

Parish of St. Mary's

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Twenty Seventh Sunday - 4th Oct 2020

This Weekend Oct 3rd / 4th

7.00p.m. Mary Curran, Dublin Road.

9.00 a.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Tommy and Margaret Gilchrist, Shantum.

Weekday Masses: St Mary's Church at 11.00 a.m.

Wed 7th Oct People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Oct 10th / 11th

7.00p.m. 1. Bridget, John and Patsy Murphy & Nan and Dan McCormack - Lacken and Aghafin.
2. Mona Walsh (First Anniv).
3. Mary Brady, Thomas and Catherine McLoughlin, Bracklin.

9.00 a.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. 1. Rosemary Gilchrist (First Anniv).
2. Pat Quinn (First Anniv) and Kay Quinn
3. Martin Gilchrist, Aghafin (Second Anniv) and deceased members of the Gilchrist Family, Cullyvore.

Offertory Collection: Sun Sept 27th - €825 - sincere thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the young girls and boys from our parish who received First Holy Communion this weekend. We hope and pray that each one of you will walk close to Jesus in your

lives, that you will be active members of the Christian community and come to receive Jesus often as the Bread of Life to give us help and strength on life's journey. Thank you to all the teachers and staff at St Mary's National School for your constant support and goodwill towards the parish.

DAY FOR LIFE - 2020 - CHOOSE LIFE! There were 6,666 abortions in the Republic of Ireland in 2019 and over two hundred thousand in Great Britain, including significant numbers from the island of Ireland. We, the Catholic Church, have a message of hope and a story of love; together, we can promote a culture of life.

We grieve the loss of life due to abortion. We seek a change of minds and hearts about the innate dignity of the child in the womb and the care of pregnant women. Pope Francis writes, 'The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life ... For God allows parents to choose the name by which He himself will call their child for all eternity' (*Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love*, 166).



OCTOBER FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE AGAINST COVID

Dear brothers and sisters,

I invite you to join with families all over Ireland this October in praying together the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, in your homes each day for God's protection during this time of coronavirus.

These past six months have reminded us of the importance of the "domestic Church" - the Church of the sitting room and kitchen - the Church that meets every time a family stands or kneels down, or sits down to pray together! It has also helped us realise how important is the vocation of parents to be the primary teachers and leaders of their children in faith and prayer.

That is why I am calling for a "Family Rosary Crusade against Covid" during October - encouraging you to pray the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, each day during the month of October. Pray for your own family and loved ones and for all those whose health or livelihood is being seriously impacted by the coronavirus crisis.

I was inspired to make this call during a visit to the Missionaries of Charity here in Armagh who reminded me of what Mother Teresa, St Teresa of Calcutta, once said:

"Cling to the Rosary as the creeper clings to the tree - for without Our Lady we cannot stand".

God bless you all, Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

The target audience of this parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching and, as a consequence losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when they were presented to you?

2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed - doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitudes towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?

3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant, and reached out caringly for those around you.

4. 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see'. Some time a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People - ALONE manage a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance. Support Line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

YOGA CLASSES IN THE GREEN - FIND YOUR BALANCE. KUNDALINI YOGA WITH SIRI ANANDJOT KAUR - Helping you seek peace in the busy modern world. - STARTING OCT 5th from 7.15pm/8.30pm in THE GREEN, EDGEWORTHSTOWN. RATES: Drop in: €12.50 class. 4-class package: €40. Enquiries/booking - sirianandjotkaur@gmail.com

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - OCTOBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Dolores Courtney, Bety Mulhare

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Niamh Cassidy, Lauryn McKeon,

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ita O'Farrell, Kate O'Donohoe

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

- Fr Tom Healy -