

Parish of St. Mary's

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Nineteenth Sunday – 7th August 2022

This Weekend August 6th / 7th

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

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

Next Weekend: August 13th / 14th

- 7.00 p.m. 1. Michael Clyne and deceased family members of Clyne & Gilchrist families.
2. Nicholas & Margaret Mallon (47th Anniv.) and son Nicholas (20th Anniv.) and deceased members of Mallon & Farrell families.

- 11.00 a.m. 1. Grimes family, Marian Avenue & Bracklin Rd.
2. Liam Tuite (Month's Mind).

Offertory Collection: Sun July 31st - €1,010 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Padraig Spillane Annascaul, Co. Kerry and formerly of Station House, Edgeworthstown who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescant in Pace.

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 opening verses of this gospel invite us to ask ourselves what do we see as our purpose in life? What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance, or do we have other priorities? What has helped you to appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?

2. At times one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone: 'be dressed for action and have your lamps lit'. When have you found that

being alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have missed, e.g. when a child or friend gave a hint that they would like to talk, and a very meaningful conversation ensued.

3. Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus is that we only have one life, and we do not know how long that will last. So, Jesus calls us on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we can drift aimlessly through a day, and on other occasions use a day purposefully. What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day?

John Byrne OSA - (INTERCOM)

Nineteenth Sunday – In the Hebrew Scriptures which we sometimes call the Old Testament, the personal name of God is Yahweh. It was considered too holy to be pronounced. It could be written but never spoken. When speaking or reading from the scriptures the speaker would replace it with 'the LORD'. We can take it that this is the practice with which Jesus himself would have grown up too.

First Reading – This reading recalls that, when the Jews suffered in Egypt, God came to their rescue. Those who put their trust in the Lord will not be disappointed.

Second Reading – This recalls the magnificent faith that Abraham had in God. Little wonder that in one of the Eucharistic prayers we refer to him as 'our father in faith'.

Gospel – This contains among other things the parable of the waiting servants. It urges a constant watchfulness and faithfulness.

The Pope's monthly intention – August: For small businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

St Dominic : Priest, Religious Founder – patron saint of astronomers – St Dominic was born at Calaruega (Spain) about 1170; died at Bologna (Italy) on 6 August 1221. An Augustinian canon he was noted for prayer, penance and an exemplary life. In a time of violent crusades he sought the reconciliation of Albigensian heretic through instruction and prayer. He established the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to revitalise the Church through study, teaching, preaching and prayer. Honoured as a preacher, organiser and patron of learning.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD – AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerard Greene.

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

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane, Mairead Fulham.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Emma Reilly, Ita Farrell.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -