

Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim



Telephone: (043) 6671046

www.edgeworthstownparish.ie

edgeworthstownparish@gmail.com

Twenty Second Sunday - 3rd Sept 2023

This Weekend Sept 2nd / 3rd

7.00 p.m. Elizabeth and Ben Flood, Marian Avenue and Tom Flood, late of Manchester and Brigid and Ned Flood, Pound Street.

11.00 a.m. Ita Doyle (Fourth Anniv).

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

Wed Sept 6th People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Sept 9th / 10th

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

11.00 a.m. 1. John Gogan (Months Mind).
2. Mary Foley (Months Mind).

Offertory Collection: Sun Aug 27th €1,060 - sincere thanks.

Legion of Mary - Public Rosary will be held outside Edgeworthstown Library on Sat 9th September @ 3.00 p.m.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. Short term loss is sometimes necessary for long term gain, as a student studying or an athlete training can testify. When have you found that denying yourself proved to be worthwhile because of what you gained afterwards?

2. Jesus was teaching his followers that the path of discipleship would involve pain and suffering. His friend, Peter, would have none of it. Sometimes friends have a mistaken idea of what is for our good. What lessons have you learned about handling bad advice from a good friend?

3. Jesus knew that because his good news message was not acceptable to the authorities he would suffer and die. In spite of this, he trusted that the power of God would overcome evil. Have you seen a good news message survive even though opponents tried to stifle it?

4. Jesus promised that those who suffer for the kingdom would be rewarded. Perhaps, even in this earthly life, you have experienced reward for faithful discipleship. What have these rewards been?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

First Reading - Jeremiah has come to his wits' end. Speaking God's message to the people has brought him nothing but insults. Yet somehow he cannot remain silent.

Second Reading - St Paul urges the Romans not to live like the people around them. Instead they should strive to do the will of God.

Gospel - Jesus foretells his suffering and death at the hands of the religious leaders. He tells his disciples that they too must be prepared to face hardship and suffering.

Papal Tweets:

"The family is the greatest treasure of any country. Let us all work to protect and strengthen this, the cornerstone of society."

Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

This year's theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" taking inspiration from the Prophet Amos who declares: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24). And so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

Penitential Rite:

You have created land and trees, animals and all living creatures on the earth. We are destroying the forests through poisons and logging, the voices of the birds, insects and forest dwellers are silenced. Lord have mercy.

You created the wonders of the ocean, the fish, shells, reefs, whales, waves, corals. Through the warming of the oceans and as they drown in plastic, their voices are being stilled, Christ have mercy.

You created Mother Earth, our common home, who sustains us. Human activities are causing the destruction of her delicate ecosystems as we contaminate the atmosphere with harmful emissions. Lord have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our ecological sins, and inspire us to care for our common home, Amen.

Thought for the Day

By telling us to 'take up our cross', Jesus isn't saying that we have to meekly endure unfair treatment and suffering or embrace a blind 'offer it up' sort of spirituality. And, while they may be opportunities for grace, illness, sad events, and even disasters aren't the cross. There is nothing particularly Christian about many of the challenges we face in daily life. We can never silently or blindly accept abuse or injustice as being the will of God. Jesus rejected these and so should we. Instead the cross that we are to carry is the sacrifices, trials, and hardships that can be a consequence of placing our faith and hope in him and of living according to his teaching. - Silas Henderson aleiteia.org

Back to School! - As the local schools re-open at this time we pray God's Blessings on the pupils, teachers, staff and families, that the year ahead will be a blessed time of learning, growth and drawing ever closer together as children of God's family.

Longford CASA Group are seeking volunteers to assist at our monthly socials. We provide a social outlet to adults with physical/intellectual disabilities. Socials are on a Sunday afternoon once a month. Garda vetting necessary and volunteers have to be 16 years or over. Enquiries to Bernie at 0861296305.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerry Greene.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donoghue.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sandra Durkan and Margaret Kelly.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anne Smith and Emma O'Reilly.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

EDGEWORTHSTOWN PARISH WEBCAM

churchtv.ie ⇨ Longford ⇨ Edgeworthstown

- Fr Tom Healy -