

This week we celebrate the feasts of three saints all of whom became patrons of a country or region

He was viceroy of Poland, and from 1481 to 1483 while the king was absent in Lithuania. He administered the state with great prudence and justice. He died in Lithuania on 4 March in 1484.

He was canonised in 1522 by Pope Adrian VI and was named patron saint of Poland and Lithuania in 1602.

In 1948 Pope Pius XII named him as patron saint of all youth.



Saint David patron saint of Wales. (500– 589)

Educated at Henfynyw, Cardigan, he seemingly took a prominent part in the synod of Llanddewi-Brefi (in Cardigan) to suppress the heresy of Pelagius and presided at the Synod of Victory held

later at Caerleon-on-Usk, Monmouthshire, which supposedly defeated the Pelagian heresy in Britain. More certainly, he moved the seat of ecclesiastical government from Caerleon to Mynyw, which is, as St. David's (Ty-Dewi), still the cathedral city of the western sea.

His canonization by Pope Calixtus II (c. 1120) is unproven. His feast day, known as St. David's Day, is widely celebrated in Wales, and many people wear traditional Welsh clothing and daffodils or leeks in commemoration.



St Casimir :

Born at Krakow (Poland) in 1458, was the second son of King Casimir IV of Poland



St Kieran (501-530)

The "first born of the saints of Ireland," sometimes listed as Kieran Saighir or Kevin the Elder. He was a native of Ossory, and after living for a time as a hermit, he is believed to

have been consecrated a bishop by St. Patrick, taking his place as the first bishop of Ossory and remains the patron saint of its successor, the diocese of Ossory. Another tradition states that he was consecrated in Rome. Legends attribute remarkable miracles to Kieran.

He is sometimes called Saint Kieran the Elder (Latin: Kyranus or Ciaranus Maior) to distinguish him from the other 6th-century Irish Saint Ciarán, who was abbot of Clonmacnoise.

Saints of the Week

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| Mon 1 March | St David, bishop |
| Thurs 4 March | St Casimir |
| Fri 5th | St Kieran, bishop |

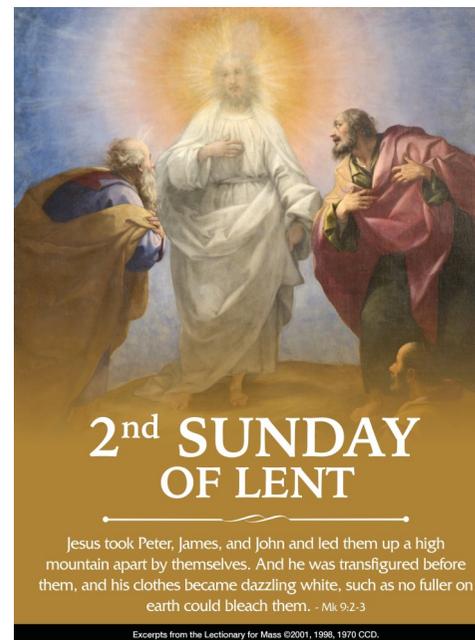
“The fact that an opinion has been widely held is no evidence that it is not utterly absurd; indeed in view of the silliness of the majority of people, a widespread belief is more often likely to be foolish than sensible.”

Bertrand Russell



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Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 28th Feb 11.30 am Mass:-
Joseph (Joe) Conneely (Months Mind)
Margaret & Hugh Mc Ginn (Anniversaries)
May Kelly / Anniversary
Charles Brennan / Anniversary

Other Intentions

Recently Deceased:-
Ron Lewis

Months Mind:-
Sean Compton

Anniversaries:-
Mary Carson
Hazel Lahart
Cathal Mc Allistair
Anne O' Callaghan
Mary Breslin (2nd Anniversary)

Recently deceased
John (Jack) Phelan
Imelda Byrne
Liam (William) Diamond
May they rest in peace





**February 28,
2021
2nd Sunday of
Lent**

Transfiguration

Peter's request, after such an experience of course he would want to stay there. What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment?

As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. These moments of Transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths, sustaining us on the way.

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'Wherever you turn your eyes the world can shine like transfiguration. You don't have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see. Only, who could have the courage to see it?' (Marilynne Robinson)

Can you recall a time when you had an 'aha moment'? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from spiritual practice. These are special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These moments move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration.

In the Gospel today, Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand

Faithfest is back!! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place **5 March from 6:30 – 8:30 online**. For more information email: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie

YCD Connected – Bringing Young People Together

The Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) We meet online **every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm** for some time of fellow, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information please email:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. Here I am he replied. (Gen 22:1-2.9-13.15-18)

PSALM

I trusted, even when I said
'I am sorely afflicted'
(Ps 115:10.15-19)

SECOND READING

With God on our side who can be against us?
(Rm 8:31-34)

GOSPEL

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and let them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves.
(Mk 9:2-10)

WHEN I COME HOME

When I come home at the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no tears in a gloom-filled room :
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little but not too long,
And not with your heads bowed low,
Remember the Love that we once shared,
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone,
It's all a part of the Master's plan -
A step on the road to home.
There is no night without a dawning,
No winter without a spring,
And beyond death's dark horizon,
Our hearts once more will sing -
For those who leave us for a while,
Have only gone away,
Out of a restless careworn world,
Into a 'Brighter Day'.

Anu Shraddha

TRÓCAIRE
Working for a Just World

TRÓCAIRE

Lent is an extremely important time of year for Trócaire. The organisation relies heavily on the income that comes in during Lent through the generosity of schools and parishes. The ongoing lockdown presents different challenges especially in relation to the distribution of Lenten Boxes.

This year's Lenten Campaign focuses on Awut and Ajak, two women brought together by the horror of war. Their solidarity is an example of what Pope Francis tells us in his recent encyclical, Fratelli. At a time of great uncertainty and fear, it reminds us to always work together to protect the most vulnerable.

This year, cardinal Luis Tagle will deliver the Trócaire and St. Patrick's College Maynooth annual lecture online on 9 March 2021 at 18.30.

Note: Trocaire boxes available at contact point at the end of the church.