


<p><b>Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick</b></p> <p><b>Second Sunday of Lent</b></p>		<p><b>Parish Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p><b>PLEASE TAKE ONE</b></p>
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**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Congratulations to the boys and girls of our parish schools who made their Confirmation with Bishop Brendan Leahy this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023: Girls at 10:00 am and Boys at 11:30 am. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them in their faith and may God bless them all in their lives.

**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 special joy?
4. After their special experience the disciples came down from 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? **John Byrne OSA**

**Lenten Reflection, Prayer & Charity**

In today’s Gospel, we hear that Jesus went up a high mountain and was transfigured. The Father looked on His Son and said: “This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on Him”. God looks on each one of us and tells us that same truth: that His favour rests on us; His grace is given to us.

On Fridays during Lent, Br. James Dormer leads a Way of the Cross after the 10:00 am Mass. This is streamed live.

Fr. Joe Hayes S.J. is giving a series of Lenten Talks on the theme: How we can help Celebrate and Renew our Catholic Faith in our Parish Centre **on Tuesdays from 7:30 pm.**

A series of talks under the heading: Training for Living Well continues at Glenstal Abbey **on Sundays from 4:30 pm** and is streamed live. See the Glenstal website for details.

Trócaire Boxes for the Lenten Appeal are still available in the Church. The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul is taken up after each Mass this weekend.

**Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023**

The Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage is planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023. An online application process has been opened for young people, aged 16 years and over, who may wish to travel to France with others from the Limerick Diocese. See the poster and contact details on our parish website: [www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie/events/](http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie/events/).

**Advice from Chief Medical Officer**

We hear from the media that the CMO, Prof. Breda Smyth, has encouraged older people to move on from the isolation imposed by the pandemic. While thanking us for adhering to public health advice and contributing to the success of Ireland’s response to Covid-19, she urges us to return to doing the things we enjoy, to rebuild the connections we lost by isolation and to join again in community activities.

The Parish Newsletter may be used to advertise activities in the Parish Centre on behalf of parish and community groups. Just leave a note in the Sacristy in good time; no later than Wednesday at 10:00 am. for the weekend edition.

**Mass Intentions**

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| Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | 18:00 | Kitty & Mattie Cooney (A);<br>John Walsh (1 <sup>st</sup> A); Joseph & Pearl Moore; Patricia Donellan |
| Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | 10:00 | Marie Dillon (A); John & Elizabeth Leahy; Gerard Neville (MM)                                         |
| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | 10:00 | Pro Popolo                                                                                            |
| Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | 10:00 | Mary Brosnan (A)                                                                                      |
| Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | 10:00 | Bridget Cantillon (A)                                                                                 |
| Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | 10:00 |                                                                                                       |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 10:00 | Sheila Fitzsimons (Rec Dec)                                                                           |
| Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 18:00 | Deceased members of the Quaid family; Dan Healy (A)                                                   |
| Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 10:00 |                                                                                                       |
|                          | 11:30 | Monica Ryan (A); Donal, Norrie & Joe Gilligan (A); Betty O’Shea; Gerard Barry                         |

<p><b>Mass Times:</b> Daily Mass – Mon to Fri – 10:00 Sat Vigil &amp; Eve of Holy Day – 18:00 Sunday &amp; Holy Day – 10:00 &amp; 11:30 <b>Baptisms:</b> Sat 17:00 &amp; Sun 12:15 by appointment <b>Marriages:</b> by appointment</p>	<p><b>Priests:</b> Fr. Des McAuliffe P.P. tel - 061 324825 Fr. Tom Ryan C.C. tel - 087 2997733 <b>Adoration:</b> First Friday 10:30 to 11:30 except when there is a funeral <b>Parish Website:</b> <a href="http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie">www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie</a></p>	<p><b>Parish Clerk:</b> Margaret Clifford at Church Sacristy tel - 061 325 288 <b>Office Hours:</b> Mon - Fri 09:00 to 09:45 &amp; Sunday from 09:00 to 12:30 <b>Church Open for Private Prayer:</b> Mon – Sat from 09:30 to 15:00</p>
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