



First Sunday of Lent (Year B)



1. Jesus he is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his God-given mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them.

2. Such periods of anxiety may seem like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight, we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested and after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life.

3. Repent and believe the good news was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life?

4. There is immediacy about the call of Jesus: 'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near'. Recall when you had a realisation that NOW was the moment of opportunity – for a change in your life, for a spiritual renewal, or a time to give a wholehearted yes to life. At this moment to what do you believe you are invited to say 'yes'? Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel. John Byrne osa

Eucharistic Adoration: As we begin Lent, our National Eucharistic Adoration Committee has requested that we each try to do an hour of Adoration on each of the days of Lent, & where possible try to get others in your parish to do the same. You will find the information regarding this by clicking on the following link. <https://eucharisticadoration.ie/adoration-initiative-for-lent/>

The idea is to do this from your home by logging on to a live link to Eucharistic Adoration. The following link will bring you to the Adoration Chapel in Navan. You can copy and paste it. <https://eucharisticadoration.ie/adoration-chapel/>

Another site, has Eucharistic Adoration 24/7, 365 days a year is <http://www.savior.org/>

St. Ronan's GAA Lotto. There was no winner of the lotto jackpot when the draw was held at the weekend. The numbers drawn were 5, 14, 18 and 25. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Colm O'Donnell, Keadue, €30 Kevin & Caroline, Ballyfarnon, €20 Attracta Wynne, Arigna, €20 Patsy & Donnacha McTiernan, Ballyfarnon, €20 Teresa Evens, Geevagh. The jackpot next week will be €10,500 and the draw will be held on Sunday evening at 4pm. Our lotto tickets are now available online. Visit www.stronansgaa.com or St. Ronan's GAA Club Facebook page for further information..

This Lent, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join us in witness to the persecution of Christians around the world. As Christ entered the desert for 40 days to prepare for His earthly ministry, so too are we called to pray, fast and carry out works of sacrifice and mercy over Lent. ACN invites you to join us in prayer with the Persecuted Church, and if you wish to support the Suffering and Persecuted Church to consider making a donation to our Lenten Campaign.

HSE, Free Living Well Programme. The Living Well Programme is a workshop for adults living with a long-term health condition. The workshop is delivered over six workshops (2.5hrs x6) and is free of charge to those diagnosed with a mental or physical illness. You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health condition. To avoid disappointment please book your place early by calling 086 6078950 or visit www.hse.ie/LivingWell.

Trocaire, Lenten Giving, discover the courage of Awut and Ajak feel the bond between their families... and see how your kind support will help (including ways to give from home during Covid) A special message from Fr. James in South Africa. War and poverty have taken enough from families like Awut and Ajak's. But without help they could be lost completely. To survive and thrive, they need your help and love this Lent..

Masses : Saturday & Sunday as usual. Week Day Masses 10a.m Keadue Monday, 10a.m Arigna on Tuesday & Wednesday. Thursday Ballyfarnon 6p.m and 10a.m Friday.

Anniversary Mass Arigna

Sun. 21st Johnny Gilhooley,
Stranuane, Months mind.

Anniversary Masses Keadue

Sun. 21st Roisin Walsh.

Mon. 22nd Missa Pro Populo

Sun. 28th Florrie & Jim Langan.

Rest in Peace ☩

Michael Lynam, Kilmacroy,
Father of Finola Mulvanerty, Keadue,
and brother of Tommie, James,
Vincent and Francis Lynam, Ballyfarnon.