

# Parish of St. Mary's

## Mostrim

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11<sup>th</sup>  
February 2018**

**This Weekend: February 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>**

- 7.00p.m.** Pat and Kate Ann Fulham,  
Clonwhelan  
**10.00a.m.** The Morgan family, Lisnanagh.  
**12noon** Conal & Oonagh O'Ferrall, Camlisk.

*The Manor – Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Peter, Margaret & Patrick  
Gallagher, Bracklin.*

*Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.*

*Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Frank & Kathleen Greene, Tinnenaire.*

*Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Elizabeth & Bernard Kenny and their  
daughter Mary Blackwell.*

*Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – William Edgar.*

*Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Michael McNerney, late of Corclara.*

**Next Weekend: February 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>**

- 7.00p.m** Scan, Ellen and Lisa Cullen  
**10.00a.m** Elizabeth Kelleher, Cullyvore  
**12noon** Joan Lynam.

**Offertory Collection:** - €1,360.00 - sincere thanks.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for Ciara Conefrey, Main Street who died during the week. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Requiescant in Pace.**

**BAPTISM** - We welcomed Luka Vincent Daly, Bracklin and Ema Dapkus, Devine Crescent into our Christian community recently.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** -Wed next, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Masses will be at 11.00 a.m. in Our Lady's Manor and 7.0 p.m. in St. Mary's Church.

The word 'Lent' comes from an old English word 'lencten', meaning to lengthen or to grow longer. These days, each day there are two minutes more light in the morning and in the evening. So 'Lent' really means springtime. This tells us precisely what is supposed to happen in this springtime of the faith: new shoots, spring growth, signs of life and joy. So whatever I undertake this lent, may it lead to a new springtime of faith for me and my community.

*Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting*

*This campaign of Christian service,*

*So that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils,*

*We may be armed with weapons of self restraint.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**SUN Feb 11<sup>th</sup> is a Day of Prayer for Temperance,** a day which offers us an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with alcohol and a day on which we can take

time to pray for those who suffer from addiction.

Writing about temperance Bishop Éamonn Walsh of the Irish Bishops' Drugs Initiative has said:

"Temperance has an unpopular image, it is perceived as a restrictive, a sort of kill-joy and spoil sport. Nothing could be further from the reality. Temperance brings balance and prevents excess getting a grip. Bad tempered behaviour or intemperate language is neither accepted in sport nor in social behaviour. Society is all too aware of how drugs, including alcohol, have done such damage to sport, recreation, working and family life. It has become so difficult for people to resist the culture of artificial and chemical enhancement for all kinds of performances and entertainment."

### **AA. MEETINGS**

Family Centre St. Mel's Road, Longford  
Tues, Fri @ 1.00 p.m.; Sun @ 11.30 a.m.

**AIANON** - St. Mary's Hall, Mostrim, Mon @ 8.00 pm.

### **CHOOSE LIFE 2018**

**Is a view on abortion solely a question of religious belief?** The right to life is not just a question of religious belief. As the first and fundamental human right, it affects people of all faiths, and none. You do not have to be from any particular faith tradition to agree that human life should be protected and that intentionally ending the life of another human is never justified. Supporting and sustaining a culture of life is in the interest of every citizen, Catholics and all people of goodwill because it defines us as a society.

**What is the view of the Church?** The Church teaches that life is sacred from conception to natural death and there is no such thing as a life without value. This belief is based on reason as well as faith. Our Church rejects the suggestion that any person can decide when it is time for another person to die.

### **Family Prayer**

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life Reawaken in us respect for every human life Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift from God. Amen. Choose Life: Prayer for the Child in the Womb, Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference 2012.

**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.

**GLEN AFTER CARE** are hosting an American Tea Party and Irish Céilí with The Glenside Céilí Band on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March in Ardagh Community Centre. There is a meeting in Scoil Bhríde Glen on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 pm and anybody who is interested in hosting a table are welcome to attend.

### **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.

