

Parish of St. Mary's

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Twenty Third Sunday - 5th September 2021

This Weekend Sept 4th / 5th

7.00 p.m.

1. James and Teresa McLoughlin, Nora McLoughlin, Granard St. and Louise Hanley.
2. Elizabeth, Ben and Tom Flood, Marian Avenue and Manchester; and Ned and Bridget Flood, Pound St.

9.00 a.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Tommy Kearney (40th Anniv) Helen, Sean, Thomas and Margaret Kearney and deceased family members.

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

Wed Sept 8th People of the Parish.

Fri Sept 10th Molly, Jim, T.J. and Freda Doyle, Main St

Sat Sept 11th Kathleen McKeon (nee Devine) late of Cullyvore and London.

Next Weekend: Sept 11th / 12th

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

9.00 a.m. No Intention.

- 11.00 a.m.
1. Mary Greene, Devine Crescent.
 2. Joe Kenny, Whitehill and his daughter Mary Gallagher, Abbeylara.
 3. Ita Doyle (2nd Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sun Aug 29th - €1.020 - sincere thanks.

Sacrament Dates

Thankfully the recent Government announcement means that we are now in a position to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion as planned. The dates are as follows:

Confirmation - Sat Sept 18th

Mr Noonan's former class @ 12.00 p.m.

Mr Ward's former class @ 2.00 p.m.

First Confession - Wed Sept 22nd

Ms Boyle's Class @ 7.00 p.m.

Ms. Kelly's Class @ 8.00 p.m.

First Holy Communion - Sat Oct 2nd

Ms Boyle's Class @ 12.00 p.m.

Ms. Kelly's Class @ 2.00 p.m.

Diocesan Changes - We say welcome to our new neighbour Fr Pierre Pepper who takes up residence in Streete and Rathown Parishes this week. We look forward to seeing Fr Pierre on occasion in Edgeworthstown. We wish Fr Nigel Charles well in his new ministry in Mohill and Fenagh Parishes. May God bless both in their new ministries.

Church Capacity - As a result of the recent Government announcement it is now permitted to have a congregation of 50% of the capacity of the Church. This is welcome news and hopefully will see some more of our parishioners return to Sunday worship. We will continue to be mindful of best practise standards in terms of sanitisation, social distancing etc. We record our sincere thanks to our very faithful stewards and cleaners who make a wonderful contribution to our parish community in their commitment to ensure that we meet high standards of safety for all.

Knock Pilgrimage - The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will not take place this year due to the continuing restrictions. Bishop Francis will celebrate Mass at Knock Shrine on Sunday 5th September 2021 at 3.00 p.m. The Mass will be livestreamed at www.knockshrine.ie

Longford College of Further Education

Places are available on Business and Tourism Courses in Longford College of Further Education starting September. No CAO points needed. Progression to advanced entry on Business and Tourism Degrees. Low fees from only €100 for students with medical cards or eligible for the SUSI grant.

• The Deep End • 'Ephphatha' •

This Sunday is the First Sunday of the Season of Creation, a global ecumenical season which runs from 1 September until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October. All Christians are invited to embrace this season in prayer, especially in our liturgies, in deep reflection, in living more sustainably and in raising our voices in the public sphere. We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the earth, the environmental destruction which now threatens our world and the call to 'eco-conversion'. The theme for this year's Season is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. It offers all of us a unique opportunity to renew our vocation to care more deeply God's creation.

In today's Gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment. Jesus says to him, 'Ephphatha,' which means Be Opened. Immediately this man was healed. There are many issues in our world to which we might be deaf or are 'closed' to, sometimes because they overwhelm us. The environmental crises are an example. Pope Francis invites us in *Laudato Si'*, his letter on the environment, to really hear and listen to the earth, which is crying out to us, to the scientific community who are sounding the alarm bells, to young people who are deeply concerned. Ephphatha!

May we be open to hearing these cries, to praying for our world and to take action where we can. We begin with the small actions and encourage others to do the same. Ephphatha! Let us all be open to this call to care more deeply and 'Restore Our Common Home'.

- Jane Mellett (INTERCOM) 4

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sinead Farrell

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Noreen Grant, Mark Reynolds

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Lauren McKeon, Sandra Durkan

Sunday 9.00 a.m.: Anne Smith

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Orla Noonan

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -