

Parish of St. Mary's

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - 3rd April 2022

This Weekend **April 2nd / 3rd**

- 7.00 p.m.**
1. Tommy, Maura & Sean Doyle and deceased members of Brady & O'Donnell families, Cam.
 2. Tony & Harry Devine.
 3. John Coyle, Corclaragh.
 4. Noel McGlynn.

- 11.00 a.m.**
1. Kathleen & Sean Logan.
 2. Josie and Gerry Carroll and deceased members of the Carroll family.
 3. Yvonne Sheridan, Oonagh O'Ferrall, Conal O'Ferrall and Brian O'Ferrall, Camlisk.

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

Wed April 6th People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: **April 9th / 10th**

- 7.00 p.m.** No Intention.
- 11.00 a.m.**
1. William (Bill) Kelly (First Anniv).
 2. Ann, Frank and Bridie Cahill and deceased Members of the Cahill family.

Offertory Collection: Sun March 27th - €1,195 - sincere thanks.

Collection for Ukraine - Thank you for your generous support of the nationwide collection for Ukraine last weekend. The amount donated so far is €1,800. This will be forwarded to Caritas Internationalis which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in Ukraine. Caritas is the international equivalent of TROCAIRE, our own Irish Church development agency.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for John Gaynor, St Patrick's Terrace who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescant in Pace.

BAPTISM - We welcomed

Gabriel Andrew Swenda, Shannon Park into our Christian community recently.

ALTAR SERVERS - Now that all restrictions have

been lifted we invite our Altar Servers to return to weekend Masses. It is good to have our younger parishioners playing a role in the prayer life of the parish. We send an invitation to all our former servers to resume their duties these weekends. Welcome back.

FIRST CONFESSIONS - Congratulations to the young boys and girls of our parish who celebrated their First Confession during the week. Thank you to the teachers for their wonderful work in preparing the children to appreciate God's love and mercy. Thank you also to Fr Pierre from Rathowen / Streete for his kind assistance in our parish which frees me up a little as I try to fulfil my diocesan role.



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DAILY MASS - Now that covid restrictions have eased, Our Lady's Manor are welcoming the parish community to return to daily Mass there as in pre-covid times. I have floated this proposal to the daily Mass congregation over the past week or so and have asked for feedback. The vast majority of those who spoke to me were in favour of returning to the Manor. The advantages are that the residents have daily Mass and they get to meet and greet the local community. Accordingly I propose that we return to the Manor from Monday next onwards at the usual time of 11.00 a.m. Masks and sanitiser will be available. We can monitor the situation over the coming weeks and hopefully all will remain safe.

Volunteers for ALONE - Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers>. For more information, contact volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 1085965."

ACCORD is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Application forms are available at marriagepreparation@accord.ie. Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. Please contact us for any support you may need www.accord.ie.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. Compassion for human frailty combined with a gentle challenge to a better life marked the response of Jesus. From whom have you experienced a compassionate challenge? What was that like for you? To whom have you given such a challenge?

2. The Pharisees and scribes self-righteously condemned the woman until Jesu brought them in touch with their own sinfulness. This was a conversion moment for them and they turned away from their quest for the death of the woman. Have there been times when your awareness of your own fragility and sinfulness has helped you to be less judgemental of others?

3. "What do you say?" can be an embarrassing question. Jesus had the courage to voice an opinion, even though it was against the party line of the day. When have you seen that courage shown - by yourself, or by another? What was the result?

Fifth Sunday of Lent: The giving of alms is the third activity associated particularly with Lent. From the earliest times when Christians came together to celebrate the eucharist they were aware of those in their community who had little or nothing. They wished to do something about this. Sometimes it took the form of bringing a gift which was distributed to those in need. Or as time went on, they contributed money to a fund for those in want. By doing this they were expressing the truth that we are all part of the same family.

First Reading: This was addressed to the Jews exiled in Babylon. It assures them that there will be a new Exodus. Its message of hope should inspire us also.

Second Reading: Frequently we see holiness as something that we can achieve by our own efforts. Instead we should try to see it as something that comes through faith in Christ and in the power of his resurrection.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - APRIL

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Noreen Grant, David Greene.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - APRIL

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane and Lauren McKeon

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donoghue and Anne Smith

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

- Fr Tom Healy -