

Parish of St. Mary's

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Twenty Sixth Sunday - 1st Oct 2023

This Weekend	Sept 30th / Oct 1st
7.00 p.m.	1. Madeleine Kenny (16 th Anniv) and her grandparents Christopher and Kathleen Kenny. 2. Molly, Mickey and Deirdre Hussey (Anniv).
11.00 a.m.	1. Tommy and Margaret Gilchrist, Shantum. 2. Martin Gilchrist.
Weekday Masses: Our Lady's Manor at 11.00 a.m.	
Next Weekend:	Oct 7th / Oct 8th
7.00 p.m.	1. Deceased members of the Curran and Rogers families. 2. Mona Walsh (4 th Anniv).
11.00 a.m.	Mary Brady nee McLoughlin and Thomas and Catherine McLoughlin, Bracklin.

FIRST FRIDAY: Fri Oct 6th - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday next.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. It is possible to be a dutiful and observant Christian and yet feel there is something missing. Does it not make a huge difference when your heart is in what you are doing? It is so much better than just going through the motions. Where do you experience that most in your life?
2. The desire of Jesus for us is that we grow in that kind of committed, enthusiastic involvement in life. What encourages you to grow in this way? Recall times when your relationship with God, or with another person, was something that gave you energy, hope to joy. What lessons do you learn from those memoirs?
3. The elders probable thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, ones who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things, and yet they have taught you something about true goodness.

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Thought for the Day

I watched a farmer in Co. Leitrim; he was bringing his flock of sheep out of one field and transferring them somewhere else. But what I admired was how, instead of having a dog round up the sheep with barking and nipping, and yielding a big stick himself, he simply stood by the gate and whistled. The sheep came to him, slowly and contentedly. As they approached, he simply walked out the gate ahead of them; and they followed. I had watched animals being driven with an amount of cruelty, thumping and shouting. This was different. I remembered him when I thought that Christ, the good shepherd, is not driving us forward, but calling us, drawing us toward him.

- Song of the Goldfinch; A Memoir by John F. Deane

- Fr Tom Healy -

First Reading - Each of us is responsible for our own conduct. The good person who falls away will have to answer for it. The evil person who repents will win pardon and life.

Second Reading - Self-seeking and rivalry have no place in the Christian community. Christ came on earth to give us an example of humility which we should imitate.

Gospel - In a nutshell this says: Actions speak louder than words.

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In today's parable, the offence is to be found in the blindingly obvious answer to the question Jesus sets. The application is then very sharp: those who seemingly never have experienced sin and conversion (who are they?) are quick to judge others who come to God through failure and fracture. It is like the ninety-nine who have no need of conversion - we may doubt that they ever really existed! A certain complacency can mark any settled religious group and if we add to that self-righteousness, then the mix is explosive and we are far from the Gospel as preached by Jesus.

- St Paul Sunday Missal

The Pope's Monthly Intention

For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux - 1st October

"When one loves, one does not calculate."

"God would never inspire me with desires which cannot be realized; so in spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint."

"A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul."

"When something painful or disagreeable happens to me, instead of a melancholy look, I answer by a smile. At first I did not always succeed, but now it has become a habit which I am glad to have acquired."

"If I did not simply live from one moment to another, it would be impossible for me to be patient, but I can only look at the present, I forget the past, and I take good care not to forestall the future."

- Story of a Soul: The AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF St Thérèse of Lisieux.

Prayer of Cardinal Newman - 9th October

May the Lord support us all the day long,
Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.

Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

Problem Gambling Therapy and Support Service

"There is a new problem gambling counselling service based in Bridgeways FRC covering Co Longford. Clinics in Cara Phort Family Resource Centre in Ballinacarrigy & Luis na Greine Family Resource Centre in Granard. This is a free or donation based service to those with a gambling problem or their affected family member. We offer counselling and educational awareness in the community around problem gambling and its effects. For more information please call 083 2025899 or email gamblingsupport@bridgewaysfrc.com

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - OCTOBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sinead O'Ferrall.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Eze Ejikeme, Ikedike Eze-Ejikeme

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - OCTOBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Niamh Cassidy and Diane Spillane.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Orla Noonan and Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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