

# Sunday Message

## THE WORD

Year C • Season Colour: Purple • Psalter Week 2

### JESUS TRANSFORMED

(LUKE 9:28-36)



*Interior of the Transfiguration Church on Mount Tabor in Israel*

The episode in today's gospel, which we usually call the Transfiguration of Jesus, marks, in dramatic form, the turning point in Jesus's ministry.

Up to this point, he has been preaching and healing in Galilee: now he begins his journey towards Jerusalem and his destiny. The vision of Jesus in glory, which is granted to his closest male disciples – Peter, James and John – gives them, and ourselves, a glimpse of Jesus' deepest being. We recognise the similarities between this incident and that of Jesus' baptism: the cloud represents the divine presence and the voice of God, which declares Jesus as God's Son, the Chosen One. Just as Jesus' baptism stands at the beginning of his ministry in Galilee, so the vision of Jesus in glory marks the start of his journey towards Jerusalem, his ministry in Judea and the holy city, which leads to his Passion and death on Calvary.

Luke makes connections with the Jewish traditions found in the Hebrew Scriptures. The two figures who appear in glory, in conversation with Jesus, are Moses and Elijah. Moses received the Law from God on Mount Sinai and facilitated the Covenant between the Lord and the people of Israel. Elijah represents the prophetic movement within the story of Israel, which challenges the legal system and reminds the clergy and laity of the deeper meaning of the Law: that its purpose is to bring the person and nation into an intimate, personal relationship with, and commitment to, the Lord.

It is this vision, in both senses, which is given to us as we continue our Lenten journey towards Easter. ■

## REFLECT

Once in a while, we may have a sense of how life can really be, of the person we would like to be ideally. The story in today's gospel is something like that: Peter wants to prolong the experience of seeing Jesus in glory, so he proposes constructing shelters for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Luke observes, perhaps wryly, and maybe affectionately, that "He did not know what he was saying."

Peter is the impulsive character, always speaking before thinking. But perhaps he is more honest than many others: he is not calculating and always getting into trouble. When we read or listen to the gospels, we are invited to ask ourselves, with whom do I identify? With what character am I most in sympathy? There is no right or wrong answer; we are being invited to enter into the Gospel story and make it part of ourselves.

Moses and Elijah are talking with Jesus about "his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem". Jesus is about to embark on the journey which will lead him to his destiny. None of us know where life will lead us, or what life has in store for us. Our observance of Lent, however we decide to keep it, is intended to help us reflect more deeply on our relationship with the Lord. Peter wanted to take a shortcut; he was quickly disabused of this notion. ■

## DO

Make the sign of the cross: reflect on how this represents Jesus' passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.



## LEARN

The Transfiguration of Jesus is the mirror image of the story of his baptism.

Both reveal to the readers of the gospel Jesus' true identity as the Son of God.

The baptism stands at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee:

The Transfiguration heralds the start of Jesus' journey to Judea and Jerusalem.

## SAY

**This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him**

(Luke 9:37)

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## Second Sunday of Lent – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Weekend masses

Sat 6:00pm Dechomet 7:30pm Leitrim  
Sun 9:00am Gargory 11:00am Dromara

### All Are Welcome

There was available seating in all churches at the weekend. Please feel free to come to mass at the weekend or during the week. The santising of hands, wearing of face coverings and the cleaning of the seats all help to keep us as safe as possible. When it is possible, keep some space between you and other people.

### Weekday masses

Mon 9:00am Leitrim 7:30pm Dechomet  
Tues 9:00am Dromara

### St Patrick's Day Masses

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Dromara  
8:00pm Leitrim

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Gargory  
7:30pm Dechomet

*This is the first time since 2019 that we have been able to gather for St Patrick's Day, may we gather in thanksgiving.*

Fri 7:30pm Dromara

### Anniversary Masses

#### Dechomet

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Kevin Gregory (MM)  
Brian and Colm Rooney and  
Sr Josephine Rooney

#### Dromara

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Mary Hughes (Derry)  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Pearl McEvoy

#### Leitrim

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Anne Bannon, Denis Bannon  
Margaret McCrickard  
Malachy savage  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Anne McCabe

### Cemetery Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

### Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish	£416	£1135
Priest	£708	£1072

### First Confessions

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:30pm St Michael's P.S.  
Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 7:30pm St Mary's P.S.

**We welcome** into Drumgooland Parish Owen Kelly

### St Matthew's Magheramayo Sponsored Walk

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 10am Leitrim Fit Trial. Please come along and support us with our fund-raising efforts. Catch up with old and new family and friends while getting a few laps in. Children can dress up if they wish, spot prizes on the day. Tea/coffee tuck shop will be open. Sponsor sheets will be sent home with children, or you can make an online donation via our PayPal email:

[friendsofmagheramayo@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmagheramayo@gmail.com) **Everyone Welcome!**

### Final Reminder for Synodal Responses

#### Dromore Diocese Website [Dromore Synodal Pathway](#)

This Notice is to remind everyone, you have until St Patrick's Day, Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Mar, to complete your Questionnaire for the Dromore Diocese Synodal Pathway. To any groups who have been collating responses please ensure they are returned by this date. Thank you to everyone who has already participated. We encourage and welcome everyone else to avail of the opportunity to take part.

#### Where to return the Questionnaire

Our online form is available below and is the simplest way to answer the questions on your own, with your family or with friends. Alternatively, if you would like to share the link, it is available here:

<https://forms.gle/w3z6QaEUT3vLL5HA9>

If you would like to respond via email or post, a copy of the questions is available to download here: [Synod Questions](#). Your completed form can be emailed to [responses@dromoresynodalpathway.org](mailto:responses@dromoresynodalpathway.org)

or posted to the following address:

For the Attention of the DDSCG, Dromore Diocesan Office, 44 Armagh Road, Newry, BT35 6PN

**Dromore Diocesan Synodal Core Group**