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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 7
March

First Reading
Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Psalm 102

Second Reading
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

THE FOURTH LUMINOUS MYSTERY OF THE ROSARY



Pope John Paul of happy memory added five extra mysteries to the recitation of the Rosary. They are called The Luminous Mysteries or The Mysteries of Light. The fourth of these is The Transfiguration.

The vision of Christ transfigured in glory is given to the three apostles who will see him suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane. The vision is also for our encouragement as we journey through Life. "His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzlingly white" From the cloud comes a voice, the voice, of course, of God himself: "This is my Son, the beloved, with him I am well pleased; listen to him".

Then they came down from the mountain. Being with Jesus means not staying up on the mountain, being on the mountain was a wonderful experience. Peter said, "It is good for us to be here." But Jesus came down from the mountain to be with the people in their pains and sorrows, in their fears and anxieties, in their sicknesses and disabilities, in their sinfulness.

Jesus' other name in the Gospel is Emmanuel, God with us. Jesus' place is to be with his people. And his followers have to do the same. It is nice to have a really good Mass with good homily, lovely choir, candles and incense. But most of the time our Christian life is to be spent sharing in the joys and sorrows of our brothers and sisters. We are to be the salt of the earth, the candle on the lamp stand, helping people to know, understand and experience the love of God for them.

Most of the time we meet Jesus especially in those in need: the hungry and thirsty, the sick and the handicapped, and those in prison. "As often as you do or do not do it to one of these the least of my brothers, you do not do it to me." We are to find Jesus in them; they are to find Jesus in us.

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WEEKEND PSALM

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Patrick Killeen

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The Lord is my light and my help.

JUST A THOUGHT FOR LENT



Being a Christian brings with it great challenges. Lent is a time to re-focus on the degree to which we are meeting these challenges. It is also a time to reconnect with the love that God has for us as God's children. It is this love that will inspire us to meet these challenges, particularly in terms of the building up of God's Kingdom of love and compassion in our world.

Bible Corner



TIME FOR A RESPONSE

Battered and somewhat tattered, broken but renewed, national wage agreements survived for several decades guiding the country hugely before fading in influence.

The covenant or agreement God made with man through Abraham, "You will be my people and I will be your God" has undergone a similar fate. It has been questioned, rejected, ignored, renegotiated by man. God stands unswervingly by His promise. Every now and again, we respond to the invitation to renew our side of the bargain. Lent is such an invitation.

It is an invitation to live up to our privilege as brothers and sisters of Christ, a Christ who is human enough to be tempted but who is the Son of God. His glory as God was glimpsed at on Mount Tabor by the trio who were to share the suffering of the Passion most closely, Peter, James and John. Suffering, failure and sin come into all our lives. It is in prayer that we sneak a preview of the glory of God which is to be ours. "For us, our homeland is in heaven and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of His glorious body."

Hear more about it this weekend.

NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday, 5th March is the First Friday of the month. Calls to sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 4th in the Parish Office at 3.00pm.

The Holy Spirit Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society

wishes to thank all those who contributed to our February collection. The usual monthly collection will take place on Saturday and Sunday 6th/7th March.

Bishops' Commission

The annual collection will take place at Masses next weekend.

"God's Mission"

A documentary detailing the lives of Bishops Shanahan, Galvin and Sr. Mary Martin, will be screened on RTE 1 on Tuesday 2nd and Tuesday 9th March at 10.15pm.

Home Help needed on pretty long-term basis. Contact number 021-4545387.

These are recessionary times and there may be people who would appreciate some work along the lines mentioned. Should such be the case, they can contact the Parish office, tel. 032-4344452.

International Women's Day Lunchtime Concert hosted by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress featuring Irish Sopranos, Cork school choirs and a photographic exhibition on Monday 8th March from 12 noon to 3.00pm at the Millennium Hall and Concert Hall. Finger food and refreshments will also be served. Proceeds to local charities and Haiti. Tickets €20 available at Pro Musica and Brown Thomas (Friday and Saturday only).

Voices for Kenya. Fundraising event for the Ursuline Kenya Project featuring Note Perfect, Dundanion Singers and Ursuline students, on Tuesday 9th March. Wine reception 7.30pm Concert 8.00pm. At Ursuline Secondary School, Blackrock. Tickets available at school office 4358012.

Aware - Helping to Defeat Depression

Public lecture "Depression an Emotion calling for Motion" in CUH Lecture Theatre on Tuesday 9th March at 8.30pm Speaker; Tony Humphries, Consultant Clinical Psychologist. Admission free, all welcome.

Meetings are also held every Tuesday night to support those with depression at Inniscarrig House, Western Rd., (opposite old Erinville Maternity Hospital) at 8.00pm every Tuesday night, and the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month for relatives and friends of the depressed, at the same time and venue.

Thank You to those who supported the Pancake Morning held recently by the Bishopstown Gardai. Proceeds amounting to €2600 went to the C.U.H. children's holiday club.