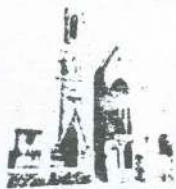


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Twenty Third Sunday - 14th Sunday 2022

This Weekend September 3rd / 4th

7.00 p.m. Elizabeth & Ben Flood, Marian Ave.
Tom Flood, late of Manchester,
Brigid & Ned Flood, Pound St.

11.00 a.m. 1. Joe Kenny, Whitehill & his daughter Mary
Gallagher, Abbeylara and deceased
members of Kenny & Duignan families.
2. Ita Doyle (3rd Anniv.)

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

Mon Sept 5th Matt, Rose and Nora Conway.

Wed Sept 7th People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: September 10th / 11th

7.00 p.m. Thomas and Anne Reilly, Cloncaugh, their sons
Tommy and Kevin and their daughter Betty.

11.00 a.m. Mary Greene, Devine Crescent.

Offertory Collection: Sun August 28th - €1,155 - sincere thanks.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed

Davina Rose Dzieciol, Mostrim Oaks and
Jayden Paul Farrelly, Mostrim Oaks into our
Christian community recently.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK - SUNDAY

4th Sept - Ceremonies begin @ 2.30pm with the Anointing of the Sick, followed by Mass @ 3.00pm. Bus leaves Edgeworthstown Church @ 10.30. Booking through Longford Presbytery on 043-3346465 or stmelscathedral@gmail.com. Return fare is €15.

Edgeworthstown Children's Choir are now taking on new members. Practice is weekly on a Thursday with singing @ 11.00 Mass on the first Sunday of the month, along with other occasional performances. If interested, please text Noreen @ 087-41277248.

• **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel** •

1. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?

2. 'Hate' is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?

3. Jesus uses parables here to tell us that in important human affairs we do not settle for vague aspirations. When have you found that some element of practical planning has been necessary to make progress with a project? What has this taught you about making the most of your life and of your time?

Twenty-Third Sunday - 'The Kingdom of God' is a term which we frequently meet in Luke's Gospel. It is a metaphor used by Jesus to refer to God's reign in the world being accepted by humankind. The Kingdom is not identical with the Church. Wherever the values which Jesus lived and preached are operating, even though the Church may not be established in that place, the Kingdom is already there.

First Reading - Faced with the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history, and the mind of God, we are ignorant. But God has not left us in our ignorance. He has given us the gift of knowledge.

Second Reading - Philemon was a Colossian, converted by Paul. His slave Onesimus ran away and somehow reached Paul in prison, where he was converted. Paul urges Philemon to take him back, not as a slave, but as a brother.

Gospel - This contains two very short parables dealing with the theme of self-renunciation or the cost of discipleship. (Note: the word 'hate' is a Semitic expression. 'Love less' would be nearer to what Christ has in mind).

Solzhenitsyn gives the following example of fidelity to Christ:

It concerns a ten year old girl whose whole family had been scattered to distant labour camps because of their belief in God.

The girl was first taken to an orphanage. But she refused to give up the cross her mother had hung around her neck before leaving.

She tied a knot so that they could not take it from her during sleep.

The struggle went on and on, but it was no good.

She would not give up the cross.

'You can strangle me and take it from a corpse if you like,' she said to them.

She also refused to submit herself to retraining, that is, to the propaganda of the Party.

In the orphanage she was forced to live with children who were from the criminal side of Russian society.

Yet she refused to steal or curse.

They never broke her.

She ended up doing ten years in a labour camp.

Pope Francis: "Fidelity to God means willingness to serve"

"Our fidelity to the Lord depends on our willingness to serve," Pope Francis said, adding that "the more we serve, the more we are aware of God's presence." When we serve others, "we, in turn, discover God's love and embrace."

"Be united with other Christians. A wall with loose bricks is not good. The bricks must be cemented together." - Corrie Ten Boom

"Pattern Day in Clonmacnois will be celebrated on Sunday 11th September. Pattern Prayers at 2:45pm. Concelebrated Mass at 3pm. Principal Celebrant Fr. Tom Healy PP (Diocesan Administrator). Homily by Fr. Pat Brown"

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anthony Garvey, Kate O'Donohue.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Angela Kelly, Margaret Kelly.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Orla Noonan.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -