

Parish of St. Mary's

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19th Sunday – 10th/11th August 2019

This Weekend August 10th/11th
7.00p.m. No Intention
10.00a.m. May & John Grimes, Marian Avenue
12noon Helen Maguire (Anniv.)

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend: August 17th/18th
7.00p.m. No Intention
10.00a.m. No Intention
12noon Ina Marshall (1st Anniv.)

The Manor - Sunday 11th August – No Intention

Offertory Collection: Sun August 4th - €1,120 - sincere thanks.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - will be celebrated on Wed Aug 14th during 11.00 a.m. Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS - Communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Fri 16th at the usual times.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - takes place on Thurs Aug 15th and is a Holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Wed 14th @ 7.00 p.m. and on Thurs 15th @ 10.00am. Also Mass on Thurs 15th @ 11.00 a.m. in Our Lady's Manor.

THE RSA'S 'CHECK IT FITS' SERVICE IS COMING TO LONGFORD! Davis SuperValu, Hazelwood Shopping Centre, Longford on Wednesday 14th August from 10.00am-5.30pm. The Check it Fits service is quick, it's easy, it's free.

MOSTRIM PLAYERS are delighted to announce that due to unprecedented demand we are returning to the Backstage Theatre with our hugely popular production of "The Shooting of More O'Ferrall" for two further nights, September 5th & 6th next.

It is the first time we have ever had a second run of a show and this is testament to its' popularity. Tickets on sale now at Backstage .

The Deep End Ever-ready

Nowadays, many houses have security systems. We can have our homes monitored, 24 hours a day, to make sure they are safe. The really advanced systems even allow us to tap into the cameras from our mobile phones. We don't have to stay awake all night in case someone tries to burgle our home – the system *

takes care of everything. There are so many technologies available whose focus is to help us be prepared for all eventualities; we have apps for everything from predicting the weather to alerting us to traffic delays.

There are no such luxuries in the parables. The men who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast cannot afford to sleep. They won't receive an alert to their phone when their master arrives home. They have no option but to wait up. In the short parable of the householder and the burglar, Jesus again emphasises the importance of 'standing ready.'

Of course, Jesus is not really talking about watchmen and burglars, or being physically prepared; he is talking, rather, about spiritual alertness. It might seem morbid, but ask yourself this: if you were to die tonight, would you be ready? Your answer might tell you something about the areas of your life that need work. Another way in which we can be 'ever-ready' is to be open to the Holy Spirit. When our hearts are alert and open, we are more likely to see God's goodness in those we meet, and be ready to welcome his grace into our lives.

We could not imagine being without our gadgets and apps and all of the things that make our lives easier. Valuable though they are, there is something more valuable – indeed priceless – at stake.

Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL – Luke 12:32-48

1. The opening verses of this gospel reading invite us to ask ourselves what we see as our purpose in life. What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance, or do we have other priorities? What has helped you to appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?

2. At times one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone: 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.' When have you found that being alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have missed? Perhaps when a child or friend gave a hint that they would like to talk, and a very meaningful conversation ensued?

3. Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus is that we only have one life, and we do not know how long it will last. So Jesus calls us on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we drift aimlessly through a day, and on other occasions use a day purposefully. What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day?

John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD – AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford, Anna Coyle.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Siobhan Campbell, Sean Noonan.

Sunday 12 noon: Dolores Courtney, Anthony Garvey.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m: Sr. Maureen Brennan, Sandra Durkan, Margaret Kelly.

Sunday 10.00 a.m: Orla Noonan, Anne Smith, Siobhan Campbell

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

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.