

# Parish of St. Mary's

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First Sunday of Lent - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

**This Weekend** February 29<sup>th</sup>/March 1<sup>st</sup>

7.00p.m John Kenny, Devine Crescent.

11.00a.m 1. Bridie Kelly, Lisnageeragh, and deceased members of O'Toole & Kelly families.  
2. Patrick (Paddy) Casey (Month's Mind).

*The Manor - Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March - No Intention.*

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

*Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March - People of the Parish*

*Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March - Sr Rosario Deery*

**Next Weekend:** March 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>

7.00p.m No Intention

11.00a.m 1. Michael Kenny, Lacken

2. Anthony Garvey, Cullyvore.

*The Manor - Sun 8<sup>th</sup> March - No Intention*

**Offertory Collection:** Sun Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - €1,155 - sincere thanks.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Fri Mar 6<sup>th</sup> - Evening Mass @ 7.00pm. The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday.

**SHROVE DUES** are for the support of the priest of the parish. Thank you for your generous contributions.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**NEW Fun Food & Health Project Coming This March To The Attic House** - Foróige will be running a fun and interactive 6 week programme for young people aged 13+ years and will start on the 3rd Mar at 4.30pm-6.30pm. Cost is €30. Limited spaces. To register: Contact Cyril Reilly on 0860144832 or email [Cyril.reilly@foroige.ie](mailto:Cyril.reilly@foroige.ie) for more information.

**OPEN DAY** - Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-6pm, Longford College of Further Education, Battery Rd Longford

**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 8<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 8.00pm. Tickets €20.00 are available from - Cathedral Shop, any choir member and at the door on the night.

## The Deep End • Embrace the Wilderness

We journey into the desert as we begin Lent 2020, and we are encouraged to embrace the richness of this time and the possibilities that lie within. The desert can be unappealing, we may feel a resistance to the challenge, but the potential is enormous. Going inward, praying, fasting, taking on, giving - all of these practices offer us opportunities for genuine spiritual growth. It is through this journey that we can deepen our relationship with the One who urges us on. We should not be afraid of the desert for, as the Gospel today tells us, it is the Spirit who leads us on this path. Let us bring to mind this season the fact that our global community stands at a crossroads confronted with a frightening environmental crisis, another type of wilderness. We watched in horror this past year as wildfires destroyed vast ecosystems in the Amazon, Indonesia and Australia, killing an estimated one billion animals, destroying homes and taking lives. Ecologists in Ireland also tell us that to look out at the Irish countryside today is to look and see that is no longer there. Another wilderness. Lent is an opportunity to examine our lifestyles and to think about our relationship with God's creation. As Catholic faith communities, let us embrace the challenge to care for our common home in these weeks, making small changes. We can all do something: eliminate single-use plastics, fast from our cars, plant trees, bring a small group together to read Laudato Si, pray for our world leaders. Let this be a time of discerning our call to care more for this planet, our home.

*Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)*

### SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

1. In today's gospel Jesus is enticed to gratify his own needs, or to perform some spectacular act in public. He rejects the temptation because he chooses commitment to his mission and dependence on his Father over any immediate gratification. We can all be tempted to go for some immediate satisfaction, but is that where happiness lies? Have you found that sometimes there is more contentment in saying 'no' for the sake of some long term goal? What are the goals, aims and values that inspire you in this way?

2. One way of looking at this gospel is to say that Jesus went into the desert to face his demons. We all have demons we need to face - compulsions, fears, prejudices, anger, and urges that lurk within. It is in facing our demons that we find a way to live a fuller life. Can you recall a time when you grew through facing a 'demon' in this way?

*- John Byrne (INTERCOM)*

### A Prayer for Our Earth by Pope Francis

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

### 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.*