

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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## Noticeboard

<u>Sunday Masses:</u>	Vigil Mass, Saturday	6 p.m.
	Sunday Morning Mass	10.30 a.m.
<u>Weekday Masses:</u>	Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: Mass at 10.15 a.m.	
	Tuesday, Mass at 7 p.m.	
	NO MASS ON THURSDAY.	
<u>Way of the Cross</u>	Wednesday, 7 p.m. ( <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.</i> )	
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday:	
	9.45 to 10 a.m.	
	4 to 4.30 p.m.	
	5.30 to 5.45 p.m.	

*Monday is the Feast of St. Patrick; Wednesday, the Solemnity of St. Joseph.*

We have two feasts this week, **St. Patrick** and **St. Joseph**, two men of great humility and nobility of heart.

The traditional **Peter's Pence** collection for the Pope is due about this time. We will have it next Sunday. Pope Francis has decided to radically reform the Vatican's financial system, setting up a new Secretariat for the Economy. It will be run by a council comprised of eight cardinals or bishops, reflecting various parts of the world, and seven lay experts of different nationalities with strong professional financial experience. The no-nonsense Australian cardinal George Pell will be the head of this council. We have little doubt that he will prove himself "fair dinkum"!

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **William Coull, Robert Wright, Jeanie Wright, Daniel Wright, Lily MacDonald, Margaret MacLaren, Tommy Naughton, Mary Forsyth, Bessie Jarvis, Sandra MacPherson, Mark Penman, John Currie, Rose and Charlie Alexander, Hugh Davidson, Christina MacDonald, Ellen Willmott, Jimmy MacBeth, George MacKinnon, Mary Brannigan, John MacLean and Kathleen Robertson.** May they rest in eternal peace and joy.

Please note that **Fr. MacKinnon** will be away from the morning to the evening of Thursday. There will be no Mass on that day. And please note also that Tuesday's is an evening Mass.

**Bishop Toal** will be visiting the parish next weekend. At the Sunday morning Mass he will accept Thomas Wynne officially as a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate.

**Teresa MacDonald** is now in the Belford Hospital after her many weeks of treatment in Raigmore. Please keep her in your prayers. She is our senior parishioner and very special to us all.



**Orthodox icon and Transfiguration hymn, translated from the Greek.**

On the mountain you were transfigured, O Christ our God, and your disciples beheld your glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold you crucified, they would understand that your suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world, that you are truly the radiance of the Father!

At his Transfiguration Christ showed his disciples the splendour of his beauty, to which he will shape and colour those who are his: 'He will change our lowly bodies into copies of his own glorious body'. (Philippians 3:21)  
(*St. Thomas Aquinas*)

Our Lord's descent from the holy heights of the Mount of Transfiguration was more than a physical return from greater to lesser altitudes; it was a passing from sunshine into shadow, from the effulgent glory of heaven to the mists of worldly passions and human unbelief; it was the beginning of His rapid descent into the valley of humiliation.  
(*James E. Talmage*)

No one, however, is permitted to live "on Tabor" while on earth. Indeed, human existence is a journey of faith and as such, moves ahead more in shadows than in full light, and is no stranger to moments of obscurity and also of complete darkness. While we are on this earth, our relationship with God takes place more by listening than by seeing; and the same contemplation comes about, so to speak, with closed eyes, thanks to the interior light that is kindled in us by the Word of God. (*Benedict XVI*)

Until we know Jesus, God is merely a concept, and we can't have faith in Him. But once we hear Jesus say, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9) we immediately have something that is real, and our faith is limitless.  
(*Oswald Chambers*)

Jesus died praying. His last words were words of prayer. The habit of life was strong in death. It may seem far off; but this event will come to us also. What will our last words be? Who can tell? But would it not be beautiful if our spirit were so steeped in the habit of prayer that the language of prayer came naturally to us at the last? (*James Stalker*)

It would be easier, I sometimes think, if God had given us a set of ideas to mull over and kick around and decide whether to accept or reject. He did not. His gave us Himself in the form of a Person. (*Philip Yancey*)

Jesus is God spelling Himself out in language that men can understand. (*S.D. Gordon*)

There are entire congregations who worship praise and praise worship but who have not yet learned to praise and worship God in Jesus Christ. (*Judson Cornwall*)

The message of Christ is not Christianity. The message of Christ is Christ. (*Gary Amirault*)

Do not worship me, I am not God. I'm only a man. I worship Jesus Christ. (*Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia*)

When I found Jesus Christ, I learned to be a better athlete. I didn't have to go out there and knock them out in the first round. I've learned to be patient, skillful in the ring. At the same time, I wanted to prove to other boxers that you can take off this killer instinct stuff, you can be a great athlete, a great boxer, and love your brother. (*George Foreman*)

He changed sunset into sunrise. (*St. Clement of Alexandria*)

If Jesus Christ were to come today people would not even crucify him. They would ask him to dinner, and hear what he has to say, and make fun of it. (*Thomas Carlyle*)

I know the brutality and the cruelties of war better than many people. Now I want to work for peace. But how can mankind achieve a lasting peace? True peace of heart, mind, and soul can only come through Jesus Christ.  
(*Mitsuo Fuchida, who commanded the first air strike against Pearl Harbour in 1941. Converted to Christianity after the war*)

It is as if God the Father is saying to us: "Since I have told you everything in My Word, Who is My Son, I have no other words that can at present say anything or reveal anything to you beyond this. Fix your eyes on Him alone, for in Him I have told you all, revealed all, and in Him you will find more than you desire or ask. If you fix your eyes on Him, you will find everything, for He is My whole word and My reply, He is My whole vision and My whole revelation." (*Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris, Greek Orthodox Priest*)