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Second Sunday of Lent

28 February 2021

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent

A Vision of Hope

If you are always eager and motivated and pro-active then this isn't for you. If you, on the other hand, suffer from bouts of lethargy, are often paralysed by feelings of fear, anxiety or self-doubt, then today's gospel carries a powerful message of hope.

Most of us probably fall into the second category. We start a project in a flush of excitement and commitment, but when the hard work sets in and success eludes us, we become discouraged. We take on a big financial commitment thoroughly convinced that we can deal with it, but begin to have sleepless nights, dreading the bills and fearing the bank manager. We enter into new relationships and quickly get disappointed when elements of that relationship demand more of us than we thought. We embark on a challenging career but become fearful and filled with self-doubt. Eventually we lose the hope that had originally driven us. Take Heart! We are no different from the early disciples. Jesus had been telling his disciples what being the 'Messiah' really meant, and it didn't entail hurling the Romans out on their ear, it entailed dying on a cross. Is it any wonder the disciples were feeling discouraged! Jesus knew that his disciples needed to see beyond the fear. He knew that he needed to re-ignite a vision of the rewards of their work, and he knew that vision needed to stay with them always to motivate them in times when their ministry weighed heavy. In short, Jesus needed to remind them how important their job was, and so he gave them the spiritual experience we now call the 'transfiguration'. This was a vision of himself in a dazzling light flanked by Moses and Elijah and God's voice from the clouds.... "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."



Like the early disciples, we have to look beyond our fears if we are to work through them. God gave each of us a talent, and with that a talent comes a vision of what we can do and what we can achieve. This is the vision we can call upon when we lose hope. This is the vision that will carry us beyond our fear.

Online Service Times

(Week of 1-7 Mar)

Weekday Masses: 10:30am.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 12:00 noon

**Confirmation Ritual - 28 Feb
Do This in Memory 6/7 Mar**

**Stations of the Cross - Fridays
in Lent immediately after Mass**

Evening Prayer: Weds. 4:45pm

All Masses will take place in
Ss. Joseph and Benildus and
can be viewed via livestream:
www.churchservices.tv/
stjosephswaterford

Church Access for Private Prayer

St. Mary's: 10:00am - 4:00 pm.

St. Joseph & Benildus :

1.00pm - 4.00pm.



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ments to the Parish can be
made via the donate button on
our website **Thank you.**

Combined Masses

7:00 pm. Vigil

27/28 Feb

Anna Maher

6/7 Mar

Breda Gormley
Noel & Marie Cronin

12 noon Sunday

Aidan McAvinue

Dr. Roger Reynolds (MM)
Nancy Fitzgerald



Pray for those who died recently:

Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week:

Dr. Roger Reynolds

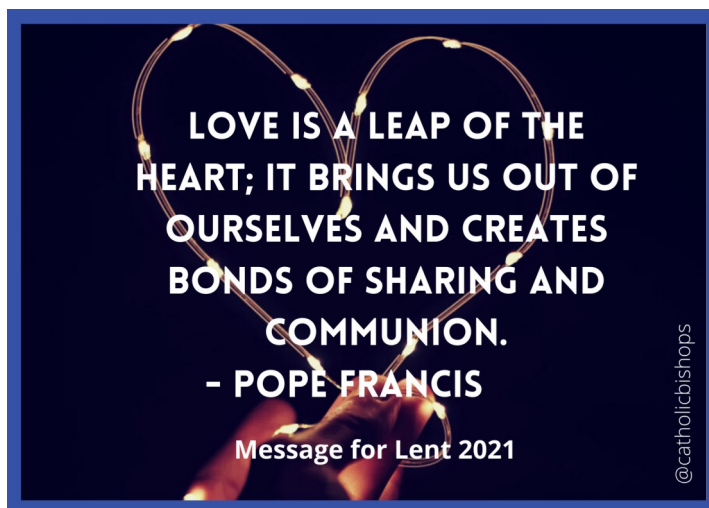
And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur:

Gretta O'Farrell, Breda & Michael O'Hanlon, Fr. Billy Lyons OSA, John Hogan

Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated. To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is “making all things new” (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being “prepared to make a defence to anyone who calls us to account for the hope that is in us” (1 Pet 3:15).

“In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind.”



Taken from Pope Francis's Lenten Message 2021



Saint David's Day March 1st

Lent doesn't have to be a time of major change... doing the little things, but doing them well counts too.

Adopt St David's philosophy ... "Be joyful, brothers and sisters. Keep your faith, and do the little things that you have seen and heard with me."

“With God on our side, who can be against us?” (Romans 8: 31)

Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?

Speak to your local priest or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

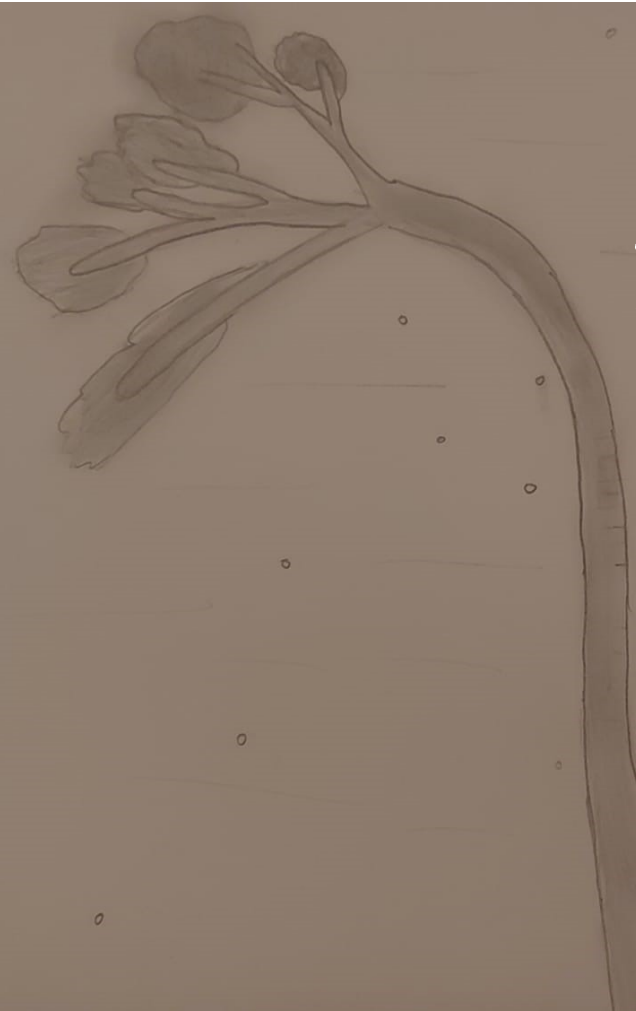
This Week in the Parish and the Diocese:

- * **Trocaire** boxes are available for collection from the narthex of both churches. Please see times of access overleaf.
- * **Sunday, 28th Feb, 12:00 Noon** - Mr. O'Leary's class from St. Mary's, Ballygunner's Confirmation Ritual.
- * **Sundays in Lent - Quo Vadis?** Contact 085 862 3704 or youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie
- * **Wednesdays in Lent - Morning Coffee Hour**
11:00 am on Zoom – Join us for a virtual cuppa!
Meeting ID: 750 6591 3461
Passcode: 0qGsFd
- * **Wednesday - Evening Prayer** at 4:45pm.
- * **Thursday - Prayer and Praise** at 9:00 am
Zoom Meeting ID: 899 4117 8783
Passcode: 079339
- * **Thursday - Alpha Online** at 8:00 pm
- * **Fridays in Lent - Stations of the Cross** -
Immediately following morning 10:30am Mass

MASS READINGS Mon 1 March — Sun 7 March 2nd Week of Lent

Mon 1 Mar	St. David, bishop Dn 9: 4-10. Ps 78:8-9, 11, 13, R/ Ps 102:10. Lk 6:36-38
Tues 2 Mar	Is 1:10, 16-20, Ps 49:8-9, 16-17, 21,23 R/ v23. Mt 23: 1-12
Wed 3 Mar	Jer 18:18-20. Ps 30:5-6, 14-16, R/ v17. Mt 20:17-28
Thurs 4 Mar	Jer 17:5-10. Ps 1:1-4, 6, R/ Ps 39:5. Lk 16:19-31.
Fri 5 Mar	St. Kieran, bishop Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28. Ps 104:16-21, R/ v5. Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat 6 Mar	Mic 7:14-15, 18-20. Ps 102:1-4, 9-12, R/ v8. Lk15:1-3, 11-32.
Sun 7 Mar	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 20:1-17. (shorter form 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17) Ps 18:8-11, R/ Jn 6:68. 1 Cor 1:22-25. Jn 2: 13-25.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for March: — *Intention for evangelisation— Sacrament of reconciliation- Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

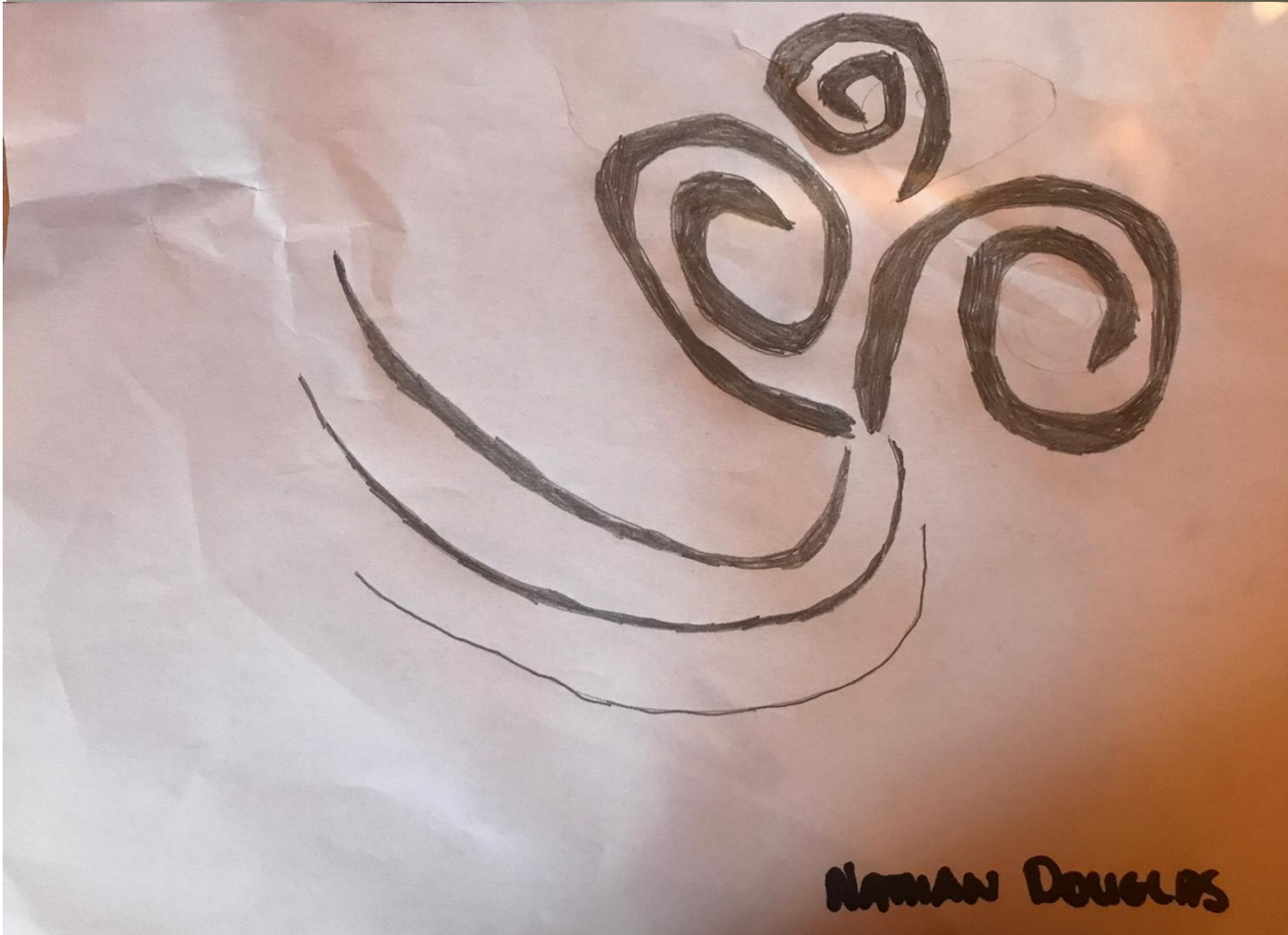


Confirmation Rítual
Mr O'Leary's 6th class,
St Mary's, Ballygunner
The theme is
Moved by the Spírit

GABRIELE RADZIUKAITĖ



Kieran Partridge



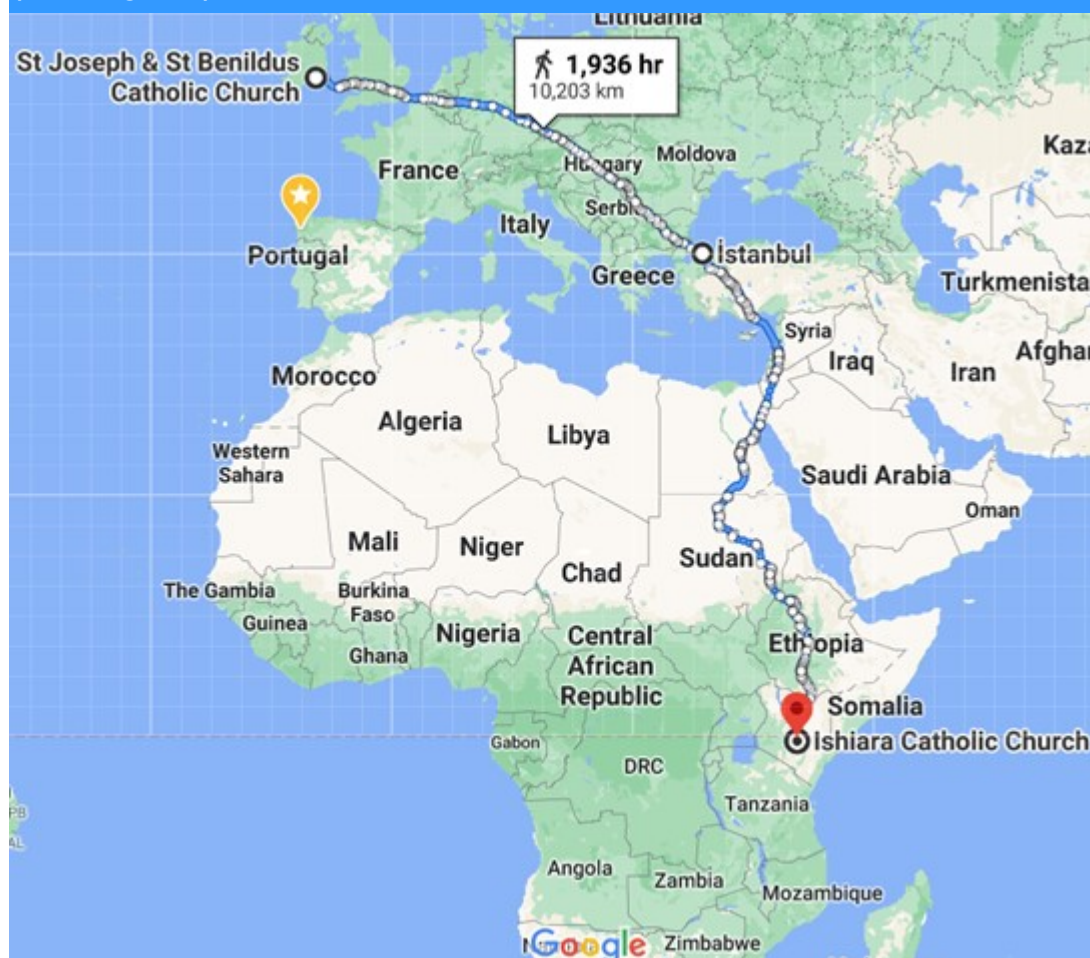
Virtual Camino from Waterford to Ishiara 2021

Fancy a month-long camino to Ishiara? 10,250 kms approx. Travel through the old medieval cities of Europe, see the splendour of Istanbul, the sights of Luxor & a trip up the Nile and see the majesty of Mt Kenya!

Our target is to reach Ishiara (~10,250kms) before Easter, so the more friends you get to join in, the sooner we get there!

Log the kilometres you walk, run or cycle, each day and submit them to us. We will keep track of the total, until we reach Ishiara, some 10,250kms from here.

Donate to our fundraising page (the link is on the Parish website under the tab 'Parish Partnership') and we will send you regular updates via email. 100% of the funds raised go directly towards improving water-supply and providing computers for schools in Ishiara.



What is the Virtual "Route".

We start from St Joseph & Benildus Church to St Mary's Church Ballygunner, at the opposite end of the parish, on-wards to Passage-East, across to County Wexford, from Rosslare to Fishguard and across Wales to Bath, then through England to Dover...

You can see the full route on our website and zoom right in to explore the local area.

The Virtual route is Approx. 10,250 kms going around the eastern end of the Mediterranean sea, through Istanbul, the Holy Land, Jerusalem, Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan and into northern Kenya.

Update! We now have over 100 participants and, at the time of printing, we have raised €5,853! Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

We've crossed a big milestone. We have reached the [Ancient City of Istanbul](#), and as James points out, it was formerly known as Constantinople, and Byzantium before that. We are making such great progress, that we have also reached Yalova in the Asian half of Turkey.

Please pass the word onto your friends, they can read about it all here: <http://jbmparish.com/waterford-to-ishiara-virtual-camino>

Buen Camino - Safari Njema