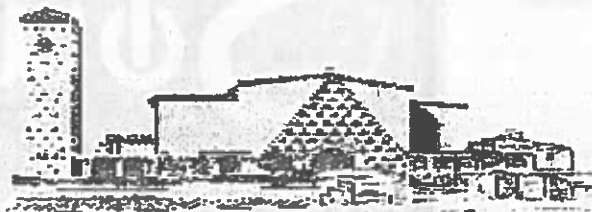


**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 27th February, for the celebration of Baptism on Sunday, 4th March.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Jimmy & Gladys Dunne and deceased Members of their families Philomena Faye (1st Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Maureen Lavin (Rec.Dec.)
	10.00am	Paddy Ayres (1st Anniv.) Teresa Ayres (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Con Sullivan (Anniv.) Austin Sullivan (Anniv.) Michael Hayden (Anniv.) John Herbert (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Margaret Cummins (Rec.Dec.)
Tues.	10.00am	Maureen Lavin (Rec.Dec.)
Wed.	10.00am	Special Intention
Thur	10.00am	Pauline Byrne-Nunan (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Altar List of The Dead

THE DEEP END: Transfiguration

Can you recall a time when you had an 'aha moment'? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or an insight received from prayer. These are really special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards; something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These 'aha' moments even move us outside of ourselves, or beyond ourselves, in some way. They are moments of transfiguration. This is what is happening to the disciples in today's gospel: a very deep and significant 'aha moment'.

Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus - so much so, that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an occurrence of course he would want to stay there. What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment?

As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. No doubt these moments of transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths.

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marie Behan, Ann Headon, Maureen Lavin & Terry McKeever who died recently. May they rest forever in God's peace.

Eucharistic adoration continues on Thursdays, after 10 Mass for 1 hour, with Rosary for the child in the womb and prayer for the family. Free Parking

The Ignatian prayer group meets in the Old Baptistry, at 7.30 pm, Wed. 28th February. Theme will be "Lent 2018: Rolling back a stone or two; letting the light in." Reflection & discussion on getting the best from Lent. All welcome.

In November over 30,000 Irish People gathered at our coasts to pray the rosary to preserve Life & Faith in Ireland. Now we turn to our Mass Rocks and Ancient Monastic Sites, on Sunday, March 18th, at 2.30pm, to pray the rosary, and ask our deceased brethren, who risked their lives for the faith, to intercede for Ireland. Sign up to a location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie.

Rosary and prayer for the Marion Movement for priests takes place in the Church, monthly, on 1st Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

World Day of Prayer takes place on Fri 2nd March at 3:30 p.m. All Welcome

You Shall Be My Witness continues on Monday at 8pm.

READINGS Next Sunday
Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17

Ps 18

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25



PRO-LIFE RALLY to save the 8th will be held on Saturday, 10th March at 2pm. Starting point Garden of Remembrance. We need YOU at this most important Rally for Life. Be there! Be part of it! Keep Ireland PRO-LIFE - save lives, save the 8th.

The weekly SHARE collection will be replaced at all Masses today with a special collection for the World Meeting of Families - to be held in Dublin in August.

Last Sunday we welcomed Kyrrah Lyossa into our Christian community. Please remember her, and all the recently baptised, in your prayers.