



# Parish News

## Sunday 28th FEBRUARY

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There in their presence he was transfigured:

*Each year at the beginning of Lent Christian agencies devoted to the relief of poverty or for the promotion of justice and peace invest a great deal of effort and resources to produce information packs on how relatively affluent communities in the developed world can assist in their work. This information is often treated as if it belonged to a parallel universe when it comes to announcing the lenten call to repentance. However, such a separation between doing good in the world and personal penitence and renewal is based on a distinction that is foreign to the Good News. If God offers us the possibility of new life through his forgiveness, then we on the earthly plane have to be offering new life to all who are deprived. One cannot wish to belong to the new creation brought about by Christ's death and resurrection without being concerned about those for whom this creation is full of suffering. Likewise, one cannot be sorry for personal sins without recognising that we may live within systems in society or the economic world which are as much at odds with God's plan for the universe as a life of personal debauchery.*



*There is, of course, a strong lobby that believes that Christian faith is a purely personal matter, either on a purely 'spiritual' plane, or that its morality only has application at a personal level. Thus 'religion should stay out of politics' or 'church people should not meddle in economics' or Voltaire's desire that religion be confined to his wife, his servants, and his tradesmen so that there would be a suitable fear to keep them in check. However, Christian faith cannot accept these reductions, for our faith is that God is creator of all, of every single scrap of matter, and the whole creation is reconciled in Christ, and we are a people who must act morally at every level. Hence, the social teachings of the church, and the constant stream of teachings from the magisterium on social justice and development – summed up succinctly by Paul VI as 'development is another word for peace' or 'if you want peace work for justice.'*

In order to link these endeavours from agencies working for justice and development with the liturgy of the church as church – i.e. at the Eucharist – you could replace the homily today by going through whatever pack has been given out in your congregation this Lent. Noting the statistics it gives, noting how it is seeking to alleviate suffering, and repeating what it sees as the help it needs from people in the developed world.



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**Covid Conversations** with Bishop McKeown. 6 guests over 6 weeks on the following topics Medical Profession - Homelessness - Young People - Pastoral Ministry - Music industry -Poverty. Starts tuesday 23rd February - streaming from cathedral hall.

**Knock Shrine** are hosting special online faith discussions during Lent under the title 'LivingChristian Faith – Lenten Conversations'. The conversations will explore a different theme each week and guest speakers will discuss some of the important questions we all face in living out our faith. The talks will be streamed at 8:30pm each Thursday during Lent, beginning Thursday, 18th February at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) or on Facebook@knockshrine.

**The Bible and the Mass.** journey through scripture – Where is The Mass in the Bible. An excellent video based program - 10 part series presented by Scott Hahn and the Saint Paul Centre. [St Paul Centre](http://St Paul Centre)

**Taurusus Scripture School** presents TSS for Lent and Easter 2021 -  
Easter: Weaving the Tapestry of Death and New Life  
9 pre-recorded lectures; 1 webinar; 1 meditation (€30)

**Diocesan Catechetical Centre** - We have provided a variety of resources for prayer and faith projects children can engage in at home, during this period of coronavirus confinement

**Wellbeing talks:** St Eugene's Cathedral are hosting a series of well-being talks via Zoom during Lent. The topics include recognising and strengthening resilience, tips for a better sleep, anxiety, managing setbacks and getting a good night's sleep. If you are interested in participating in these talks please contact [emmet.thompson@derrydiocese.org](mailto:emmet.thompson@derrydiocese.org) or contact the parish office.

**Preacher to the Papal Household** — Cardinal Catalamessa in his first sermon for [Lent 2021](#), gives an overview of the season and reflects on Jesus' call to repentance.

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### Streamed Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Vigils 7:00pm Vigil  
8:00pm (Hospital Mass)  
Sundays : 10:00am 11:15am and 12:00pm

Weekdays 09:15am 10:00am and 11:00am  
Saturday 10:00am 11:00am



Our online masses can be accessed here [ONLINE](#)

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**Trócaire** are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org). Trócaire boxes are available at the church doors.



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### Rest in Peace

#### Deaths:

Grace Morrison, Heron Way, Frances Palmer, Heron Way,  
Jean Morris, Cheadle Park.

#### Anniversaries:

George Doherty, Pauline Nicell, Jimmy and Vera McCloskey,  
Jim McGinn, Esther McClintock, Laurence McLaughlin,  
Philomena McWilliams, Catherine Mullin, Mary Bradley, Patrick Lynch,  
Helen McDermott, Lil McLaughlin, Kathleen Kane

### A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

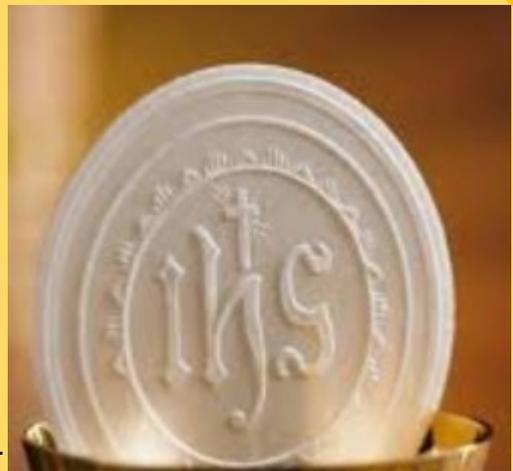
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You  
sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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