

Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim

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Twenty Third Sunday - 9th Sept 2018

This Weekend: September 1st/2nd
7.00p.m. James & Teresa McLoughlin, Granard St.
10.00a.m. No Intention.
12noon Tommy Murphy late of Chapel Street,
Longford, (1st Anniv.) and Maureen
Carrigy, Ardagh, and her husband Joseph.

The Manor - Sunday 9th September - No Intention

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.
Saturday 15th Sept - Kathleen McKeon (nee Devine) late of
Cullyvore and London.

Next Weekend: September 15th/16th
7.00p.m. 1. Patrick & Adrian Turner (Anniv.).
2. Seamus Masterson & his children and
Patrick & Mary Heavey.
10.00a.m. Ned & Anna McGerr, Ringowney.
12noon Mary Greene (1st Anniv.), Devine Crescent.

Offertory Collection: - €1,360 .00 - sincere thanks.

BAPTISM - We welcomed Megan Ann Kelly Hallinan McCauley, Breaghy, Ballianlee into our Christian community recently.



MOSTRIM YOUTH CHOIR - Welcome back to the Youth Choir who have returned after their summer break. The Choir is made up of children from 4th class and upwards. Anyone who would like to join is more than welcome. Please contact any of: Kate 087- 2856808; Noreen 087 - 4127248 or Sinead 086 - 2694695.

WEEKEND RETREAT IN THE BURREN, CO. CLARE. 28/30 Sept - Why not come on a guided journey to the most secret and sacred places in the Burren and let the silence and beauty of this unique landscape renew in body and soul? Further information from Mary at 087 970 1130/Nóirín at 087 9459151

GLEN AFTER SCHOOL is pleased to announce Emma Doherty Belton as our newly appointed After School Manager. Emma brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this new role and we are delighted that she will head up this new venture. Emma can be contacted @ 0894252254. To reserve your place: managerglenafterschool@gmail.com Places available but hurry as all available places near full.

MOSTRIM YOUTH PLAYERS - Mostrim Youth Players registration and workshop for ages 7-15 years takes place on Saturday 15th September from 1.30pm to 2.30pm in Edgeworthstown Community centre. Registration is 5e per person. New Members welcome. For further details contact 087 4127248

MUSINGS

'If we start without confidence, we have already lost half the battle and we bury our talents. While painfully aware of our own frailties, we have to march on without giving in, keeping in mind what the Lord said to Saint Paul: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Cor 12:9). Christian triumph is always a cross, yet a cross which is at the same time a victorious banner borne with aggressive tenderness against the assaults of evil. The evil spirit of defeatism is brother to the temptation to separate, before its time, the wheat from the weeds; it is the fruit of an anxious and self-centred lack of trust.'

- Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium 85(INTERCOM)

THE DEEP END: Ephphatha

In today's gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment, unable to hear or speak God's word of truth. Jesus says ephphatha, which means 'be opened!' Immediately this man was healed.

During this Season of Creation we are all urged to listen to the cry of the earth. Scientists are now telling us that unless drastic action is taken we will lose the battle against the environmental destruction which this world is faced with. The worldwide heatwave and drought which we experienced this summer is one example of how our planet is under pressure. Yet change is possible. All it takes is one good person to restore hope. As followers of Christ we have a duty to lead the way in caring for God's beautiful creation. What prevents us from hearing these messages? We can be cynical and say that the issue is too big, that it is up to governments to sort out. Ephphatha! We start where we are and do what we can. This week can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? A very simple action is to reduce the use of plastic by buying a reusable water bottle or coffee cup which removes so much waste from landfills and sends a powerful message. We begin with the small actions and encourage others to do the same. Ephphatha! Let us all be open to this call to care for our common home.

- Jane Mellett (INTERCOM)

Words of Wisdom

"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up" - Jesse Jackson

"He who angers you, conquers you" - Elizabeth Kenny

*Lord, bless all the children who are returning to school.
May they grow as you did, in wisdom, in stature
and in favour with God and his people.
Keep them safe as they go to and from school.
Keep them faithful to you as they learn and play together.
Keep them in your loving care
and help them to show the same loving care to others.*

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Anna Coyle, Dylan Cassidy.
Sunday 10.00 a.m.: James McCormack, Betty Mulhaire.
Sunday 12 noon: Christine O'Reilly, Niamh Cassidy.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Angela Kelly, Eilcen Glennon, Marie Reilly
Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, Siobhan Campbell, Rachel McLoughlin.
Sunday 12 noon: Maria Noonan, Liam Tuite, Angela Dockery.