

Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim

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**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th
February 2018**

This Weekend: February 3rd/4th

7.00p.m Sean Logan, Devine Crescent.

10.00a.m Paul & Kitty Mulhare and deceased family members.

- 12noon** 1. Mary Rooney, Ballymahon Road, (3rd Anniv.)
2. Michael Greene, Devine Crescent and deceased members of the Greene family, St Patricks Tce.

The Manor – Sun 4th Feb - Bridget Curran (1st Anniv.) and deceased family members.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Mon 5th Feb – Ciaran Duffy and deceased family members of Rhenny & Monarragh.

Sat 10th Sr. Cyril Keenan (1st Anniv.)

Next Weekend: February 10th/11th

7.00p.m No Intention

10.00a.m The Morgan family, Lisnanagh.

12noon Connell & Oonagh O'Ferrall, Camlisk.

The Manor – Sun 11th Feb – Peter, Margaret and Patrick Gallagher, Bracklin

Offertory Collection: - €1,365.00 - sincere thanks.

MONTHLY ANOINTING in Our Lady's Manor takes place on Fri Feb 9th @ 11.00 a.m. Bishop Francis Duffy has kindly agreed to lead the ceremony this month.

Prayer for the Sick

Jesus Christ, Source of Hope and Healing,

All over the world, we are sending up prayers at bedsides and at altars and in waiting rooms.

Across the world, we light a galaxy of candles

For those tossed in the rapids of illness,

For those lost in the maze of addiction,

For those locked in broken bodies,

For those caught in the dark night of despair,

We pray.

Loosen the grip of pain and soothe their suffering.

Throw open a wide way free.

A path of kindness and compassion.

Understanding, quite strength and sweet serenity.

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- Deborah D. Cooper, National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

FEB 11th – is World Day of the Sick and Day of Prayer for Temperance. Alcohol confronts us with our own frailty and weakness. Even those who are not addicted need the support of a higher power in the journey through life if we are to avoid the perils of addiction. We need the support of

God is mediated through people just like us when we reach out to others, bringing Gods love and care into our world. - Pastoral Letter from the Irish Bishops Conference.

AA. MEETINGS

Family Centre St. Mel's Road, Longford

Tues, Fri @ 1.00 p.m.; Sun @ 11.30 a.m.

AI ANON - St. Mary's Hall, Mostrim, Mon @ 8.00 pm.

MUSINGS - In speaking about the merciful outreach of the Church, in his first official interview with the Jesuit Antonio Spadaro, Pope Francis compared the Church to a field hospital: 'I see the church as a field hospital after battle... the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity.' Using simple but effective imagery, he brings home his point that before getting into details about the dos and don'ts of the Christian life, it's important to make sure we are conveying the central message and reality: 'it is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds ... And you have to start from the ground up.'

CHOOSE LIFE 2018

Church Teaching

Why is cherishing human life so important? The Catholic Church's teaching on the dignity and value of every human person is very special. Every human life is precious and beautiful. Some people feel the right to life of the unborn should be a matter of personal choice for the mother. Others maintain, while they are opposed to abortion as a general principle, there are some children to whom the right to life does not apply because they have been diagnosed with a serious medical condition or because they have been conceived as a result of rape. The Church's belief, based on reason as well as faith, is that there is no such thing as a human life without value.

Family Prayer All powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen. - Pope Francis, Laudato Si.
EDGEWORTHSTOWN DEVELOPMENT- PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: The Parent & Toddler Group meets every Tuesday morning in The Green, Edgeworthstown from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. For further details, please contact 087 9548615.

SILENCE IN CHURCH

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sarah Lee Greene, Tadhg Murtagh.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Niamh Gogan, David Greene.

Sunday 12 noon: Anthony/Ciaran Garvey, Emma O'Reilly.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - FEBRUARY

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

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Liz Brady, Orla Noonan, John Cahill.

Sunday 12 noon: Mary Kelly McGrath, Colm O'Reilly, Ann Walker.