

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

1. The transfiguration experience, was one that, for Jesus, clarified his relationship with his Father and strengthened him for the future. It was also a moment of deep revelation for the disciples. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, which for you have clarified your sense of who you are, and what is your relationship with God?
2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in friendship there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with God? Recall when that happened, and what it was like for you.
3. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud and it was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed: 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him.' Have you had the experience of learning the truth about life and about your relationship with God from moments of confusion as well as from times of Joy?
4. After their special experience, the disciples came down the mountain again. We cannot live each day at the level of special spiritual experiences, but the memory of them can strengthen us in difficult times. What memories encourage you in time of trouble?

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The Deep End 'Listen to him'

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration. It is an account of a significant spiritual experience for the disciples. We can recall in our own lives times when we received a new spiritual insight, moments when we came to know Jesus in a more profound way. These moments change us, they are powerful and can sustain us in difficult times. During Lent we are invited into a new way of seeing. As our world faces enormous environmental challenges, faith communities have a huge role to play in protecting God's creation for generations to come. The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual, we have become disconnected from nature. This calls for a deep conversion, a reconnection; to be filled again with a childlike sense of awe and wonder where our relationship with the natural world is concerned. This Lent, let us spend more time in nature, being aware of God's presence in every created thing. Let us stand awestruck before the beauty of the world. **Jane Mellett; mellettj@gmail.com**

Dear Sisters and Brother in Christ,

Lent has begun. The next forty days are a time when Christians all over the world focus on the quality of our relationship with God and with others. Since it is five years since Pope Francis wrote his wonderful encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, on the care of our planet, "our common home" as he calls it, I suggest we live Lent this year with an eye on how we relate to God's creation. The environmental crisis is something to which young people are particularly sensitive. We need to hear in their concern a call from God to all of us. Pope Francis speaks of a need to undergo an "ecological conversion", turning away from the sins of

greed, the lure of consumerism and thinking that just because we can do something, we will do it. Lent is a call to recognise our new life in Christ, changing our lifestyle to be more attentive to what Pope Francis calls nature's words of love. Creation is God's gift to us. We need to love, respect, care for it.

Milford Care Centre would like to **thank our parishioners/congregation** most sincerely for contributing to the Church Gate collection which took place recently. **The amount raised at Our Lady of the Rosary was €1227.45.**

Lay Ministers of the Eucharist; meet Tuesday March 10th at 8pm in the Parish Centre. All ministers are requested to attend. Any ministers not currently on the rota, who are available to serve once more, are also invited. We would also be delighted to recruit new volunteers at this time.

There is a **Parish Council Meeting** on Tuesday **March 10th at 7.30pm.**

The **Pro-Life campaign** is most grateful to the Parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary who contributed to its annual collection for the Protection of the Unborn. You are remembered in our prayers and ask for special prayer during Lent for the Protection of Faith and Life

Salesian Primary School Fashion Show in The Strand Hotel on Thursday March 26th at 7.30pm. The event is being held to raise funds for a library and sensory room for the school. Contact Anna on 086-8141792 or Salesians2020@gmail.com for tickets. Tickets €20.

RECENT DEATHS: We remember our parishioners who died during the month of February and express our sympathy to their

families: **Dermot Boland, Marie Solan, Rita Keane. May they rest in peace.**

Reflection: God will never leave your side. Joshua 1-9

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Office Hours: 09:00 - 09:45 Weekdays
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MASS TIMES: Weekends and Holy Days
Saturday Vigil 18:00
Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:
Mon. to Fri. 10:00
Saturday 09:45 : Prayer Service

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00
Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7 th	18:00	Ger Barry (A) Quain Family, Deceased Members Phyllis Mehl & Moira Keane (A) Tom Fox (A)
Sun 8 th	10:00 11:30	Valerie & Dan Bulger (Int.) Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick (A) John & Elizabeth Leahy (A)
Mon 9 th	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 10 th	10:00	Maureen Reeves (Rec.Dec)
Wed 11 th	10:00	Annette Griffin (A) LT. Col. Eamon Moriarty & his wife Patricia
Thurs 12 th	10:00	Ann O'Donovan (Rec.Dec.)
Fri 13 th	10:00	Michael Hurley (A)
Sat 14 th	09:45 18:00	Prayer Service Katherine Phelan (A)
Sun 15 th	10:00 11:30	Bridget & James Cantillon Joseph McGrath (1 st A) Dan Healy