

**PARISH OF TEMPLEMICHAEL & BALLYMACORMACK.**

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**Monday 01<sup>st</sup> March – Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

- Monday, 01<sup>st</sup> March. St. David.**  
8.00am: Baby Persayus Marie Mc Donnell (A).  
10.00am: William and Mary Lawrence. (A)
- Tuesday, 02<sup>nd</sup> March**  
8.00am: Holy Souls.  
10.00am: Jimmy & Teresa Halpin & grandchild Rachel Byrne.  
Jimmy & John Mc Cormack and deceased family members.
- Wednesday, 03<sup>rd</sup> March.**  
8.00am: Special Intention.  
10.00am: Peter, Kathleen & Mary Hanley (A).
- Thursday, 04<sup>th</sup> March. St. Casimir.**  
8.00am: No Intention.  
10.00am: Ettie Dolan. (A).
- Friday, 05<sup>th</sup> March. First Friday. St Kieran of Ossory.**  
8.00am: No Intention.  
10.00am: Paddy Hyland. (A).  
7.30pm: Eddie Glynn. (A)
- Saturday, 06<sup>th</sup> March.**  
8.00am: No Intention.  
10.00am: Joe Quinn. (A).
- Sunday, 07<sup>th</sup> March. THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
6.00pm (*Vigil*): Bernard Oates. (A).  
7.30pm (*Vigil*): Michael Ghee (1<sup>st</sup> A). His parents Tom & Bridie & their daughters Patricia and Catherine Norris. (A)  
8.00am: Paddy & Patricia Glennon. (A).  
10.00am: Margaret Farrell. (A).  
11.30am: *Shared*: 1) Colin Brady (Month's Mind) & Irene Brady (1<sup>st</sup> A).  
2) Brendan Connolly (Month's Mind)  
1.00pm: Donal Considine & David Hughes. (A)  
6.00pm: Deceased members of the Shiels & Taaffe families.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** We thank you for your contribution to the Offertory Collection for the last week that amounted to €2,760.00. You may drop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox. Or you may prefer to offer financial support electronically, the following are our banking details: **St Mels Cathedral Account. Permanent TSB. BIC: IPBSIE2D; IBAN: IE48IPBS99073152096969**

**SHROVE DUES:** for the support of the priests of the Parish are due at this time. Please return your contribution to the Presbytery at your convenience.

**HOLY HOUR:** On Saturday evening from 8.15pm-9.15pm we will have a Holy Hour in the Cathedral. The Holy Hour will be weekly until the end of the current restrictions.

**EVENING PRAYER:** From Monday to Thursday we will Evening Prayer and Night Prayer of the Church at 7.30pm.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Friday is the First Friday of the month. Unfortunately due to Level 5 restrictions the priest will not be able to call with Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, but be assured that all will be remembered in the Masses on Friday.

**FORMS OF FRIDAY PENANCE:** The following are ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking.
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer.
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Friday's.
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament.
- Making the Stations of the Cross.
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy.
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** The Way of the Cross will be prayed each Friday evening at 6.45pm and you can join with us on [www.longfordparish.com](http://www.longfordparish.com)

## TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2021



**Please support the Trócaire Lenten Appeal 2021. This year the focus is on the suffering of displaced peoples in South Sudan. Trócaire Boxes are available in the Cathedral Porch.**

### GOSPEL FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT.

**Mark 9:2-10.**

**“THIS IS MY SON,  
WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN;**



**LISTEN TO HIM.”**  
L U K E 9 : 3 5

*This is my Son, the Beloved*  
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘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 to say; they were so

frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

### **Reflection**

Today, in the first reading, God commanded Abraham, “Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There offer him

up as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you” (Genesis 22:2). Abraham obeyed. He set out with his servants and Isaac.

As they were on their way, Isaac asked Abraham a heart-touching question: “The fire and wood are here, where is the lamb for the sacrifice” (Genesis 22:7). This question could have made Abraham to change his mind from offering his son, Isaac, as a burnt sacrifice. But Abraham, being a man of obedience and faith, replied to Isaac, “God himself will provide the lamb for the sacrifice” (Genesis 22:8). This was a prophecy because God provided a ram, not just a lamb, which Abraham sacrificed instead of his son Isaac (Genesis 22:13). For this reason, “Abraham named that place Yahweh-yireh ...,” meaning, “God-the-Provider” (Genesis 22:14). God, then, promised numerous blessings to Abraham and his descendants because he obeyed his command (Genesis 22:18). God’s providence and blessings accompany obedience to him and faith in him.

We recall that earlier, Abraham gave a prophecy when he said to his servants that accompanied him, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there to worship and then we will come back to you” (Genesis 22:8). This prophecy was also fulfilled. After Abraham sacrificed the ram, he and Isaac came back to the servants and they returned home. Because Abraham was obedient to God and had faith in God, his utterances became prophetic. That is the power of obedience and faith. James 2:23 remarked about Abraham, “Abraham believed in God so he was considered a righteous person and was called a friend of God.” Obedience and faith make us righteous and friends of God.

Every year the Gospel reading for the second Sunday of Lent recounts Jesus’ Transfiguration and someone called this particular Sunday the “Sunday of the three mountains.” We have Abraham on Mount Moriah, the redeemer Christ on the Mount Calvary, and the transfigured Christ on Mount Tabor.

We are invited to climb these mountains during Lent. Mountain climbing is hard but, when we reach the top, we see things differently. Everything cleaner, the light is clearer, the atmosphere is cleaner, we come closer to God, and are changed, by effort. Mount Moriah calls us to serve the true God alone. Mount Calvary shows us Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, and his saving death and resurrection. Mount Tabor calls us to trust in the glory that awaits us. You may climb any one of these mountains to discover that you have come closer to God and are changed deeply.