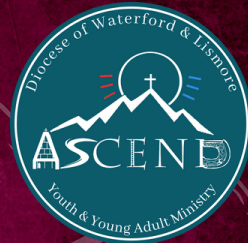




To the Heights



5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Year A



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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 129 (130)

Second Reading:

Romans 8:8-11

Gospel:

John 11:1-45



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"I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world."

Game Changers

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, **Game Changers!** Check them out on our web page!

26 March St Margaret Clitherow

Check out our resource pack for the Stations of the Cross, produced in association with Holy Family Mission and the Home of the Mother.



Reflect



1. What town did Lazarus, Mary and Martha live in?
2. Why did Jesus not leave immediately when he heard Lazarus was sick?
3. How long had Lazarus been in the tomb by the time Jesus arrived?
4. What faith did Martha profess in Jesus, despite her grief?
5. How did Jesus react to Mary's grief?
6. What did He command the people to do?
7. What prayer did He offer to God?
8. What happened to Lazarus?

CHECK IT OUT: ASCEND STRATEGIC PLAN FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Ascend Three Year Strategic Plan for Youth & Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore was officially launched on Monday 20th March by Bishop Cullinan. This is an exciting time for youth & young adult ministry in our diocese, as this collaborative plan is put into action. Please pray for the success of this plan, for young people in our diocese and for those who work with them. More information on the plan can be found at <https://waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry/ascend-strategic-plan>



"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. Isaiah 55:9

TRUST THE PROCESS

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TUNE OF THE WEEK

Walk by Faith



(Jeremy Camp)



WEEKLY CHALLENGE:



Do you find it difficult to trust in God and His ways? Try a simple version of the Novena of Surrender this week. Each day, bring to mind a particular area of your life that causes you worry, and then visualise yourself laying it down at the feet of Jesus, and ten times repeat the prayer below. Actively trust in the process and trust in God who knows all things, including what is best for your life!



God's Ways are not Our Ways (Fr Mike Schmitz)



Young Person's Prayer



Novena of Surrender Prayer
Jesus I surrender myself to You,
take care of everything!



Puzzle

FIND THE WORDS FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH!

believe
Bethany
Bethany
Christ
glorified
Jesus wept
Lazarus
Martha
Mary
message
Rabbi
resurrection
smell
stone
Thomas
Thomas
tomb
unbind him



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Pick one line from the gospel to reflect on this week!



WHAT'S ON

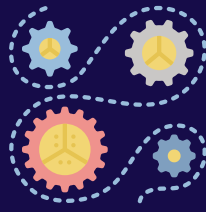
Lenten Evening of Reflection for Women: 3 Days that changed everything: Spend time reflecting on the last days of Jesus. Talk & time of personal prayer. Monday March 27th, 7 - 8.30pm, St Joseph & St Benildus Parish Centre. Facilitator: Sr Maureen Fitzgerald ASCJ. Please call the Parish Office to reserve a place. (051) 878977

Revive the Wonder: "Eucharistic Mystics, Martyrs and Miracles": Tuesday 28th March in St Oliver's Parish Church, Clonmel at 7.30pm. Talk followed by time of prayer. More info on www.waterfordlismore.ie

ZOOM LENTEN REFLECTION: A Time of Hope, Darkness into Light: Lenten Talk with Gemma Mulligan. Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm. Meeting ID: 864 2068 1659 | Passcode: 354594 (More info on www.waterfordlismore.ie)

Frassati Hike for Young Adults (18-35): Sat 1st April, Lough Mohra, leaving from entrance to Glenpatrick Wood at 9.30am. Bring a packed lunch. Mass will be celebrated. For more info www.waterfordlismore.ie or 089 207 2588

Retreat for Men at Holy Family Mission, April 28 - 30. Main speaker Fr Philip Mulryne OP (former Man Utd player). €250 full board accomm. More info: (052) 6133181 / info@holyfamilymission.ie



JOHN 11:1-45

"FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS," DECLARES THE LORD. ISAIAH 55:9

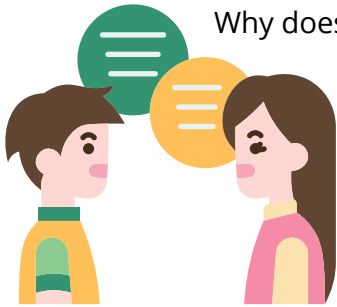
TRUST THE PROCESS

WHEN YOU'RE GOING FOR FOOD, OR PICKING A MOVIE WITH YOUR FRIENDS, HOW EASY DO YOU FIND IT TO CHOOSE?

WHAT CAN BE FRUSTRATING ABOUT THAT PROCESS?



WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ: "GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS" AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



Why does Fr Mike laugh at the situation he describes between friends trying to choose?

What does he suggest is actually happening in that process when one friend tells another one to choose?

What two reactions can we have to the process?

_____ **OR** _____

Whether we like the process or not, it works!

In what ways can we apply this to how we deal with God?

How can we respond to God like the Nike slogan? ✓ _____



God doesn't just act in this way however. Oftentimes the process is painful, and we find we have to _____ and _____ again and again.

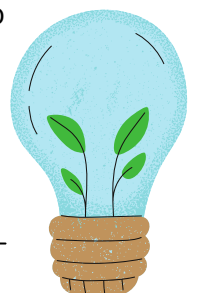
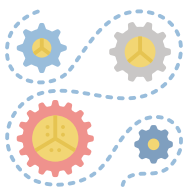
We might have to experience a broken heart in order for God to _____.

We might have to walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death to realise that God _____.

The process is how God can grow our _____.

What two reactions can we have to this process?

_____ **OR** _____



TRUST THE PROCESS

JOHN 11:1-45



God is not our ATM, or a fortune teller, or a crystal ball.

God is our _____ and He loves us. He's in the process of making us the kind of people who _____.

He allows us to participate in that process. Don't resist.



Now Read John 11:1-45



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MISSION!

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PRAYER TIME!

Novena of Surrender Prayer
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Novena of
Surrender**



CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON TRUSTING GOD



- Walk by Faith (Jeremy Camp)
- It is well with my soul (Matt Redman)
- Trust You (Aaron Keyes)
- Our God is Able (Hillsong)
- Nothing is Impossible (Planetshakers)
- Waymaker (Leeland)
- Your Promises (Elevation Worship)
- In God we trust (Hillsong)



Healing as a Process: Fr Patrick Cahill



"For my thoughts are not your thoughts"
Teresa from Holy Family Mission