

# Parish of St. Mary's

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Twenty First Sunday - 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

**This Weekend** August 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>  
7.00 p.m. Ned Hogan (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.).  
11.00 a.m. No Intention.  
**Weekday Masses: Our Lady's Manor at 11.00 a.m.**  
**Wed Aug 24<sup>th</sup>** People of the Parish  
**Next Weekend: August 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup>**  
7.00 p.m. No Intention.  
11.00 a.m. Noel Walsh, Garryandrew and his son Declan.

**Offertory Collection:** Sun August 14<sup>th</sup> - €1,160 - sincere thanks.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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 question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: 'Will many be saved?' In his answer Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. That entitlement will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive – either with God or with another human person – the real question is 'Is my heart in this relationship?' What does your experience tell you of this?

2. 'Strive to enter by the narrow door'. Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem, purposeful and determined. His true followers will also be purposeful and determined. That is true in any journey, career, or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. Do you ever find that you have lost your enthusiasm for life and become a bit bored? What can you do to recover some of the enthusiasm you once had? (INTERCOM)

**Twenty-First Sunday** - 'Who is Jesus?' is a question which Luke seeks to answer in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles. To answer this question he sometimes finds it necessary to correct an inadequate view of Jesus. As in the case of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus who are demoralised about the events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion. It is by returning to Jerusalem, which is also a journey back to the risen Lord that they begin to have the question answered.

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**First Reading** - The author describes Jews making their way back from the ends of the earth to worship in the restored city of Jerusalem. With them they bring non-Jews who join them in worshipping the one God.

**Second Reading** - As a father shows his concern for his son by seeing to it that he receives training in discipline, so God trains his children through suffering so that they may grow to maturity and reach their goal.

**Gospel** - The Kingdom of God is offered not just to the Jews but to people from the four corners of the world. However, only those who follow the path of Jesus will gain access to it.

#### PRAYER TO ST MONICA, PATRONESS OF MOTHERS (FEAST DAY 27 AUGUST)

Blessed Monica, mother of St Augustine, we give thanks to our Father in Heaven who looked with mercy upon your tears over your wayward son.

His conversion and heroic sanctification were the fruit of your prayers.

Dear St Monica we now ask you to pray with us for all those sons and daughters that have wandered away from God, and to add your prayers to those of all mothers who are worried over their children. Pray also for us that, following your example, we may, in the company of our children, one day enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in Heaven. Amen

#### Gospel Reflection

Christ said there are two roads we can follow  
The first is wide and easy to travel.  
All you have to do is yield yourself to the current  
and you'll be carried along.  
In other words - follow the crowd.  
It is downhill most of the way.  
It is the way of comfort and ease.  
It is well lit with neon lights  
which offer the traveller all kinds of enjoyments.  
Many are fooled and travel down this road.  
But in the long run it leads them nowhere.  
They die in the desert.

The second road is narrow and difficult.  
You will often have to go it alone.  
It is uphill most of the way.  
It is the way of sacrifice and struggle.  
At times you will have no light to guide you  
save that of the stars.  
Few take this road.  
But they are the lucky ones.  
For eventually the desert sands run out  
and the traveller enters into the joy of the Promised Land.

*"I am convinced what this world wants is true men and women, not great men, but true and honest and upright persons that God can use..."* DL Moody.

*"I am sure the happiest days of my life have been when I have tried to do the will of God as far as I know it to do..."* D.L. Moody

#### 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.*

- Fr Tom Healy -