

Reflection: Our Gospel passage begins with the words: 'Jesus began to make it clear...' but in the Jerusalem Bible translation from which we read in our lectionary, it is preceded by three words which are: 'From that time'. So with those words included it reads: 'From that time Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go up to Jerusalem and suffer grievously....' What time is Matthew talking about. He's talking about the moment when Jesus had elicited from his disciples their first explicit profession of faith in him as the Messiah. In the name of all the disciples present, Peter had declared: 'You are the Christ the Son of the living God.' It is at that critical moment Jesus tells them for the first time of his coming Passion. His being the Messiah and his Passion and death are inexorably linked. It is because he is the Messiah that the Passion awaits him. It is the very reason for his incarnation - his becoming man. It is not an accident or quirk of fate but his will.

We have known about Jesus' Passion and death and the reason for them since we were very young and hearing it today in the scriptures it comes as no surprise to us. But imagine the surprise, even shock that Peter felt on hearing this stark revelation. Of course he knew Jesus wasn't popular among the religious leaders and he knew his subversive talk was dangerous and though he had just declared his faith in Jesus as the Messiah - the saviour - he hadn't yet fully understood its consequences.

From a human point of view, his reaction was understandable. After all he wanted to spare his friend the awful fate he had just described. Then Jesus rebuked him: 'Get behind me Satan, you are an obstacle in my path...' you are in the way of my mission, the very reason I am here.

Then Jesus goes on to set out the cost of discipleship: my follower must 'take up his cross and follow me.'

The fulfilment of Jesus' mission, which is the redemption of mankind, and his gateway to the Glory of his Father is his passion and death. The gateway to the Father's Glory for us is discipleship, taking up whatever crosses we have in our lives and following Jesus and becoming co-redeemers with him.

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Canon Gerard Garrett
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Cathedral Shop
Mon - Sat, 10:30am - 1pm.
Sympathy Mass cards,
Occasional cards,
candles and other religious
goods for sale.

Mass Times
Mon-Fri 10am, 5.45pm
Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil
Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

Confessions
Saturday 10.30am

Baptisms
Saturday 4.30pm

Recently Baptised
We welcome into the Christian
Community
Faye Taylor
We wish Faye and her
Family every blessing.

Recently Deceased
We remember in our prayers
Gerard O'Regan RIP
Christopher Dineen RIP
May they rest in eternal
peace.

Split the Pot Draw
Congratulations to
Niall Kelly
winner of last week's draw.
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Call for Research Participants -

What is the purpose of the study?

I am conducting a study about how mourning rituals in Ireland changed during the COVID-19 pandemic. I especially want to understand how new technology tools (for example, online condolence books or live-streamed funerals) affected these rituals and influenced public health.

Who can participate?

- Aged 50 years old or older
- Live on the island of Ireland
- Have experienced a bereavement before the COVID-19 pandemic (before 2020)
- Have experienced a bereavement during COVID-19 pandemic restrictions (2020-2022)

Contact Us

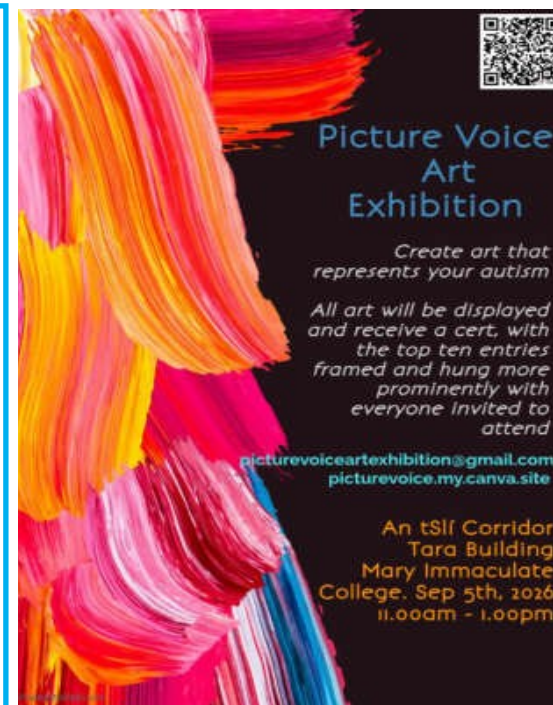
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Saints of the Week:

Thurs 3rd Sept St Gregory the Great
Fri 4th Sept St Mac Nissi
Sat 5th Sept St Teresa of Kolkata



Melodies Memory Choir

Next: **Wednesday, 2 September 2026**

Time 18.30 to 20.00 hrs

Dementia Inclusive Community choir

(singing group) for persons with Dementia accompanied by their carer.

Venue Our Lady Of Lourdes Community Centre, Limerick, V94KX9V

Free to attend

Maranatha We invite you to Maranatha prayer afternoon starting at 2.30 pm on Sunday, 13th Sept at St Michaels Church, Denmark Street, including Word of God talk by Fr Thomas, Monks of Moyross and Mass 4.30pm. *All welcome.*