

# Parish of St. Mary's

## Mostrim



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**Palm Sunday - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**This Weekend: March 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00p.m.** John Coyle, Corclaragh.

**10.00a.m.** Jim, Elizabeth & Anna of the Hagan family, Lisanore/Collogue.

**12noon** Ann Sheridan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Lisnagrish.

**The Manor - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Rose Furneaux (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)**

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

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Damien Wenman (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)**

**Next Weekend: March 31<sup>st</sup>/April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Easter Vigil @ 9.00 p.m.** Noel McGlynn, Rathowen

**10.00a.m** Harry & Mary Burke.

**12noon** P.J. Mahon & son Michael, Lisnagh & Dublin.

**The Manor - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April - No Intention**

**Offertory Collection:** - €1,245.00 - sincere thanks.

**St. Patrick's Day:** €760.00 - sincere thanks.

**FIRST CONFESSION** - Well done to the young girls and boys from second class in our parish school who celebrated First Confession during the week. Thank you to the teachers for all of their dedication and to all who helped in any way. May the children and all of us have a deep sense of God's compassion and love for us always. *"The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works."* Psalm 145:8-9.

**CHOOSE LIFE 2018** - Bishop Francis has written a Pastoral Letter to the people of the diocese entitled "Life is both Sacred and a Human Right". Copies are available at the church doors. You are invited to take one home.

**When does a baby's heart start to beat?** The first few weeks are the most rapid time of development for a new human life. The baby's beating heart has been recorded as early as 21 days after conception - this is sometimes before a mum even discovers that she is pregnant!

*"What astounds us is the very rapid rush to effectively obliterate the right to life of the unborn from our Constitution. Far from na beo gan breithi as the Irish version of our Constitution puts it, living beings just waiting to be born, essentially the State has been arguing, in the Supreme Court case for example, that this is a non-citizen, a non-person, a non-child, effectively removing every vestige of the right to live from the baby in the womb."* Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland.

## HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is known as **Passion Week** or in Irish "An Seachtain Mór - The Great Week." It is the week we reflect on and follow the Passion of Christ. The story of the Passion is not just **description** it is also **invitation** to each of us to pray, to reflect and to follow Jesus with hope and courage.

**CHRISM MASS** - on Holy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11 a.m. in St. Mel's Cathedral. It would be great to have as many parishioners as possible to attend this diocesan gathering. At this Mass priests renew their vows to priestly service while Bishop Francis blesses the Holy Oils to be used for the celebration of the Sacraments in the coming year. Residents from Our Lady's Manor will present the Oil of the Sick for blessing during the ceremony.

### Holy Week Ceremonies - St. Mary's Church, Mostrim

#### Holy Thursday - 29<sup>th</sup> March

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

Followed by Quiet Prayer & Adoration concluding with Night Prayer at 9 p.m.

#### Good Friday - 30<sup>th</sup> March

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

#### Holy Saturday - 31<sup>st</sup> March

Easter Vigil at 9 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday - 1<sup>st</sup> April

Masses: St. Mary's Church - 10 a.m. and 12 noon  
Our Lady's Manor - 11 a.m.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation Service on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Mar @ 8.15pm

Good Friday - after 3 p.m. ceremony

and after 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

Holy Sat - St. Mel's Cathedral - 10.30am - 6.00 pm

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**READERS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** - Rotas for Holy Week are available today - please take one home.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES** - The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic Church', a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity.' (CCC 1666)

*Give us wisdom and courage, joy and faithfulness in responding to our special vocation as a Christian family, so that we may help each other to grow in grace and love to the Glory of God.*

*Amen.*

**IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE** - at the Longford Arms Hotel, Longford on Tues 27<sup>th</sup>, Wed 28<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 from 4.30pm to 8pm.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - APRIL

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Anna Coyle, Dylan Cassidy.

**Sunday 10.00 a.m.:** James McCormack, Betty Mulhaire.

**Sunday 12 noon:** Niamh Cassidy, Noreen Grant.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - APRIL

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Mairead Fulham, Marie Reilly, Kate O'Connor.

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

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