

Parish of St. Mary's

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Third Sunday of the Year - 22nd Jan 2023

This 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.

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

Wed Jan 25th People of the Parish

Next Weekend: January 28th / 29th

7.00 p.m. Evelyn Barron.

11.00 a.m. 1. Margaret (Peggy) Kearney and deceased family members, Lisnagrish
2. Deceased members, players and families of Mostrim GAA Club
3. Frank Eivers (Months Mind)
4. Paddy Casey (3rd Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sun Jan 15th - €1,235 - sincere thanks.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. 'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light' ... Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?

2. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared, to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?

3. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. In responding, the disciples 'left their nets' to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being 'enmeshed' and being free? Where did you find life?

4. In v 23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus - 'proclaiming the good news of the kingdom' and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who have been the people you have known who have witnessed to the 'kingdom', the reign of God in our world? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself? - John Byrne OSA

Third Sunday of the Year

The heart of Jesus' proclamation is given in today's Gospel. As is often noted, the word 'repent' is not the best translation of the original Greek and it would be better to use some other expression such as 'convert'. It really means a new way of looking at everything, a new mind or outlook. It may of course include being sorry about the past, but the real energy is towards the future 'convert and put your trust in the Good News.' We could put it like this: from what are we called to conversion is important; more important is towards what are we being called?

First Reading - The prophet predicts future glory for an oppressed people: light will replace darkness; joy will replace sorrow; and freedom will replace oppression.

Second Reading - This shows that even among the first Christians there were divisions. But Paul urges unity in Christ.

Gospel - That wonderful prophecy of Isaiah is seen as being fulfilled in Christ.

Sacraments 2023

First Holy Communion - Sat 27th May

Sacrament of Confirmation - Friday 2nd June

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023

Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice
18-25 January

Prayer

Gracious and loving God,
expand our vision
that it may be wide enough
to recognise the beautiful complexity
of the tapestry you chose to weave
with each and every one of us.
Gather our frayed edges,
our loose ends
and bind us together for your glory.

Celebrating the Mass:

The idea of strangers gathering for Eucharist, and remaining strangers thereafter, does not sit easily with the Gospel message. (CTM 14)

The Eucharist must feed those who celebrate: for their work in the healing of relationships, in the promotion of peace and justice, and in the proclamation of the Good News. (CTM 17)



The liturgical assembly is never a random group of individuals but the gathering of God's people to exercise its royal priesthood in the sacrifice of praise. (CTM 20)

"Jesus keeps knocking on our door in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the faces of our neighbors, in the faces of those at our side." - Pope Francis

Scoil Bhríde, Glen are currently open for enrolment. For more information: 0436671778 or sbgleann@gmail.com

Special Olympics - Shoot N Stars Special Olympics Club in Mullingar provides a social and sporting opportunity to young people with special needs. Table Quiz in aid of Special Olympics on Thurs 26th Jan in the Annebrook House Hotel, @ 8.30 p.m. Table of 4 - €40. Support greatly appreciated. Fear an Tí - Padraig Flynn.

Badminton - on Tues 24th Jan @ 8.30 p.m. a meeting will be held in Streete Parish Park re Badminton.

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 -