

# Parish of St. Mary's

## Mostrim



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Twenty Third Sunday - 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023

### This Weekend Sept 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup>

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).

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

Wed Sept 13<sup>th</sup> People of the Parish.

### Next Weekend: Sept 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m. Thomas and Anne Reilly, Cloncaugh, their sons Kevin and Tommy and daughter Betty.

11.00 a.m. 1. William and Margaret Greene, Lisanure.  
2. Mary Greene, Devine Crescent (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv).  
3. Deceased members of the McGerr Family, Ringowney and Aughafin.  
4. Joe Kenny and Mary Gallagher and Deceased members of the Kenny and Duignan families.

**Offertory Collection:** Sun Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> - €1,235 - sincere thanks.

**BAPTISMS** - We welcomed Bonnie Kathleen O'Reilly, Mostrim Oaks, into our Christian community recently.



**Longford Hospice Coffee Morning** to be held at Mary Minogues, Lisnagrish from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. Please come along and support.

### Thought for the Day

What's the best way to repair a damaged relationship? Don't brood over an offense - speak directly and privately. If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not to put the offender on trial, but to persuade them to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up but seek the help of the Christian community. Pray for the offender - for healing and reconciliation.

- De La Salle Medical and Health Science Institute.

**First Reading** - This stresses the duty of the appointed leader to speak out against the evil he sees around him. If he doesn't do so he will be held responsible by God.

**Second Reading** - If we truly loved our neighbours we would not harm them in any way.

**Gospel** - This talks about the duty a Christian has to correct an erring brother or sister. But there is a way of doing it.

### • Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. At the time Matthew was writing his gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?

2. While Jesus is referring to a group situation, the advice can be applied also to personal difficulties and problems with others. What lessons has life taught you about constructive ways of dealing with conflict?

3. As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?

4. Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they gather together. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together? During the recent lockdown due to the coronavirus, how did you experience the presence of Jesus in your faith community? 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? - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

### Pope Francis Tweet:

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

*"The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and to put them at the service of others."*

### The Pope's September Monthly Intention

For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING DAY** on Sat, Sept 23rd in St. Mel's Cathedral from 3pm to 8.30pm. Day will include: A Eucharistic Healing Cenacle led by Mother Adela Galindo, Veneration of St. John Paul II's Relic, and the celebration of Mass with Bishop Paul Connell. All are most welcome to join us on this special day.

**Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to KNOCK Shrine** on Sunday Sept 24th. Bus departing from: Edgeworthstown, Parkhouse 09.45hrs. To book: Marie 086 190 0604 Imelda 087 694 0278

**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.*

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- Fr Tom Healy -