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Twenty Fourth Sunday - 12th September 2021

This Weekend	Sept 11 th / 12 th
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 (2 nd Anniv.)
Weekday Masses: St Mary's Church at 11.00 a.m.	
Wed Sept 15 th	People of the Parish.
Thurs Sept 16 th	Thomas Little (2 nd Anniv.)
Next Weekend: Sept 18th / 19th	
7.00 p.m.	Patrick and Adrian Turner and deceased members of the Turner and Eivers families.
9.00 a.m.	No Intention.
11.00 a.m.	1. William and Margaret Greene, Lisanure. 2. Ned and Anna McGerr and Eugene McGerr.

Offertory Collection: Sun Sept 5th - €1,065 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Declan Walsh, Sligo Garryandrew; and for Betty McCabe (nee Reilly), Collinstown and formerly Cloncaugh who died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescant in Pace.

BAPTISM - We welcomed Robin Bea Clyne, Auhafin into our Christian community recently.

Sacrament Dates

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.

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.



• The Deep End • 'By my words, I will show you my faith' •
In the second reading today from St James we read, 'What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?' And in our Gospel reading we hear: 'The way you think is not God's way but man's...'. These are challenging texts which remind us to reflect on what path we are walking as followers of Jesus. Jesus' path was radically different to what people of his time expected of a Messiah. It was a path that would lead to much sacrifice. Being a Christian today means following Jesus' example, being counter-cultural and making sacrifices for a greater good

Today is also the second Sunday in the Season of Creation, a time we are called to explore our relationship with nature, God's creation. Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si'* - On Care for Our Common Home that 'We are not God' (LS, 67). He challenges us to re-examine our vocation to care for creation. In the past we misinterpreted God's words in Genesis to mean that we could have dominion over all of creation, own it and plunder it for our own use. Pope Francis invites us instead to explore our role as carers of creation and reminds us that the very first commandment we were ever given was to be protectors of this beautiful world. Yet, we know the earth cries out to us and that we are living through the sixth mass extinction of life on this earth due to human activity. Ecosystems are collapsing; biodiversity is in crisis. *Laudato Si'* is a hope-filled document, reminding us that we can set out on a new path, that we are capable of turning things around. One key action each of us can take this Season of Creation is to plant a native Irish tree.

Each parish, diocese, family, school, university can engage in this symbolic action to help Restore Our Common Home. This week, gather two or three people and explore what can be done, mindful that our Gospel today urges us to walk God's ways not man's.
- Jane Mellett (INTERCOM)

LOUGH DERG - Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sun 12th, Wed 15th, Sat 18th & Sun 26th Sept and Sun 3rd Oct, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email info@loughderg.org <mailto:info@loughderg.org%20> or telephone 0(0353) 719861518. www.loughderg.org <http://www.loughderg.org

Season of Creation Prayer - O Creator God, open our eyes and our hearts to the wonders of your presence among us. May we see the signs of your beauty within and about us and ever be in awe of the simple gifts of life. Help us to reach beyond ourselves and to give thanks for all of your creation that share this universe with us; people of every nation, animals of every species, all forms of vegetation, the planets, stars, and all the elements. We pray this in union with the incarnate Word of God in whose image all was created. Amen

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 -