

listened to are necessary but perhaps all too rare human experiences."

There is something very touching about Jesus engaging Moses and Elijah. It's as if these two major historic figures from the Hebrew scriptures are giving Jesus strength and advice for his difficult journey to come. An encounter with God in prayer, can give us strength and support as well but how often do we allow time for this in our busy lives? Jesus is encouraging us today to take time out for prayer and reflection this Lent.

Pope Benedict once spoke in Lourdes about the "thin veil" that separates this world from the next. This veil is pulled back completely during this heavenly encounter. And we hear the great invitation from God the Father to each and every one of us: *"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"* These powerful words resonate down through history to us all today.

This story reminds us of the times in our lives when we have felt particularly close to God. It may have been during a retreat or when walking in the countryside. Or perhaps a time when someone we love said something special to us. We can always treasure this memory and recall it in times of difficulty. I can remember an old neighbour that I met on our road who said that there is "always hope." He was a man of faith who lived well into his nineties and I often think of him when there are a few challenges around.

Let us pray in the coming week that we may recognise these moments of grace in our lives when God is giving us encouragement and refreshment, and to have the time and space to recall them during busier times in our lives when the pace of life may be a lot faster. Because God is always present in our lives even when we are unable to recognise it.

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NEWSLETTER



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mountain." You can't really expect to get better verification than that! The last line here has a tremendous power of authenticity and witness about it. St Peter, who later became the first Pope, says *"We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain."*

The familiar Gospel story of the Transfiguration is a beautiful, moving encounter with the things of heaven. It's a dramatic moment when Jesus encounters Moses and Elijah and the voice of God the Father is heard.



Jesus brings his inner circle comprising Peter, James and John with him to Mount Tabor for this remarkable event. The transfiguration is recounted in the gospels of Matthew 17:1-9 and Mark 9:2-8 as well as Luke 9:28-36. In addition, 2 Peter 1:16-18 also refers to it, where it says:

"For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy

It was an event which clearly remained fresh in St Peter's mind and one that he no doubt often recalled, especially in times of difficulty. He was literally an eye witness to Christ's glory. Father Kieran O'Mahony says the following about this Gospel: *"There is a sense in which life is always "on the move" and we cannot freeze even special moments. They do continue to influence us, but are not under our control. Listening and being*

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 7th -12th September 2018 Hotel Solitude ****



5 Nights – Full Board
Fully Inclusive Price €739
In conjunction with the Dublin
Diocesan Pilgrimage (single
room subject to
confirmation – supplement €175)
To book please contact Anne in the
Parish Office Tel: 8375274



Third National Collection for World Meeting of Families


This collection will
take place at all
Masses **this weekend**
24th – 25th February.

It will replace the usual
SHARE collection.

Friday 2nd March – First Friday Mass Schedule: Church of the Holy Child- 9.15a.m. and 7.00p.m.
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball: 10.00a.m.
Confessions on Thursday after the 9.15a.m. Mass and before the 7.00p.m. Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers: The roster for March is now available on the table at Reception in the Parish Centre.

We welcome in Baptism:
Cora Grace Davies
May this newly baptised Child always know and love Jesus as her friend.



BAPTISM

Holy Child Diamond Jubilee & Holy Child National Schools 75th Anniversary. To mark both these occasions we welcome Diarmuid Martin Archbishop of Dublin to celebrate the 12.30p.m. Family Mass this Sunday 25th February 2018. All welcome.
Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

‘Ways to Wellbeing’ Talk – Wed, March 7th at 7.30p.m. - The Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry Adult Faith Development Team have invited John Doran, Author, Speaker and Teacher, to talk about resilience and positive mental wellbeing for teenagers on Wednesday March 7th at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre, Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry Parish.
This is a free talk specifically aimed at parents and teachers of senior cycle students (4th, 5th and 6th Year secondary school).
To register, please contact Catherine on 087 6711421 by Monday March 5th.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers:
Mary O’Toole, Paul Keating
Jimmy Kelly

May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



Whitehall, Beaumont & St. Luke’s Kilmore West
are hosting a series of talks centred on the ‘Family of God’ in preparation for the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) in August 2018. All parishioners & their friends are very welcome.

Each evening will commence with a presentation, with a break for tea/ coffee followed by time for discussion and questions. **Wednesday 14th March Beaumont Church at 7.30p.m.**
Fr. Pat Collins
Theme: The importance of Family Prayer – Some Suggestions
Wednesday, 21st March St. Luke’s Church at 7.30p.m.
Speaker to be confirmed
For further details & information contact Noreen O’Prey
Tel: 086 2939935

Holy Child National School, Larkhill Road, is accepting applications for enrolment in Junior Infant classes for Sep 2018. Enrolment forms are available to download from their website www.holychildns.ie. You can return the form by post, or you can call to the school office any school day between 9am and 3pm to pick up a form or drop one in. For further information, Tel: 01 8375870 during school hours. Closing date for receipt of applications is Wed. 28th February.

Ireland of the Welcomes Hosting Families for WMOF2018
Thousands of people will be travelling from very distinct places to participate in World Meeting of Families. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a couple or family next August? www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily or Tel: 015676800

LOTTO Please Support your Parish Lotto
Last Tuesday’s winning numbers were:
1st Jackpot: 2 8 13 23 2nd Jackpot: 6 10 27 28

No Jackpot Winner.
The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: H. McGeogh: D. Smith: G. Levins: A. Soden: BMB Tea Room : C. Gallagher: B. Magee.
Next Week’s Lotto: First Jackpot **€3,000** Second Jackpot **€350**
Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25

Registering to attend the World Meeting of Families
Pope Francis personally chose Ireland to host this event. If you would like to attend all or part of it you can register now for the three-day Pastoral Congress through website at www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Places for the Congress are limited and guarantee a ticket for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass which are expected to be led by Pope Francis. Although there will be no charge for any event led by the Pope, tickets for the Festival of Families will be very limited and not released until a later date, along with tickets for the Final Mass.

<u>Mass Intentions for the coming week</u> <u>Church of the Holy Child</u>		
Monday 26th Feb.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Special Intention Bridie Neary (Month’s Mind) Eva Towell (1st Anniversary), John & Paul Towell (Anniversaries)
Tuesday 27th Feb.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Special Intention John (Seán) Morrissey (Month’s Mind) Deceased Members of the Flannery Family
Wednesday 28th Feb.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Elizabeth Blood (Anniversary) Teresa O’Grady (Anniversary) Paul Towell (Anniversary)
Thursday 1st Mar.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Jimmy Reilly (Anniversary) Special Intention
Friday 2nd Mar.	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 3rd Mar.	10.00a.m. 7.00p.m.	Jeanne Hackett (R. I. P.) Henry & Patricia Garland, Brian Clarke, Mary & James Kane, Patrick & Martin O’Malley (Annivs.)
Sunday 4th Mar.	11.15a.m. 12.30p.m. 6.00p.m.	People of the Parish Noel O’Reilly (Month’s Mind) Des Costello, Phyllis & William Farrell (Annivs) Available for Intention
<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>		
Wednesday 28th Feb.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 2nd Mar.	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Sunday 4th Mar.	10.00a.m.	Veronica Ryan, Molly Barnwall (Anniversaries) Jo & Liam Dornan, Sadie Redmond (Annivs.)