

Parish of St. Mary's

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Second Sunday of Lent - 8th March 2020

This Weekend March 7th/8th

7.00p.m No Intention

11.00a.m 1. Michael Kenny, Lacken
2. Anthony Garvey, Cullyvore.

The Manor - Sun 8th March - No Intention.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Wed 11th Mar - People of the Parish

Next Weekend: March 14th/15th

7.00p.m Brendan Hayes, late of Marian Avenue.

11.00a.m Joe & Kathleen Callaghan and their sons
Sean and Cathal.

The Manor - Sun 15th March - No Intention

Offertory Collection: Sun March 1st - €1,245 - sincere thanks.

DAILY MASSES IN PARISH CHURCH - Because of the threat from Coronavirus, the HSE has advised that access to Hospitals and Nursing Homes should be restricted. Accordingly, the daily Mass will take place for the near future in St Mary's Parish Church.

The following directives have also been received from the Diocese:

- Those with virus symptoms are dispensed from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass.
- Some parishes have Mass available on the internet by means of webcams. Saint Mel's Cathedral livestreams Mass daily and is available at www.longfordparish.com.
- Hand gels, tissues and wastepaper bins are available at churches for the congregation on entry.
- Sanitised gels will be used by the priest and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Because of the risk of spreading infection by the reception of communion on the tongue, those who normally receive in this traditional manner, are requested to receive on the hand, for the duration.
- In parishes where pre-Confirmation children receive communion on the tongue parents are requested to show their children how to receive on the hand.
- The sign of peace continues to be suspended.
- Holy Water Fonts are to be left empty.
- Only the main celebrant receives from the Chalice; it is not shared with concelebrants or ministers of Holy Communion or parishioners.

ARDAGH & CLONMACNOIS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2020 - departure from Knock - 29 May - 03 June - 5 nights - Fully Inclusive Price €749. Contact Joe Walsh Tours (01)2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Msgr. Bernard Noonan Tel: (090)6481180. Director Special Section for Sick/Assisted Pilgrims: Fr. Michael Scanlon: (090)6457122.

Silent Retreat: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..."
Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Venue: Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway. Date: April 13th - 19th. Cost: €380 full board. Contact: Helen: 00353 86 1678027/hellywilliams@gmail.com; www.foyerofcharity.ie A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

ST. MARY'S NATIONAL SCHOOL enrolments for September 2020 are now being taken. Please call to School Secretary for enrolment form.

MULLINGAR CHORAL SOCIETY - will present their annual Spring Concert with the ever popular Handel's "Messiah" in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, on Sunday 8th March commencing at 8.00pm. Tickets €20.00 are available from - Cathedral Shop, any choir member and at the door on the night.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

1. The transfiguration experience was one that, for Jesus, clarified his relationship with his Father and strengthened him for the future. It was also a moment of deep revelation for the disciples. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, which for you have clarified your sense of who you are, and what is your relationship with God?
2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in friendship there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with God? Recall when that happened, and what it was like for you.
3. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud and it was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed: 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him.' Have you had the experience of learning the truth about life and about your relationship with God from moments of confusion as well as from times of joy?
4. After their special experience, the disciples came down the mountain again. We cannot live each day at the level of special spiritual experiences, but the memory of them can strengthen us in difficult times. What memories encourage you in time of trouble?

- John Byrne (INTERCOM)

EDGEWORTHSTOWN TIDY TOWNS A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday March 18th in The Green at 7.30 p.m. **NON MEMBERS** of all ages are very welcome. Do come along and hear about our projects and plans for the coming year. We need your contribution and help. Just one or two hours per week will benefit your town and will be an immense help to our Tidy Towns volunteers. The more help we have the more we can achieve. Our new library, upgraded streetscape, upgraded Walks will be completed this year. Our town will be looking so much better - a lot done, more to be achieved.

LENT

Lent is a time to travel light

To clear the clutter

From our crowded lives

And find a space,

A desert.

Deserts are bleak:

No creature comforts

Only a vast expanse of stillness,

Sharpening awareness of Ourselves and God.

Ann Levin

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sinead Farrell, Monica Coyle.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Yvonne Tuite, Kate Crossan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Angela Dockery, Diane Spillane, Margaret Kelly.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ita O'Farrell, Niamh Cassidy, Lauryn McKeon.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

- Fr Tom Healy -