and our walk of faith.

One of the most striking aspects of this passage is the reaction of the disciples. Overwhelmed by the glory of Christ, Peter impulsively suggests building tents to remain in the moment. However, God's plan is not to remain in glory but to continue the journey toward the cross. This speaks to our human tendency to seek comfort in spiritual highs while avoiding the difficult path of suffering and sacrifice. Lent reminds us that discipleship requires both moments of consolation and the willingness to carry our cross.

The presence of Moses and Elijah is also deeply symbolic. Moses, who led the Israelites out of Egypt and received the Law on Mount Sinai, represents God's covenant with His people. Elijah, the great prophet, symbolizes the call to repentance and faithfulness. Their presence confirms that Jesus is the fulfillment of both the Law and the Prophets, the one who brings salvation to completion. The Transfiguration, therefore, is a turning point in the Gospel, reminding us that Jesus' mission is not just one of glory, but of suffering, death, and ultimately, resurrection.

As we journey through Lent, the Transfiguration challenges us to see beyond our immediate struggles and fix our eyes on the greater hope of Easter. It encourages us to trust in God's plan, even when the road ahead is uncertain or difficult.

Like the disciples, we may not always understand God's ways, but we are called to listen to Jesus and follow Him faithfully.

Another key lesson from this passage is the importance of encountering God in moments of prayer and reflection. Jesus took His closest disciples up the mountain, away from the distractions of daily life. Lent offers us an opportunity to step away from our routines, deepen our relationship with Christ, and allow His light to transform us. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we prepare our hearts to recognize His presence more fully.

Ultimately, the Transfiguration is a reminder that glory and suffering are intertwined. Just as Christ was glorified on the mountain but soon faced the agony of the cross, we too must embrace both the joys and trials of our faith. Lent is a season of transformation, calling us to be renewed in our faith, to listen to Christ, and to journey with Him toward the promise of resurrection. May we open our hearts to His light and allow His presence to guide us on our path.



Mass Times

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan

Daily Mass Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6pm

St. Breacan's Church, Doora

Sunday: 9.45am

Immaculate Conception, Barefield

Sunday 11.15am
Tuesday 9.30am

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Priest on Duty: 16th March, 2025

Contact: Fr. Jibin - Tel. 065 6869098

Remembered in Masses this week

CHURCH OF OUR LADY

15th Mar: No intention booked.
23rd Mar: No intention booked.

ST. BRECAN'S CHURCH

16th Mar: Paddy & John Torpey, Kilfenora.
James & Delia Sheedy & Deceased Family, Bunnow
23rd Mar: No intention booked.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAREFIELD

16th Mar: No intention booked.
23rd Mar: Millie & Paddy Hanrahan, Stonepark.

9.30am Mass each Tuesday in Barefield Church.
Novena Mass in Church of Our Lady each Monday.

Finance Development Fund
9th March, 2025
Barefield: €108
Doora: €102
Church of Our Lady: €202
Development : €785
Mile buochas

Aifrinn do Lá Fhéilg Pádraig
Masses for St. Patrick's Day
Monday 17th March



Church of Our Lady, Roslivan	9am
St. Breacan's Church, Doora	10am
The Immaculate Conception, Barefield	11.15am

Stations of the Cross

Come and join us on Friday evenings during Lent in Doora Church at 7-7.30 pm as we take some peaceful prayer time to meditate on The Stations of the Cross. We make our own pilgrimage of hope.



Ministers of Eucharist & Readers



This week:

COur Lady:	BBurke/SGarvey	Olive Harvey
Doora:	Marie Flanagan	Anne Marie Custy
Barefield:	LMurphy/MHassett	Nuala Kennedy

Next week:

COur Lady:	BBurke/SGarvey	Olive Harvey
Doora:	Maria Considine	Nuala Conlan
Barefield:	BGalvin/MOLoughlin	Sinead Roseingrave

Church of Our Lady Basket Collector
15th & 22nd Mar: Paddy Perrill & Harold Herlihy.

Doora Sacristan Rota

16th Mar: Teresa Hallinan
23rd Mar: Mary Enright

Lenten Video series for Jubilee of Hope 2025



During the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter Octave Bishop Fintan will share short daily messages (between 30 seconds and a minute) centred around the theme of **Hope** each day. This will be available on the main social media platforms, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, Linked-in, Bluesky, Tiktok, YouTube.

The handle for most platforms is @BishopFintan. Some of the messages are from Bishop Fintan and many of them will also be from various people around the diocese, clergy, laity, women and men, young and old. Welcome to view and share and happy Jubilee of Hope!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocese of Killaloe will be travelling to Lourdes on the 25th to June 30th June with the help of 16 young people from the different Pastoral Areas of the Diocese.

The Abbey Pastoral Area invites young people between the ages of 16 and under 18 on the 24th June to apply in writing to their local priest for consideration for the one of the two places available to our Pastoral Areas. In the event of more than two applicants a draw will take place. Closing date is Sunday 30th March.

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25th June for 5 days. €995 pps includes full board.

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage is from 29th September to 4th October €935 pps includes full board.

To reserve a seat please contact Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt St., Dublin 2 D02WY88 Tel: 01 2410800 or joewalshstours.ie for more details.

A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated on the June pilgrimage. €855 is the cost of this section. A medical declaration form must be completed and those interested in this section are asked to apply to Ms. Mary Freeman, Pilgrimage Secretary 087 9777896 or marybfreeman@gmail.com.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, March 19th, at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Michael Collins will be the celebrant on the night accompanied by Tony Griffin, former Clare Hurler and All Star who is also the author of "The Teenagers Book of Life" and works as a champion of Youth potential.

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers

John Curran,

St. Flannan's Drive,
Father of Siobhan O'Keefe, Tulla Rd.

Tony O'Connell,

Abbey St. Ennis, Corofin & Cork,
Brother of Lucy O'Dowd, Ashfield Park.





Hail Glorious St. Patrick!



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God. "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith.

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people cry out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

Eucharistic Adoration at Doora Church on Wednesday 6pm to 10pm. New members always welcome.

5K Fun Walk/Run for Uganda on Friday 4th April at 7.30pm. Register at Clare Crusaders Clinic, Barefield. Help to build a 100 bed dormitory. Your support in greatly appreciated.

Ennis Flower & Garden Club present Siobhan O Mahony, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick for a garden talk on Tuesday, March 18th at Treacys West County Hotel. Doors open at 7.30pm and garden talk commences at 8.15 sharp, €10 non members. All welcome, Plants for sale on the night, contact ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Pop up Shop fundraiser for Joe Slattery Rock the Frock - please donate dresses, jackets, coats & accessories in good as new condition. Old Ground Hotel Thurs 20th March.5.30-9pm Entry €5

This month's Alzheimer Information Cafe on the 19th March, in our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair, Cahercalla, from 11.30-13.30. This month Technologies to Enable Independent living. All welcome to join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy 0879152151, e-mail : samantha.fennel@alzheimer.ie

A Prayer of Saint Patrick

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.



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Ennis Campus Now Enrolling: Fully Funded Adult Classes: Introduction to the Landscape and Ecology of the Burren courses commencing in March 2025 in College of Further Education & Training, Ennis Campus. All welcome. To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email antoINETTE.houlihan@lcebt.ie

The next meet up of the **Clare adults with Type 1 Diabetes group** will take place Wednesday 26th March, at 7:30pm- 9:30pm in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. The meetings are free to attend and open to any adult who would like to learn more about Type 1 Diabetes; including people living with Type 1, parents of children with Type 1 or family members. Newcomers are always welcome. We are absolutely delighted to have consultant Endocrinologist Dr Tomás Griffin speaking about 'Exercise and Managing Type 1 Diabetes', at our March meeting.

Contact Gráinne at 087 6548320 or diabetesinclare@gmail.com



Grow Mental Health- Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/ www.grow.ie

Clare Roots Society March Meeting
Clare Roots Society March meeting 'Clare Local Studies and Archives: New Collections with Potential for Genealogical Research' by Michael Talty at the Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95 F782 on Thursday March 20th at 7.30pm. All welcome.

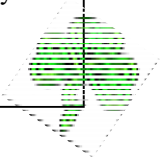


Doora Barefield GAA Lotto
Next weeks Jackpot: €15,000
Venue: Clubhouse,
Winners of €50



Jim Lyons, Barefield, Mona O'Connor,
Helen Haugh, Quin, Mike Fitzpatrick, Clonkerry.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken;
seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
Hide not your face from me.

PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord
C. For we have sinned against you.
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
C. And grant us your salvation.
P. May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.
C. Amen.

A reading from the book of Genesis Gen 15:5-12.17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants he told him'. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him, 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land'. 'My Lord, the Lord', Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?'

He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtle dove and a young pigeon'. He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves.

That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:
To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:
The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

R

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

R

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

R

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians Ph 3:17 - 4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us.

I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved.
Listen to him!'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his

glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'

And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and at that time told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Vir-gin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.
Listen to him.