

**Sunday 12th March 2017**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

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It was with profound sadness that we learned of the death of **Valerie Brophy** last Thursday after a short illness. Valerie was our Parish Secretary for many years and was very well known to everyone who called into the Sacristy and more recently the Parish Office. She was thoroughly efficient, courteous and friendly to all. Valerie involved herself in many aspects of parish life and organised the Ministers of the Eucharist rosters for many years. We extend our sympathy to Valerie's husband and family at this difficult time. Requiem Mass for Valerie will be celebrated at 12 noon on Monday next. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

**Jimmy Whelehan** is our new Parish Sacristan. He has started work in the parish recently. We welcome Jimmy to the parish and wish him well in his new role.

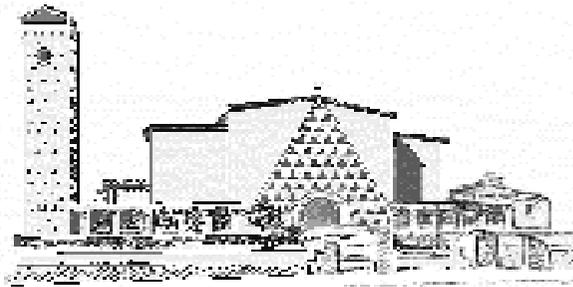
We welcome **Nina Keady, Sam Fogarty & Grace Coughlin** who were baptised recently into our Christian community. We also remember their parents and godparents at this special time.



The next **Baptism Preparation Meeting** will be held at 8p.m. on Tuesday 14th March in the Church to prepare for Baptisms taking place on Sunday 19th March 2017.

**Next Sunday's Readings (Third Sunday of Lent):** Ex 17:3-7. Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 8. Rm 5:1-2, 5-8. Jn 4:5-42.

**A Bumper Cake Sale & Coffee Morning** in aid of Scoil Áine will be held on Tuesday 14th March from 9:30a.m. to 12p.m. in the School Hall. *Please come & support the Scoil Áine girls by baking & buying!*



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**A Light in the Darkness ~ Stand up, Do not be afraid**

The disciples will need to remember this advice from Jesus. There are much darker days to come for them, and they will need every bit of courage they can muster. As Jesus moves ever closer to death, they will be scared and will desert Jesus, Peter even denying him. We will make this journey alongside the disciples on Good Friday. But they will remember the brightness of this day. When Jesus is transfigured before them on the mountain, his face shines 'like the sun' and his clothes are 'as white as the light'. White is the colour of heavenly garments – it is a sign that it is God who is speaking. It is this light that will carry them onwards, during their time with Jesus and through the dark hours leading up to his death.

The Transfiguration is recalled later in Matthew's Gospel, after Jesus rises from the dead. When the women go to the tomb, they are greeted by an angel whose appearance is 'like lightning' and his clothing 'white as snow'. The disciples are once again directed to a mountain location, where Jesus appears to them to pass on their mission and assure them of his presence with them always.

So we have two mountain tops, and two reassuring messages from Jesus. 'Do not be afraid.' 'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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**Mass Intentions for this week**

<b>Sat:</b>	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	Jimmy & Gladys Dunn & deceased family members Margaret O'Sullivan (Anniv.) Tommy Russell (Anniv.)
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	Valerie Brophy (Rec. Dec'd) Malachy O'Halloran (Rec. Dec'd)
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Maureen Forde (Anniv.) Kathleen & Tom Lynch (Anniv.) Intentions of an engaged couple
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Peig Lang (Rec. Dec'd) Robert & Catherine Mullen (Anniv.)
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Sean Hickey (Anniv.) Health Intention
	<b>12.00p.m.</b>	Requiem Mass ~ Valerie Brophy
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Doreen & Conor Power (Anniv.) Louis Patrick Pearce (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Becky Stelbrinks (Anniv.)
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Michael & Kathleen Clarke (Anniv.) John & Eileen Geoghegan (Anniv.) Special Intention
	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	Kevin & Phil Brennan (Anniv.)
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	Thomas & James Baldwin (Anniv.) John & Margaret Lowe (Anniv.) Br. Daniel Egan (Anniv.)
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Mary Coleman (Rec. Dec'd) Thelma Starkey (Anniv.) Deceased members of the Kelly & Farrell Families
	<b>11:30a.m.</b>	Valerie Brophy (Rec. Dec'd) Peggy Connolly (Rec. Dec'd)

Next Friday is **St. Patrick's Day**. Masses will be celebrated at 6p.m. on Thursday (Vigil) and at 8:30a.m., 10a.m. & 11:30a.m. on Friday. The Girl Guides will be in attendance at the 10a.m. Mass.