

# Parish of St. Mary's

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*Third Sunday of Easter - 15<sup>th</sup> April*

**This Weekend:** April 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>  
**7.00p.m.** Seamus & Annamay Hannon.  
**10.00a.m.** Sean Doyle, Ringowney.  
**12noon** Neddy, Kathleen & John Doherty,  
Devine Crescent.

*The Manor – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Tony and Harry Devine,  
Marian Avenue.*

*Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m. No Intention*

**Next Weekend:** April 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup>

**7.00p.m.** John, Margaret and Kevin Hughes,  
Lisnagrish and Rita and Thomas Boland, Ballina  
**10.00a.m** James and Catherine Flood  
**12noon** 1. Brian O'Farrell, Camlisk  
2. Kathleen, James and Michael Kenny,  
St. Patrick's Terrace & John Cassidy, Devine Crescent.

*The Manor – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – No Intention.*

**Offertory Collection:** - €1,405- sincere thanks.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for  
**Lily O'Farrell**, Corboy who died recently and for  
**Nora McLoughlin**, wife of James McLoughlin, formerly of  
Granard St who died in London on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Apr. Burial will  
take place in London. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.  
*Requiescat in Pace.*

**EASTER DUES** are for the support of the priest of the parish.  
Thank you for your generous contributions.

**CEMETERY SUNDAY** is a lovely tradition of gathering to  
remember our deceased relatives and friends in prayer. Mass  
will be celebrated on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July in Aughafin Cemetery at  
12 noon. This will replace the 12.00 Mass in St. Mary's Church.

**TAX RELIEF SCHEME** – The parish can benefit significantly  
through the use of the Tax Relief Scheme for Donations to  
Charities. Thank you to all who have submitted forms. Any  
outstanding forms would be welcome so that we can finalise our  
claim to REVENUE.

**THE DEEP END: 'You are Witnesses of these Things'**

Today's gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St  
Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their  
experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised  
Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The gospel continues into  
another account of the risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus  
interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'peace'  
(shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus  
shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of

joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus  
shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish  
with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the  
scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them  
compassionately.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these  
things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these  
disciples are witnesses to the resurrection, they ate with Jesus  
after his death and he opened their minds. The resurrection  
accounts in the gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual  
experiences of Jesus' disciples. Our Easter faith is based on their  
testimony. Once Jesus has opened their minds to understand the  
scriptures, he tells them to go out and preach them in his name.

*'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge:  
to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to  
welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.'*

**Joyce Rupp**

**Today' Scripture:**

**First Reading** - Peter lays the blame for the death of Jesus fairly  
and squarely on the Jews. Nevertheless, he excuses them on the  
strength that they did not know who Jesus really was.

**Second Reading** - In spite of everything, Christians are still  
prone to sins. If we sin Christ will come to our aid if we have  
recourse to him

**Gospel** - The risen Lord appears to his apostles. As in all his  
appearances, words and gestures are needed to help them believe  
that he is real and not a ghost.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018**

27 May – 01 June – 5 nights – Fully Inclusive Price €739.  
Contact JWT, 143 Lower Baggot Street Dublin 2  
Tel: (01) 2410812 (01) 2410811

**EDGEWORTH FESTIVAL** The Edgeworth Festival will run  
from 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 featuring a one woman show on  
Friday evening in The Manor Church. Also, on  
Saturday evening, readings and poetry, with Brian Leyden, Vona  
Groarke, music and song with Aoife Mulligan and local  
Comhaltas Group in the Manor Church. Many more events;  
visit [www.edgeworthstown.net](http://www.edgeworthstown.net) for details.

**Informal English Conversation** Classes LCRL invites  
everyone interested in learning English to come along to the  
Green, Edgeworthstown on very Monday mornings from 9.30am  
to 11.30am. It is free of charge. Contact Mary Mulvey  
Coordinator at 086-8536455.

**Fleadh Cheoil Longfoirt** will, for the first time, be held in  
Newtownforbes on 27, 28 and 29 Apr. The main competitions  
take place on Sun 29<sup>th</sup> in Scoil Mhuire NS Newtownforbes.  
Competitions in the céilí bands, grúpaí cheoil, rince ar an sean  
nós, rince céilí and seit will be held on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Apr while the  
Comhrá Gaeilge, scéalaiocht and storytelling will start the  
weekend off on Fri evening at 4.30pm. A detailed programme  
of events will be published in due course. Any further enquiries  
please contact [newtownforbeslongfordcce@gmail.com](mailto:newtownforbeslongfordcce@gmail.com)

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

Fr. Tom Healy P.P.