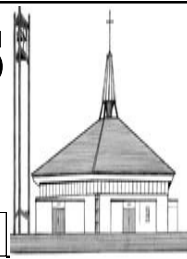


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2nd Sunday of Lent

Masses

Aughavas: Sat. 27th Feb. 7.00 pm.
Cloone: Sun. 28th Feb. 10.00 am. Pro. Populo.
Cloone: Mon 1st Mar. 10.00 am. Joe & Willie Curran, Aughavas.
Cloone: Tues. 2nd Mar. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Wed. 3rd Mar. 10.00 am.
Cloone: Fri. 5th Mar. 10.00 am.
Aughavas: Sat. 6th Mar. 7.00 pm.
Cloone: Sun. 7th Mar. 10.00 am.

Please note that all masses will be live streamed and without a congregation.

LENT

Spending time with the Scripture for the Second Sunday for Lent

Lord, we thank you for putting us in the presence of your Word which you inspired in your prophets. May we approach this Word reverently, humbly and attentively.

May we not despise this Word, but receive all it has to say to us.

We know that our hearts are closed, often incapable of comprehending the simplicity of your Word. Send your Spirit to us so that receiving the Word in truth and simplicity, our lives may be transformed by it.

Let us not be resistant, Lord; may your Word penetrate us like a two edged sword; may our hearts be open to it; let not our eyes be closed, nor our minds wander, but may we give ourselves entirely to this listening.

We ask this Father, in union with Mary who used to recite the psalms, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(Carlo Maria Cardinal Martini S.J.)

A few notes to help us enter into the spirit of '**Divine reading**'.

- Basically, it requires spending time with the Word, say 20 minutes.
- Open up the gospel of the day and first of all read it slowly (**lectio**).
- Then read the passage again and take time to reflect on whatever struck you (**meditatio**).
- Don't force it—a phrase or image will stay with you.
- Then having chewed the word a bit, respond by offering a prayer to God that arises in your heart (**oratio**).
- Then read the passage one final time and be still and rest (**contemplatio**)—be nothing, be still.

- Allow the Lord to work!
- Put simply the fourfold task of Lectio Divina is to **read, reflect, respond, and rest.**

“Be careful in the way that you live, for your life may be the only gospel that your neighbour ever reads.”

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Rabbi’, he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah’. He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him’. Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain, he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reflection on the Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Lent.

The Gospel tells us what happened on Mount Tabor. Jesus took with him Peter, James and John and He led them apart to pray. Jesus allows them to contemplate his glorification. He permits them catch a glimpse of the happiness which lasts forever so that they may bare the scandal of the cross with more fortitude.

Your existence and mine is also a journey towards Heaven. At times it becomes harsh and we feel tempted to leave behind our convictions and moral standards and do whatever the world tells us. Along the way we have to struggle against many enemies both inside and outside of ourselves. Through this passage God wishes to strengthen us too with the hope of Heaven especially when we are found weak and lowly.

The flash of God’s glory transported the disciples into a state of immense happiness and inspired Peter to exclaim; “Master it is wonderful for us to be here...” (Lk 9:33). How wonderful it is to be with Jesus! What really matters, is not to be in this place or that, but always to be with Jesus. Those who know how to come into His presence frequently exude a joy that the cares and worries of this life can never overcome.

Trócaire Boxes are available in the porches of Cloone and Aughavas churches.

Lenten Talks at Galilee via Zoom. Booking and link: info@galilee.ie.

“Little Rascals” Cloone/Aughavas Community Playschool are now taking bookings for new enrolments for September 2021. Early enrolments advisable. For enquiries and/or bookings, please contact Mary Moran (Playschool Leader) on 086 8382545.