

Parish of St. Mary's

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Twenty Second Sunday - 29th August 2021

This Weekend	Aug 28th / 29th
7.00 p.m.	Sabina and John Murtagh.
9.00 a.m.	No Intention.
11.00 a.m.	1. John and Mai Grimes, their son John and deceased family members. 2. Ned Hogan (13 th Anniv and Birthday Remembrance). 3. Ina Marshall and Annie and Paddy Marshall
Weekday Masses: St Mary's Church at 11.00 a.m.	
Wed Sept 1st	People of the Parish.
Next 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 (40 th Anniv) Helen, Sean, Thomas and Margaret Kearney and deceased family members.

Offertory Collection:

Sun Aug 14th - €825; Sun Aug 21st - €960 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Noel Walsh, Garryandrew who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescant in Pace.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed

- Bréifne Ben Galligan, Carrickboy, Co Cavan
- Emilee Maura Barden, Garryandrew
- Aoibheann Amelia Harvey, Garryandrew and Essex
- India Noeleen Halpin, Shannon Park
- Olivia Elizabeth Noonan Dublin Road,



into our Christian community recently.

FIRST FRIDAY: Fri Sept 3rd - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday.

• The Deep End • What's on the inside •

'It's what's on the inside that counts.' How often do we hear this? Yet we get contradictory messages and we are also bombarded with messages about how we should dress or act, or what is appropriate behaviour. Rules about outward behaviour govern many aspects of life, from our school and work environments to our churches.

Today, Jesus has something to say about the tension between outward appearances and what's on the inside. To the religious authorities who challenge Jesus, outer appearances

and traditions are important, and they rebuke Jesus for allowing his disciples to eat with 'unclean hands'. However, Jesus explains that it is not external actions that make a person unclean. It is what's on the inside that indicates the true nature of our hearts. 'Lip-service' is not worth much if our hearts are not in tune with God. As Jesus puts it, 'You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' It is an invitation to examine how we put our faith into practice, individually and as a church community. Which human traditions do we 'cling' to? Do we become so focused on outward rituals that we risk losing sight of the teaching of Jesus and its radical implications? Do we treat our religious life as checklist of observances, or as a real encounter with Jesus?

'The words of the Sacred Scripture were not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart.' (Pope Francis)

- Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. Certain sections of the Jewish people put great store on the importance of rules and conventions as a measure of the goodness of a person. Jesus challenges this view. Where have you seen goodness in unconventional people? What brought it home to you that being a good person meant more than getting appearances right?
2. Even fidelity in religious practice is not enough. 'This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me'. How have you experienced the importance of carrying your faith beyond attendance at Mass on Sundays? When have you seen that in others? What brought this home to you?
3. What Jesus seeks are followers whose faith is whole-hearted and warm, people whose religion is not seen primarily in dutiful observance but in enthusiasm for life and care for one another. It is good to be with them. Give thanks for the people you know who are like that.
4. 'It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come.' It is also from within that good intentions come. We have choices. When have you been faced with the choice between good and evil? When did you realise the importance of accepting responsibility for your own life and choices? How has this helped your growth as a person? - John Byrne osa (INTERCOM)

Opening of School Year - Wishing the best of luck to all our pupils and teachers as another school year resumes in the coming days. We pray for God's Blessings for the year ahead, that all may be blessed with good health and happiness.

Lord Jesus, you tell us

that even though sparrows are very common
not one sparrow is forgotten by God our Father.
You say to each of us that we are worth more than
hundreds of sparrows - how precious we are!
Confident of our Father's love and acceptance,
let us always remember that you are present with us.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - AUGUST

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 Heafy -