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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am **Tues.** 9.00am **Wed.** 9.00am. **Thurs.** 9.00am & 7.00pm
Fri. 10.30am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Edward Carroll & deceased family members **10.30am** Jody
Concannon. **Wed.** James & Margaret Byrne

Thurs. 7.00pm John & Annie Murray / Peter & Bridie Toher & Breda
Kilemeade. **Fri.** 10.30am Vera Gormley

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: John & Phyllis Clarke. **10.30am** No intention

Last weekend Collection €1,362. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Anne McCann **10.30am.** Angela Reynolds
E.Ms. Vigil: St.Pat's Day .Geraldine Halpin 10.30am. Michelle Ghee.
Sunday: Vigil: Garry Hughes 10.30am: Patricia Donegan

Feast Days

March 13th **Pope Francis:** Today is the anniversary of the election
of Pope Francis as Pope in 2013.

March 17th **St Patrick** (Principal Patron of Ireland)

Masses: Vigil: 7.00pm (Thursday) 10.30am (Friday)

Stations

Lent is a time for Station Masses. Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass
for their area please contact **Fr McGovern**. Station Masses may be
celebrated up to the end of May.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community last weekend, **Carla Rose &
Lisa Cadhla Walker**, Abbeycarton / Leitrim, Newtownforbes. We pray
God's blessing on the newly baptized.

A Light in Times of Darkness

“Stand up do not be afraid”

The disciples will need to remember this advice from Jesus. There are much darker days to come for them, and they will need every bit of courage they can muster. As Jesus moves ever closer to death, they will be scared and will desert him, Peter even denying him. We will make this journey alongside the disciples on Good Friday.

But they will remember the brightness of this day. When Jesus is transfigured before them on the mountain, his face shines “like the sun” and his clothes are “as white as the light”. White is the colour of heavenly garments – it is a sign that it is God who is speaking. It is this light that will carry them onwards during their time with Jesus and through the dark hours leading up to his death.

The Transfiguration is recalled later in Matthews's gospel after Jesus rises from the dead. When the women go to the tomb, they are greeted by an angel whose appearance is “like lightning” and his clothing “as white as snow” The disciples are once again directed to a mountain location, where Jesus appears to them to pass on their mission and assure them of his presence with them always.

So, we have two mountain tops, and two reassuring messages from Jesus. **“Do not be afraid, I am with you always to the end of the age”**

Fatima -100th Anniversary- 1917-2017

To mark the occasion of the centenary of the apparition of **Our Lady** at Fatima, a statue of **Our Lady of Fatima**, blessed by Pope Francis is touring the country. The closest visit will be to the church of **Sts Peter and Paul**, Athlone, on Tuesday March 21st. The celebrations are timed for 6.00pm. See notice board (side door).

Ballintubber Abbey

As part of their preparation for confirmation on March 31st the boys & girls of Scoil Mhuire are going on a “mini pilgrimage” to the world famous Ballintubber Abbey, Co Mayo on Wednesday next. May they return renewed in body and spirit.

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