

Baldoyle Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Lent

25th February 2024

Reflection: "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." *John Byrne OSA - Intercom*

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Gospel Reflection: Mk 9: 2 - 10 25th February

The story of The Transfiguration is one of the highlights of Jesus' revelation as the Son of God. Previously, Jesus mentioned His death and resurrection which the apostles, especially Peter, could hardly comprehend. They were getting confused because their expectation of Jesus as the Messiah was starting to fail. Then they witnessed the dazzling light in Jesus' Transfiguration and their spirit was once again lifted up.

This is one of the rewards of a believer, the opportunity to see the glory of God even in Glimpses. Anyone who has received the Holy Spirit will attest to feelings that one is on 'top of a mountain' or on cloud nine no matter how fleeting that feeling may be. When you have that experience, you can say like Peter that 'it is good to be here'. Yet we have to admit that the life of a believer is not 'a magic carpet ride'. In fact, to live as a true witness means to carry our cross all the way to Calvary. Our badge as believers is the cross. That is why, even as we go up the 'high mountain' once in a while and experience real joy and peace, we go down and live in the valley of tears and darkness most of the time. It is in this valley where we are transfigured, where the Lord transformed us painfully and joyfully at the same time.

This process of transformation will only be successful and a lot easier if we constantly listen to God's beloved Son. Like the apostles, we may not totally comprehend what Jesus is telling us. We may not fully understand what is going on in the valley but thanks to the story of the Transfiguration we have some help. The transfiguration of Jesus gives us hope just as the apostles discovered that as we journey through the ups and downs of life, we will one day see the full display of God's glory. On that day, we will regain our very own image – the image of our creator.

Please take the newsletter home with you

Novena of Grace - Raheny parish

We invite you to join us to pray the Novena of Grace in honour of Saint Francis Xavier on the 4th to the 12th March inclusive.

Fr. Willie Reynolds SJ will celebrate Mass and preach each day.

Mass times during the Novena of Grace are :-

Monday	to	Friday	10 a.m. ea	ach day.
Saturday		10 a.m. and 6 p.m. – Vigil		
Sunday		8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.		

All Welcome.

Safeguarding.

The current safeguarding regulations and information is on display in the porch on our new poster. You can visit The Archdiocese of Dublin child safeguarding and protection service by visiting the following link;

https://csps.dublindiocese.ie/wp-content/uploads/s ites/3/2023/10/Dublin-Diocesan-Child-Safeguarding -Policy-2023.pdf

or use the QR Code on the poster to see the updated information.

Our safeguarding policy document is always available in the sacristy or through contacting our Parish Office.

Our parish safeguarding representatives are available to answer questions if you leave your name and number in our Parish Office.

Peopleaid.com - Intercom

Baldoyle Parish Lotto

Sunday 18th February

Jackpot €1,700

Numbers Drawn: 13, 18, 22 No Winner:

Sunday 25th February JACKPOT €1,800

Return completed envelopes to the safe at rear of church Thank you for your support.

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CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND - 2nd/3rd March

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

ONGOING SUPPORT!

Baldoyle Forum

Celebrating International Women's Day

Baldoyle Community Hall Thursday 7th March 11am - 12.30pm

Free Smoothies, Herbal Teas, Healthy snacks Workshop on Healthy Food Inspirational Talk Discussion on Referendums

Funded by Fingal County Council

Mass Intentions for week commencing: 25th February

Church of SS Peter & Paul

Sunday: 10.00am (R/D) Martin Cosgrove, Caroline Conroy Tuesday: 10.00am (A) John Grant, (R/D) Catherine Murray, Antoinette McCarthy Deceased members of the Herbert Family Thursday: 10.00am Prayer Service

Church of St. Laurence O'Toole

Sat. Vigil: 7.00pm (A) Jonathan Durran, Pattie Durran, Kathleen Byrne Cleary Sunday: 11.30am (A) Patrick Farrell, Anthony Fogarty (R/D) Eve Smith Monday: 10.00am (R/D) Tom McCarthy, Kieran Quillinan, Maura Hughes Special Intentions Wednesday:10.00am (A) Margaret McGinn (R/D) Terry Thornberry, Jim Madden

(A) Anniversary, (R/D) Recently Deceased, (M/M) Month's Mind, (B/R) Birthday Remembrance, (Rem) Remembrance.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members of our community who died recently RENEE SULLIVAN, DICK MAGEE, TONY MULLIGAN, RORY BYRNE, MARY CAMPBELL, MAUREEN O'CONNOR

Anniversaries:- Trish Harold

Birthday Remembrance:- Jim Hogan

Baldoyle Whist Club

Every Friday Night at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (beside Parish Office). Lessons available if required. **New members are very welcome.**

Baldoyle Parish Team

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