

Parish of St. Mary's

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Twenty Fourth Sunday - 11th Sept 2022

This 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.

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

Wed Sept 14th People of the Parish.

Fri Sept 16th Thomas Little (3rd Anniv) and Oliver, Frank and Rose Burke.

Next Weekend: September 17th / 18th

7.00 p.m. Patrick and Adrian Turner and deceased members of the Turner and Eivers families.

11.00 a.m. 1. William and Margaret Greene, Lisanure.
2. Ned, Anna, Eugene and Nora McGerr.

Offertory Collection: Sun Sept 4th - €1,120 - sincere thanks.

"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"

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 - 4127248.

"Clonfin" - a film telling the story of the North Longford Flying Column and the Clonfin ambush. The screening will take place in the Library at 7.30pm on Wednesday September 21st. All are welcome.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. There are three figures in this parable. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way, where the important thing was not the hurt you had experienced, but the fact that the wayward person had found a way to a healthier life?

2. You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you - when you 'came to yourself'. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation.

3. People often find it easy to identify with the older son, feeling that the father went overboard in the reception home for the wayward son. In contrast to his father he was very judgemental and resentful towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were those experiences like for you? What did they teach you?

- John Bvrne (INTERCOM)

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 - The people have strayed from the path God marked out for them. They have turned their backs on the God who brought them out of Egypt and have fallen into idolatry, but Moses intercedes for them.

Second Reading - Paul says that Christ came into the world to save sinners. In his conversion he himself experienced the saving mercy of God.

Gospel - The Pharisees complain because Jesus has been mixing with sinners. Jesus justifies his actions by three parables: the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.

Prayer for Vocations

In our Gospel today Jesus tells the Pharisees the parable about the shepherd who leaves his ninety-nine sheep to recover the one lost sheep. We pray for all in ministry in our church who are called to be shepherds, to seek out and welcome back the lost, that they may hear the call of the Lord to be true shepherds of his flock.

Seniors Alert Scheme: The Seniors Alert Scheme (SAS) has been established to encourage community support for vulnerable older people in our communities. It provides funding for a personal monitored alarm, connected to a contact centre to enable older persons of 65 or older and to continue to live securely in their homes with confidence, independence and peace of mind. To avail of the service contact Edgeworthstown Development at 087 9305497.

Mostrim GAA - Annual Church Gate Collection - Sept 17th / 18th.

The Men for Christ Conference 2022 - a Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland Sat 17th Sept from 2pm. **Speakers:** Fr. Jamie Twohig SAC, John Pridmore, David Quinn and Fr. Marius O'Reilly.

March for Life in Dublin will take place on 17th September. The March will commence at the University Church side of St. Stephens Green at 2.30pm. This event will highlight the need for Government support of women in unplanned pregnancies and their babies and call on the Government to address the spiralling abortion rates in recent years. The event will be family friendly and placards will be available on the day. For information see www.marchforlife.ie

Longford Athletics Club - The Royal Canal Camino will take place on Sat 1st Oct. Event check-in at St. Mel's College followed by a bus transfer to Abbeyshrule at 7am & 8am. Rest and refreshment stations are available along the route. Book your ticket on www.royalcanalcaminio.ie

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 -