

Parish of St. Mary's

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - 14th March 2021

This Weekend **Mar 14th**

- 11.00 a.m. 1. Deceased members of the Morgan Family, Lisnanagh
2. Shane Dockery and Maeve Dockery.
3. Martin Kelly

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

- Mon 15th Mar People of the Parish
Tues 16th Mar Pat and Kate Ann Fulham
Wed 17th Mar Ann and Patrick Gallagher

Next Weekend: **Mar 21st**

- 11.00 a.m. 1. Ann Sheridan, Lisnagrish

EDGEWORTHSTOWN PARISH WEBCAM

A webcam has recently been installed in the Parish Church.

The webcam is accessible at:
churchtv.ie ⇒ Longford ⇒ Edgeworthstown

There will also be a link on the parish website:
edgeworthstownparish.ie

DAILY MASS / SUNDAY MASS - @ 11.00.

A Mother's Day Prayer

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a
lifetime of your
tenderhearted love.
I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through
the years,
for the closeness we've
enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.
And so, I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be!



ST PATRICKS DAY

The book of Armagh tells us that Patrick wished the Irish to have two phrases on their lips, Kyrie Eleison and Deo Gratias; Lord have mercy and Thanks be to God. It is between these two prayers that we will find the fullness of life – trusting in the forgiveness of the One who loves us and eternally grateful for everything.



• The Deep End • Out into the light •

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday – Laetare means 'Rejoice!' We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but signs of joy are central at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the usual Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. In our gospel we hear that 'the [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light'. On the other hand, Jesus says that those who 'prefer darkness to the light' live in fear that their actions will be exposed.

We hear a lot of talk these days about transparency. We have seen the damage caused by those whose private actions gravely contradict the message they proclaim in the public sphere. Some questions we might ask ourselves this Lent are: Am I living a truthful life 'in the light'? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? Am I attentive to the needs of others or am I more inclined to think of myself? Lent offers us the opportunity to step out into the light, to allow the light of Jesus to sweep away any darkness or destructive habits and to begin again.

'We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness... and there – with our attitude, with our witness, with our life – we say 'Jesus is Risen,' with our soul.'
- Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

• Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. Jesus speaks of himself being lifted up, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. Bring to mind occasions when the love shown by Jesus in his passion was a sacrament of God's love for you.

2. It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. True life-givers know that they need the generosity of being lifted up by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you.

3. We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?
- John Byrne osa (INTERCOM)

JOY - "Joy shows from the eyes, it appears when one speaks and walks. It cannot be kept closed inside us. It reacts outside. When people find in your eyes that habitual happiness, they will understand that they are the beloved children of God". - Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Tax Relief Scheme - Thank you to all who have returned Tax Relief forms. At a time when parish income is reduced significantly we would be delighted to receive any outstanding forms please.

SHROVE DUES - are now due to provide an income for the parish clergy. Thank you for your generosity.

- Fr Tom Heafy -