

Parish of St. Mary's

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Third Sunday of Lent - 24th March 2019

This Weekend:

March 23rd/24th

7.00p.m.

1. Tommy & Sean Doyle and deceased family members of Brady & O'Donnell families, Cam
2. Paddy McLoughlin, Kilsallagh
3. Teresa & Patrick Monaghan and deceased family members

10.00a.m.

1. Ann Sheridan (2nd Anniv), Lisnagrish
2. Jim, Elizabeth & Anna of the Hagan family, Lisanore & Cullogue.
3. Kay Quinn (Month's Mind)

12noon

- Mick & Ethel Grimes, Bracklin Rd. & deceased members of the family.

The Manor - Sunday 24th March - No Intention

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend:

March 30th/31st

7.00p.m.

1. John Coyle, Corclaragh
2. Eddie, Kathleen & John Doherty, Devine Crescent.

10.00a.m. No Intention

12noon

1. Helen Kearney (1st Anniv.)
2. John Foley and deceased members of the Foley & Donohoe families.

Offertory Collection: Sun March 17th - €1,330.00 - sincere thanks.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated by Bishop Francis for the young people of our parish on Fri next March 29th @ 4.00 p.m. We ask God's blessing on each of the young girls and boys as they welcome the Holy Spirit to guide and direct them in their lives.

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?

LONGFORD BRANCH OF THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND - Annual General Meeting take place in The Longford Arms Hotel, on Tues 26th Mar @ 8.00 p.m. Guest speaker is Jennifer Edgeworth, Senior Clinical Psychologist.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES SCHEME (VTOS) - Are you over 21 and unemployed? If so you could join the VTOS programme and receive business and computer training FREE OF CHARGE. Interested? Contact Maeve Madden, Longford VTOS. Tel 087 2050589 as soon as possible

TAX FORMS - Thank you to all who have returned forms in relation to the Tax Relief Scheme for Charities. All outstanding forms would be most welcome to enable us to maximise our claim from this valuable source of income.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE takes place on Tues Apr 2nd @ 8 pm in St. Mel's College, Longford. (Tea/Coffee @ 7.30pm). The theme is: Safeguarding: An ongoing challenge and a vital ministry in the church in Ireland. Teresa Devlin, CEO of the National Safeguarding Board for the Catholic Church in Ireland is guest speaker. All are welcome.

THE DEEP END - 'It may bear fruit next year'

Today's Gospel brings a thorny question for Jesus, as the people ask why a number of Galileans were killed by the Romans as they made sacrifices to God. The basic question is why do bad things happen to certain people? Some Jewish leaders at the time viewed the Galileans as second-class Jews, and so they are raising more than a question about meaningless suffering here. They want to know if the Galileans suffered because they were not really 'Jewish enough.' Jesus responds with a sharp question about a recent tragedy involving those killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. Were they worse offenders than others in Jerusalem? No. Jesus responds further by focusing on those who are still living. In the parable of the fig tree we hear that the tree is not producing any fruit and probably should be cut down. However, the owner of the vineyard agrees to one more year, during which it is given special attention.

Jesus' response to the difficult question on suffering is to focus on the living. We are still alive and therefore should be producing much fruit. Perhaps those who are questioning Jesus need, like the fig tree, much fertiliser, nourishment and growth so that they can focus on producing fruit for the world. The fig tree is blessed, and has received much grace in terms of time and care. The parable is a reminder to all of us of the nourishment and time we have been given; it is a call to examine the fruits that we produce in this world, in our communities, our families and in our church.

MISSEON APPEAL - the total amount donated to the Holy Ghost Missionary Order has now reached €1,517 - thank you for your generosity.

"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, all things pass, God does not change, patience achieves everything" - St Teresa of Avila.

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy" - Thomas Merton.

"An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching" - Mahatma Gandhi.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.
Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.



A little humour - "The senior pastor will be away for two weeks. The staff members during his absence you will find pinned to the church notice board". - Church Bulletin

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.

- Fr. Tom Healy P.P. -