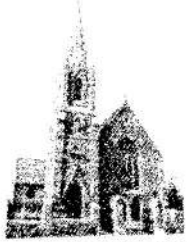


# Parish of St. Mary's

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Sixth Sunday of Easter - 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**This Weekend:** May 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup>

- 7.00p.m. 1. John Joe Gilchrist, Longfield.  
2. Thomas Glennon, late of Aughafin & Granard Road.
- 10.00a.m. Josie Carroll (Month's Mind).
- 12noon 1. Eddie Hughes (Snr.)  
2. John O'Neill, Lisnanagh.

*The Manor – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Kate Beglan.*

*Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Anna Farrell, Aughafin.*

**Next Weekend:** May 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>

- 7.00p.m. Anne, Lily & Joe Glennon, Cranleymore.  
10.00a.m. No Intention.  
12noon Aidan, Mary & John Murphy, Ringowney

**Offertory Collection:** - €1,225.00 - sincere thanks.

**WHITE FATHERS APPEAL:** Thank you for your welcome and generosity to Fr. Charlie Timoney of the White Fathers last weekend. Fr. Charlie has written to express his thanks. The collection amounted to €1,452. He assures us of a remembrance in the White Fathers Masses and prayers.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for Thomas (Tommy) Keenan, Aughnageera, who died during the week. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescat in Pace.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** for the children of the parish will be celebrated on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon.

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

**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.

### SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

1. A commandment of love could seem a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another – a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife; a wave from a friend; words of comfort and affirmation – not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you

were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete.

2. Often love and friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their times and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our own 'lives' at least for a time. Can you recall when a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you?

3. 'I chose you.' Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are – chosen by Jesus to bear fruit through our love. - John Byrne osa (Intercom)

### THE DEEP END: A brief history of love

God does not have favourites, Peter tells us. You wouldn't think that was the case sometimes, listening to some of the people who purport to speak on his behalf.

When Professor Stephen Hawking passed away earlier this year, people from all walks of life paid tribute to his brilliance, his scientific legacy, his courage and his sense of humour. Professor Hawking's work taught the world so much about the boundless mysteries of the universe. Though he considered himself an atheist, he believed that life had meaning, and that we should always be curious about how the universe came into existence. He believed in love, and is quoted as saying 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love.'

And yet, after his death, there were some who couldn't resist the opportunity to ask: where is he now, this man who did not believe in God? The judgement and lack of compassion was staggering, coming as it did from 'Christian' commentators. Where is the love in such attitudes?

Today we bring everything back to one word: love. There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. God's love does not discriminate. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God', while 'anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.' That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others – whether their beliefs align with ours or not. God does not have favourites.

- Triona Doherty (Intercom)

*"From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us." - Pope Francis*

*"Don't Let Yesterday Take Up Too Much Of Today." - Will Rogers*

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD – MAY

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Monica Coyle, Cathal McGirr.  
**Sunday 10.00 a.m.:** Mark Reynolds, Anne Mulligan.  
**Sunday 12 noon:** Edel Coyle, Dolores Courtney.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - MAY

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Sr. Maureen Brennan, Sandra Durkan, Margaret Kelly.  
**Sunday 10.00 a.m.:** Liz Brady, Orla Noonan, Mairead Fulham.  
**Sunday 12 noon:** Mary Kelly McGrath, Colm O'Reilly, Ann Walker.