

# TO THE Heights

Diocese of Waterford & Lismore

Celebrating and Supporting the Catholic faith in our post-primary schools and amongst our young people.



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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Year B

## Sunday Mass Readings

### First Reading:

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 115(116): 10,15-19

### Second Reading:

Romans 8:31-34

### Gospel:

Mark 9:2-10

*"This is my son, the Beloved. Listen to him"*

## Getting to know Pier Giorgio

### His Humility

Pier Giorgio was so obedient, both to God and to his parents. One of the most heartbreaking tales of his life involved such humble obedience: he Giorgio loved a young woman named Laura. He and Laura were great friends and they ran around in the same circles. He would have liked to marry her but Laura and her family were in a different social class than the Frassatis, and Giorgio's mother discouraged any potential involvement with her. Out of sheer obedience to the authority of his parents, he never pursued a relationship with her. Can you imagine that kind of humility?



<https://catholicexchange.com/11-reasons-love-bl-pier-giorgio-frassati>

Watch this video which explains the fantastic stained glass window depiction of Pier Giorgio (above) and how it symbolises his life. Why not try creating your own stained glass image of him?



## Hear

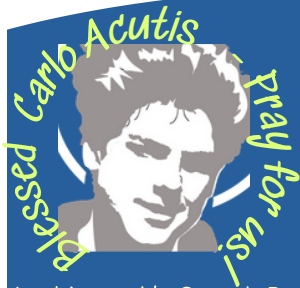


Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find the text here.

Or watch a short video version of the Transfiguration from Matthew's Gospel in Lego Format!



- Who did Jesus take up Mount Tabor with him in this Gospel?
- Why do you think Peter wanted to make three tents? Have you ever had such a great experience that you never wanted to leave that place?
- How do you think the apostles felt when they heard the voice of God?
- How would you feel if you heard the voice of God speaking to you?
- Do you think God speaks to us? In what ways can God speak?
- What do we need to do to hear His voice?
- What do you think God wants to say to you?



## Carlo's Corner

WHAT IS JESUS TRYING TO SAY TO YOU?

"Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God." Bl. Carlo



In this week's Gospel, Peter, James and John have an amazing experience: they see the Lord revealed in His heavenly glory. They've lived and walked and eaten with Jesus in his human nature, and now His divinity is revealed in its dazzling brightness, or at least as much as they can take in it. Then they hear these words from God: 'This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.'

What does this mean for you and me today? Are we listening to Jesus? Are we open to transformation too? Jesus is not just a nice guy who lived long ago; He is God, He's real, He wants to live in each one of us, to transform our lives. He's desperately trying to tell us He loves us, but needs us to listen to Him for that. What is Jesus saying to your heart?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

Set aside 5 minutes this week, just 5 minutes. Read Sunday's Gospel story and then pray the 4th Luminous Mystery, the Transfiguration to be open to God's voice in your life. [1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and a Glory Be.]

Fr Mike: [How to never miss God's will for your life](#)

[Holy Family Mission: Luminous Mysteries](#)

### TUNE OF THE WEEK

Listen to "The Transfiguration" (Hillsong)



HOLY FAMILY MISSION TESTIMONY



## TEACHER'S CORNER

### Quo Vadis

Lenten Series for young adults aged 18-35 who are seeking purpose and meaning in their lives. Every Sunday from 7 - 8pm, 14th Feb - 28th March. [Click here to register](#) or email [youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie)

### "The Message of the Good News - God's Unconditional Love"

Sr Antoinette Dilworth leads a short Lenten Reflection: Thursdays on the Diocesan Facebook Live at 7pm



### Adoration and Prayer with Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan

Live on Bishop Phonsie's Facebook page each night at 9.15pm



## Young Person's Prayer

Lord, my world is so loud sometimes. Help me to create times of silence so I can really listen to Your loving word for my life. Speak to my heart and show me how to speak to Yours. Help me to grow closer to You this Lent. Amen

## Gospel Reflection: Allow yourself to be transformed

Welcome to one of the finest pieces of scripture known to us – the notion of transformation to something more beautiful. Today's Gospel is a positive statement that can help us to flourish and how much do we need such affirmation in our times. In relating to the Transfiguration of Jesus, a moment of deep significance in the journey of any Christian life, we see God affirming Jesus in faith and mission and then for us as Christians living and walking our pilgrim way in this world. These Gospel words are further affirmation that Jesus is God's own son.

With such worthy words of affirmation we are even more in awe of the sacrifice of Abraham in his love of God calling us to be worthy descendants of his in our own time and age. During these gentle spring days in Lent we can confidently practice spontaneous praise rather than saving up kind words for a planned occasion. Lenten days are encouragement days. Now is the time to take deeper notice of the actions, words and works of others.

Covid-19 has brought tough times. There is no arena of life that remains unaffected by Covid-19. It is our deepest hope that in the daily struggles of continual adapting alongside incredible loss and trauma, you may somehow know the closeness of God in the midst of it all.

We hope that you are not alone, we hope you know you are pulling through, and we hope you know that God's presence is keeping our connection with life open as we make plans to be together again. To laugh. To shake hands. To hug. To listen. To learn. And to arrive at Easter being the best of humanity that we can be.

By Fr David Keating, Chaplain WIT

### CHECK IT OUT: IGNITE IRELAND



College campus is never an easy place to practice your faith. Ignite Ireland is a Catholic Organisation that seeks to establish community between Catholic college students. They organise retreats and workshops, and throughout Covid-19 have run Lockdown Lecture Series for College Students over Zoom. On March 20th the Ignite Ireland Conference will be LIVE exclusively on [Radio Maria Ireland](#) from 11am-5pm.

Contact [igniteirelandteam@gmail.com](mailto:igniteirelandteam@gmail.com) for more info!

