

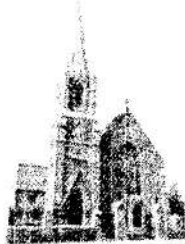
# Parish of St. Mary's

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First Sunday of Lent - 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 2019

### This Weekend: March 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>

7.00p.m. 1. Brendan Hayes, late of Marian Avenue.  
2. Shane Dockery

10.00a.m. No Intention.

12noon Martin Kelly, Devine Crescent

*The Manor – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March – No Intention*

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

### Next Weekend: March 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>

7.00p.m. Patrick & Ann Gallagher, Garryandrew

10.00a.m. No Intention

12noon No Intention

*The Manor – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March – The Mitchell Family*

**Offertory Collection:** Sun March 3<sup>rd</sup> - €1,310.00 - sincere thanks.

**BAPTISMS** - We welcomed Charles Edward Expedite Ward, Croshea into our Christian community recently.



**MISSION APPEAL** - this Sunday we welcome Fr Terry Smith of the Holy Ghost Missionaries who joins us to speak of the work of his Missionary Order and to seek our support for their ministry.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** takes place in our parish on Tues, Wed and Thurs from 11.30 until 6.00 p.m. New people are always required to participate in this prayer. Could you become involved as a commitment for the Season of Lent?

**ST. MARY'S NATIONAL SCHOOL** are now accepting enrolment for September 2019. Please call to School Secretary for enrolment form.

**GLEN AFTER SCHOOL** An American Tea Party and Irish Céilí, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Community Centre, Ardagh at 8.00pm. Céilí from 10.00pm with The Glenside Céilí Band.

**FREE Structured Patient Education Programme for People with Type Two Diabetes** starts on 9<sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 in Ballyminion Primary Care Centre, Longford. This is a 6 week programme; every Tues morning for 6 weeks. If you have diabetes and are interested in attending contact Maeve: 057 8697533.

### INTO THE WILDERNESS

Lent is a great season where we are called to fasting, almsgiving and prayer. While our motivations may vary from weight loss to genuine spiritual journeying, this is a season where we take time to stop and take stock of our lives. What's there? What's there that shouldn't be there? Are there things in my life that I need to change, move around, let go of? Are there obstacles in the way of my relationship with Jesus and with the world around me?

Given the extent of the climate crisis that the world now finds itself in, and Ireland's dismal record on climate action, Lent would be an excellent time for each of us to examine our relationship with the earth in the hope that we might recognise the interconnectedness of all things. We might fast from our cars when we can, or look at how much food, clothes and energy we consume. How are our recycling habits? You might pledge to read *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, during Lent, and perhaps to ask a few friends to join you.

Whatever you decide to do, embrace this very special time. In the Gospel we are given encouragement as we read that Jesus is being led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The wilderness is not a place to be feared: it can be a place of transformation; a place where God is ultimately in control. We might encounter our demons and temptations

there, but that is part of the journey. As with all things, we will get out of Lent what we put in. The more we put in, the greater the celebration on Easter Sunday morning.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1. The temptations were a step for Jesus in his growing understanding of his mission and of his relationship with his Father. Can you look back at some painful experiences and acknowledge that you have grown through them, both in your knowledge of yourself, and in your relationships with others and with God? Give thanks for the guidance of the Spirit of God in these times.

2. Behind each of the specific temptations is a basic temptation to lose trust in God. Jesus resisted this because he recognised his complete dependence on his Father. How have you come to recognise your life and the whole world as gifts from God?

3. One can enter into each of the temptations singly. There may be ones that you have experienced:

- the temptation to give priority to bodily needs and satisfactions
- the temptation to power
- the temptation to seek to be the centre of attention.

How have you grown through wrestling with these temptations?

### TROCAIRE 2019

The theme of this year's Trocaire campaign is "Until Love Conquers Fear". This year Trocaire is highlighting the different ways land is stolen from vulnerable people - by corporate land grabs, by war or because they are women. The families of the three young people featured this year: Maria, Maya and Patricia face the fear of violence, hunger and never seeing their home again. You can show your love by supporting them.

*"In reflection, fasting, and prayer, each of us deep down should ask ourselves, Is this really the world I desire? Is this really the world we all carry in our hearts? Is the world that we want really a world of harmony and peace, in ourselves, in our relations with others, in families, in cities, in and between nations? And does not true freedom mean choosing ways in this world that lead to the good of all and are guided by love?"*

- Pope Francis, *Embracing the Way of Jesus*

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD – MARCH

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Pat Appleford, Mary Kelly McGrath.

**Sunday 10.00 a.m.:** Niamh Gogan, David Greene.

**Sunday 12 noon:** Dolores Courtney, Gerard Greene.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - MARCH

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Angela Kelly, Marie Reilly, Mairead Fulham.

**Sunday 10.00 a.m** Kathleen Dowler, Ita O'Farrell, John Cahill.

**Sunday 12 noon:** Maria Noonan, Liam Tuite, Angela Dockery.

*Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.*