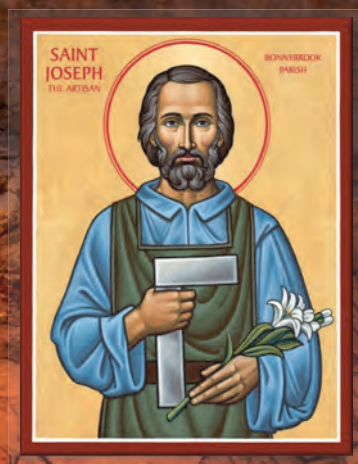


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2nd Sunday OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mk 9:7

The Christian ideal, especially in families, is a love that never gives up.
- Pope Francis



#WMOF2018

Amoris Laetitia

Second Sunday in Lent

How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether. Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation.

Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah's revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveller in the ascent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveller back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor.

A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let's persevere this Lent! Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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| Sat Evening: 7pm | Nancy Malone (A), Frank Sheerin (A), Teresa Woods (1stA) |
| Sun: 9.30am | Christopher Doyle (M.M.), Liam O'Meara (A), Agnes Farrell (B.R.) |
| Sun: 11.30am | Andrew & Mary Judge, (A), Dominic Conroy (A&B.R.) also Parents Christina & John Conroy (A) |
| Mon: 9.30am | Tina Byrne & Family (living) |
| Tues: 9.30am | Maurice Joyce (living) |
| Wed: 9.30am | Shop Mass List |
| Thurs: 9.30am | Joseph & Margaret Ryan (A) |
| Fri: 9.30am | Kathleen O'Reilly (A) |



With Heartfelt Sympathy

To the family of the late
Brian Marshall R.I.P.

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Mass Times

Sunday Vigil: (Saturday Evening) 7.00pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am

Monday - Friday: 9.30am

Saturday morning: No Mass

BAPTISMS (A months Notice must be given)

Second Saturday of each month at 12.00pm

Fourth Sunday of each month at 12.30pm

National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018

Please support the third National Collection for WMOF2018 which will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend.



World Meeting of Families - Dates for your Diaries.

The Joy of Love - Parish Conversations

The 2nd Meeting will be held

On Wednesday, 7th March 2018 in **Darndale** Church at 7pm

3rd Meeting on Wednesday, 21st March 2018 in **Priorswood** Church at 7pm

The above meetings are open to parishioners in each parish as we gather 'together' to explore the significance of this important meeting for all our families. We hope you will join us.



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LENTEN EVENINGS IN OUR LADY OF MERCY Artane, Mondays from 7.30-8.45pm. Feb 26th: Amoris Laetitia – Fr Alex Stenson. The Letter of the Pope (The Joy of Love) raises questions about the Church's welcoming of different relationships. March 5th: The Pope is Coming – Ronan Barry. Let's see what we hope for with the visit of the Pope to Ireland. All are welcome.

READINGS OF LENT FOR PRAYER AND PREACHING For each Wednesday during Lent, in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral from 11.15am to 12.30pm. Mass will be available at 10.30am and 12.45pm. Presenter: Kieran O'Mahony, OSA.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

ANSWER:

On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team--successful or not--will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Ciszek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK.

The hope of being transformed or transfigured into the image of God awaits all of God's children. We walk through this life knowing that our eternal destiny is to be like God and live eternally in his presence. How does this truth about who we can become change the way we live today? Does it even matter to us that we are called to a higher purpose that is often quite different than the one we fabricate for ourselves here on earth? A transformed, eternal life is God's desire for all of his daughters and sons. Knowing this helps us put suffering in perspective and walk peacefully with hope in our hearts.



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