

Parish of St. Mary's

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Sixteenth Sunday - 17th July 2022

This Weekend July 16th /17th

7.00 p.m. Paddy & Chrissie Glennon.

- 11.00 a.m. 1. Pat Joe Donohoe, Lisnageeragh.
2. John O'Connor, Marian Avenue and deceased family members of O'Connor family, Lisnageeragh, and Flood family late of St Patrick's Terrace.
3. James Coyle.
4. Nora Conway.

Weekday Masses: Our Lady's Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Wed 20th July People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: July 23rd /24th

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

- 11.00 a.m. 1. Peter & Catherine Adlum, Cranleymore.
2. Margaret Kearney.

Offertory Collection: Sun July 10th - €880 - sincere thanks.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK, SUNDAY 4TH SEPT-
Ceremonies begin @ 2.30pm with the Anointing of the Sick, followed by Mass @ 3.00pm. Donnelly's of Granard will run a bus (depending on demand) from Granard, through Edgeworthstown. Booking is essential, through Longford Presbytery on 043-3346465 or stmelscathedral@gmail.com. The return fare is €15. The times for the nearest pick-up point for Parishioners are: Granard (Greville Arms) at 10am, Edgeworthstown (Church) at 10.30am.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. The two sisters symbolize the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?
2. Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home, namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them speaking. What has been your experience of being a cherished guest and when have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?
3. We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us in life: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and to listen to them. What does your experience tell you?
4. When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to give time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?
John Byrne OSA - (INTERCOM)

Prayer for a new Bishop for our Diocese

Loving God, in your faithfulness, grant to our diocese a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal will continue the good work of his predecessors. In your love for us, give us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sixteenth Sunday - Religious communities make up a small percentage of the Christian population but nonetheless play a dynamic and central role in the spreading of the Kingdom of God. To belong to a religious society is a call to witness with one's life to what one believes in. The most effective form of witness is the testimony of a person's life.

First Reading - When Abraham gave hospitality to three strangers he did not know that he was entertaining God himself. The strangers reward him with the good news that his wife is to bear him a child.

Second Reading - Paul suffers for his converts. He is a minister of 'that mystery hidden for generations', namely the calling of the Gentiles to salvation.

Gospel - The sisters, Martha and Mary, welcome Jesus into their home in Bethany, though each does so in a different way.

Sincerity

1. 2,000 years ago some wealthy people would have a statue (or just a head) carved of themselves from marble or stone. It would take a long time and a lot of effort to finish a statue by chipping away at the marble or stone. It took only one slip of the chisel for damage to be done. Rather than throw away a damaged statue that had taken so long to produce, some sculptors would melt wax and then mould a little of it into the place where the damage had been.

2. In the sculptor's shop, the customer would not be able to see the wax without looking closely. In the warmth of a house or the sunshine, the wax might melt. A genuine statue would be **without wax**. The Latin words for "without wax" are "sine cera" - giving us the English word "sincere". A statue that was "the real thing", genuine, would be "without wax" - sincere.

3. And so, if we say that individuals are not sincere, then they are false, not the real thing, not genuine: pretending to be what they are not.

Let us pray:

Lord, we are conscious

of the image that people give

- whether it's the clothes we wear,
how we look,
what we say,
or who we choose to go out with.

Sometimes the image doesn't match
who we really are.

Lead each of us to live sincerely

as we are called to be. Amen

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Keyanna Greene, Selina Greene.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ashling O'Reilly, Betty Mulhaire.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JULY

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

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ann Smith, Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -