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Clogherhead & Walshestown Parish

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at SMC

To build bridges, bring together and renew the parish community in a spirit of faith, trust and hope through loving service of God and of our neighbour

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Clogherhead and Walshestown parish

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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK: Thursday 29th February

Normal hours resume on Tuesday 5th March Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm & Thursday 3pm-5pm

SCHOOLS - St Denis': **982 2873**; St Paul's : **685 2285**

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25th Feb 2024

Sunday Cycle B

Psalter Week 2

Spring

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –

When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;

Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush

Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring

The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;

The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush

The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush

With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.

What is all this juice and all this joy?

A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning

In Eden garden. – Have, get, before it cloy,

Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,

Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,

Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning. *Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ*



Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg - 27th April 2024 Calling all 18 -

30 year olds! Do you want to explore your faith with other like-minded young

people in a beautiful and reflective location? Join us at Lough Derg , Pettigo

County Donegal on Saturday 27th April 2024 from 10am-4pm. Refreshments

and Lunch provided. This Retreat is free of charge. To Register please

visit tiny.cc/loughderg or email info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

Stations of the Cross this Second Sunday of Lent in St Michael's at **5pm**

The Parish List of the Dead, deceased benefactors and the recently deceased: Brendan McPartland (*McCooley Terrace*); Tom Matthews (*Drogheda*); Madeline Byrne & Veronica Seery.

Mass Intentions This Week

St Michael, Clogherhead

Vigil 7.30pm S Murphy Family Thanks (*Brittas*)

Sun 11.30am The People of the Parish

Mon 9am Paddy Murphy & Dec^d Family

Tue 9am Hugh & Margaret Rogers (*Brittas*)

Tue 10-11am Eucharistic Adoration

Next Vigil 7.30pm *Larry, Maggie, Jane &*

Sr Annette Kirwan (Harbour Rd.);

Kieran, Kathleen, John & George Harmon

Next Sun 11.30am The People of the

Parish

Ss Peter & Paul, Walshestown

Sunday 10am 10am James,

Seamus, Norah & Paul Campbell;

Sarah & Patrick Crilly +

Maggie Dolan & family dec^d

Next Sunday Madeline, Paddy &

Minnie Caffrey

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NB First Friday calls will be done

on Tuesday morning (instead of

Friday) from 11am. If not on the list

then please phone the Parish

Office **982 2224** and leave a

message that you would like a visit.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

Our Parish depends on

Parishioners volunteering time &

talent to the various groups and

needs. **IS THERE ONE OF**

THOSE AREAS in last week's

Volunteering Poster WHERE YOU

CAN HELP? Or any other area?

Praying with Blessed Carlo Acutis

for Vocations on **Monday 11**

March for 12 hours commencing

with Mass at 9am in Saint

Michael's. **You are invited to sign**

up for a period of adoration

during this day so that there is

always someone in prayer before

the blessed sacrament. Blessed

Carlo was in an Italian Catholic

teenager. His love of the Eucharist

was his life, he said. *"The Eucharist ►*

is my highway to heaven". He

was beatified by Pope Francis on

10 October 2020, two days before

the 14th anniversary of his death.

See document at back of church

to sign up for a period of adoration.

Tuesday **Holy Hour**: Adoration

from 10-11am St Michael's

Please read the enclosed

Irish Bishops' message re

the Referendums on March 8

Parish Office Closed Thurs.

Are you interested in covering for

Ann (holidays, sick leave etc) in

the Parish office? Call Fr Martin.

First Reconciliation on Mon 26th

& Tue 27th Feb the young people

in 2nd classes in our parish

schools will make their First

Reconciliation in our Parish

churches. *Please remember them*

in your prayers at this special time

On Sunday 18th February you

gave €1,312.30 (€975.00 in 88

envelopes and €337.30 on the plate)

Grateful thanks for all your support.

March Dues next weekend. There is an envelope in your box of envelopes for March Dues.

Ministers of the Word for March
- **St Michael's**

7.30pm Deirdre Seery

11.30am Veronica Mulroy

- **Ss Peter & Paul's**

10am Kathleen Gargan

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for March (SMC)

7.30pm Ann Wilkinson

11.30am Maura Kearney

Church Altar Society Team for March – (SMC)

Catherine Moore, Ann Williams & Margaret Kirwan

Sincere thanks to our February teams.

Pope's Intentions for March

For the New Martyrs:

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Trocaire Lent Campaign 'I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."' (Psalm 116:10) Travelling so far for water each day affects other parts of the lives of Malita and her children, Margaret, Patrick and Patricia. Carrying 20 litres of water ►



leaves the children tired and some days they are not able to go to school. Farming is an important part of how the family support themselves, but a lack of water makes farming difficult. Trócaire and our partners in Malawi are working to create solutions to the water shortages, such as digging bore holes close to villages. To learn more, go to: <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>

Webinar on Vocations – 5 March

Are you concerned about the decline in Vocations? What can I do to promote Vocations? What else can be done? The National Vocations Office, in collaboration with The Hook of Faith, is running an online (Zoom) Webinar, Tuesday 5th March 8 pm to 9 pm To register for this - email: thehookoffaith@gmail.com

Dromantine Summer Camp

2024 Registration for Camp 2024 goes live on Friday 1st March for players (11-16) and the leadership team (17+). For more information about camp and how to register please visit our website at -

www.dromantinesummerncamp.co.uk

Forms of Friday Penance — suggested as way 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 special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- 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.

Active Ageing—Connected Communities

Colm Markey, MEP hosts information Coffee Morning for Older ►

Verbum Domini—The Gospel of the Lord **Mark 9: 2 - 10**

1. Some special spiritual experiences are well nigh impossible to describe in words. The Transfiguration was one of these. Jesus had a new and deeper insight into his relationship with his heavenly Father, one that would sustain him through what lay ahead of him. Have you had WOW moments that you found hard to describe to others? How have these sustained you in difficult times?

2. It can be both scary and wonderful to witness transformation in another, especially a person who is close. At times parents get a taste of this when a child's talent blossoms and is recognised by the child. We may also experience it when a dear friend recognises s/he is in a blind alley

and gives up an addiction.

3. 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John were particularly close to Jesus, but they were not good at listening to Jesus, especially when he spoke of the painful road of servant discipleship. Jesus is the one we must listen to, even when his message is hard to hear. It is in this message we find life. When have you found this to be true?

4. Strangely this instruction came to the disciples when they were confused and 'in a cloud'. Perhaps you recall a moment of insight coming to you at a time when you were confused.

John Byrne OSA

Citizens in Gateway Hotel, Dundalk (Crown Plaza) Mon 4 March at 10am – providing information on enhanced home care, use of communication technology and connect our older citizens to the many support services available. All interested groups and individuals are welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage to Assisi and San Giovanni departing 16th October for 7 nights. Visit Sts. Francis, Clare and Pio and Bl. Carlo Acutis with local Spiritual Director. €1199 includes full board, flights to Rome and Naples, local guides and all transfers. Contact Paul Johnstone (086- 828 1889) or Marian ►

Pilgrimages (01 — 878 8159)

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