

Parish of St. Mary's

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Second Sunday of the Year - 15th Jan 2023

This Weekend	January 14th / 15th
7.00 p.m.	Gwen O'Ferrall (Months Mind).
11.00 a.m.	1. Patrick and Helen Gilmartin and deceased family members. 2. Peter, Margaret, Patrick and Tommy Gallagher.
	Weekday Masses: Our Lady's Manor at 11.00 a.m.
Wed Jan 18th	People of the Parish
Next Weekend: January 21st / 22nd	
7.00 p.m.	Neddie, Kathleen and John Doherty, Devine Crescent.
11.00 a.m.	1. Frank Whitney, his parents Frank and Mary and siblings Kathleen, Joe and Marie. 2. Seamus Smith.

Offertory Collection: Sun Jan 8th - €1,005 - sincere thanks.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. John is one who directs people to Jesus as the one who had a life-giving message for them. Who have been the people in your life whose example or advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life? Who has helped you to appreciate the importance of Jesus and his message?
2. In the narrative John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself. He had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Whom have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?
3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who, for you, continued this mission of Jesus and led you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you done this?
4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus? Who have been models of this for you? - John Byrne OSA

Farewell

There will come a time when my links with earth will grow weaker, when my powers fail, when I must bid farewell to dear ones still rooted in this life with their tasks to fulfil and their loved ones to care for, when I must detach myself from the loveliest things and begin the lonely journey. The I shall hear the voice of my beloved Christ, saying 'It is I, be not afraid'. So with my hand in his, from the dark valley I shall see the shining City of God and climb with trusting steps and be met by the Father of souls and clasped in the everlasting arms.

- George Appleton

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God." - Pope Francis

Second Sunday of the Year

In John's Gospel the first thing that any human being says of Jesus is found on the lips of John the Baptist: Look, there is the Lamb of God. We think naturally and correctly of the Passover lamb and of the Passover, the feast which marks the liberation of Israel. To be set free is a wonderful experience and I could reflect on how I experience my freedom in Christ. From what have I been set free? (For example, fear of death, the risk of absurdity, sins and false directions in life.....). Even more important, for what have I been set free?

- St Paul's Sunday Missal

First Reading - The prophet sees himself as God's servant, chosen to bring Israel back to God, and not just Israel, but all people.

Second Reading - This contains Paul's rich opening greeting to his converts at Corinth.

Gospel - John the Baptist presents Jesus as God's Chosen Servant who will take away the sins of the people and renew them in the Holy Spirit.

Celebrating the Mass:

"The Eucharist is the vital centre of all that the Church is and does, because at its heart is the real presence of the crucified, risen and glorified Lord, continuing and making available his saving work among us." (CTM 1)

"In the Liturgy of the Word the assembly listens with hearts burning as the Lord speaks to it again and it responds with words of praise and petition; in the Liturgy of the Eucharist it takes bread and wine, gives thanks, breaks the bread, and receives the Body and Blood of Christ." (CTM 19)

"All are invited to lift up their hearts, that is, to raise up and place in God's presence their entire being." (CTM 190)

"A church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints." - Pauline Phillips

"The Church is a family expecting guests." - Andy Stanley
Edgeworthstown Active Retirement Club - would like to invite new members and is open to retired Ladies and Gentlemen over the age of 55. The Club is organised by local older people themselves through the Local Active Retirement Associations.

SUNDAY MISSALS - St. Paul's Sunday Missals 2023 are now available. All Parish Readers are welcome to collect a copy from the Sacristy. Missals are available at rear of church costing €5.00.

FREE - Smoking Cessation / Vaping Programme

Commencing January 19th at the EDI Centre 10.am. Encouraging people to stop smoking / vaping, trained community facilitators (group and one to one), includes the provision of FREE nicotine replacement products. For further information please contact Ger or Bernie 087 7013103.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ashling O'Reilly, Ann Mulligan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Margaret Kelly, Diane Spillane.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donoghue, Emma Reilly.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -

