

Parish of St. Mary's

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**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time -
October 1st 2017**

This Weekend: September 30th/October 1st
7.00p.m Gertie, Patrick & Fiocre McEnroe,
 Pound St.
10.00a.m Tommy & Margaret Gilchrist,
 Shantum.
12noon Madeleine Kenny, Christopher &
 Kathleen Kenny, Lisnagrish.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend: October 7th/8th
7.00p.m Mary Curran, Dublin Road.
10.00a.m Desmond Reynolds & Philip McCartan.
12noon Peter & Kathleen McGrath and their
 son Petie, Bracklin Road.

Offertory Collection: €1,445.00 - sincere thanks.

First Friday Calls - I will visit the sick and elderly of the parish on Fri next - Oct 5th - Fr. Tom

Mass for Opening of School Year - Thank you to the staff and pupils of St. Mary's N.S for their preparation and participation in the Mass to celebrate the opening of the school year. We ask God's blessing on you in the year to come and hope it will be a happy and fulfilling time for all.

ENROLMENT CEREMONY for CONFIRMATION CLASS will take place in St. Mary's Church on Sat Oct 7th @ 7.30 p.m.

ENROLMENT CEREMONY for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS will take place in St. Mary's Church on Sat Oct 14th @ 7.30 p.m.

THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND, LONGFORD BRANCH: would like to thank all who contributed to the recent church gate collection. Total amount collected was €347.63

EDGEWORTHSTOWN TIDY TOWNS: will hold a public meeting in the Old Schoolhouse, Ballymahon Road on Monday October 2nd at 7.00 p.m. at which Ecologist and Tidy Towns Adjudicator since 2007, Billy Flynn, will give a presentation outlining our three year plan. All are welcome. Do come and join us as we prepare for the next three years. Join us in Philip Quinn's on Friday 6th of October to see who are this year's winners of the Best Premises Award and to see which lucky people won prizes in our Harvest Hamper and Original Painting raffle (closing date was extended so you can still buy lines if you haven't got a chance to before - cards in Post Office, John Farrells and Quinn's Supply Stores)

MOSTRIM GAA MONSTER AUCTION: is changed to **OCTOBER 21st, 2017 at Kane's showrooms.**

Please donate items of furniture /bikes /books/ appliances/toys/household items/fuel etc. Contact: John Coyle 087-9047617, Gerry Lynn 087-3980955, Tony Garvey 086-8566463.

DAY FOR LIFE - Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. There is currently a campaign to remove Article 40.3.3 (the pro-life article) from the Constitution of Ireland. It is exactly fifty years since the 1967 Abortion Act was passed in England, Scotland and Wales. Abortion, though less available in Ireland than in the UK, is lawful under certain circumstances on both sides of the border.

As we face the immediate challenge here in Ireland, and mark the fifty years since the passing of the 1967 Act on the neighbouring island, we are drawn to reflect, to pray and to offer practical and emotional support to those in need. We pray especially for those who have lost a child and for those who are concerned about their pregnancy.

CURA - For forty years Cura has been providing free support services for woman and for men, during pregnancy, after the birth and after abortion. For information on its locations and services, please see www.cura.ie and/or local 1850 622 626.

"The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life. By serenely contemplating the ultimate fulfilment of each human person, parents will be even more aware of the precious gift entrusted to them. For God allows parents to choose the name by which he himself will call their child for all eternity." (Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 166)

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Life Within

O Mary, Mother of the Life Within, all life we entrust to you; The life of every expectant mother and the child within her womb: The life of every human body, the life of every human soul; The life of every newborn child and the life of all grown old. You held the Lord to your own heart and drew him so close in. So draw us now in all our needs, O Mother of the Life Within.

GAA Matters - Commiserations to the local Mens and Ladies teams on their narrow defeats in the past week. Here's wishing the Wolfe Tones Hurlers the very best in Sundays County Final.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: We are warned that people who seem like outsiders may be closer to God than others who look down on them. Rank or title means nothing in God's sight. The parable of the two sons illustrates how actions speak louder than words. Doing the right thing is better than talking about it!

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - OCTOBER

Saturday 7.00p.m: Sr. Maureen Brennan, Sandra Durkan, Margaret Kelly.

Sunday 10.00 a.m: Kathleen Dowler, Ita O'Farrell.

Sunday 12 noon: Kate O'Donoghue, Emma Reilly, Yvonne Tuite.