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Twenty Seventh Sunday - 8th Oct 2023

This 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.
Weekday Masses: Our Lady's Manor at 11.00 a.m.	
Wed Oct 11 th	People of the Parish.
Next Weekend: Oct 14th / Oct 15th	
7.00 p.m.	No Intention.
11.00 a.m.	Joe and Dolores Breaden; Gretchen Gallagher and deceased members of the Gallagher family and Pat McGirr.

Offertory Collection: Sun Sept 30th / Oct 1st - €1,190 - sincere thanks.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching and, as a consequence, losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development, and new life when these were presented to you?
2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others which eventually destroys the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace with yourself and at peace with others?
3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant and reached out caring for those around you.
4. 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see.' Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Edgeworthstown Active Retirement Association wish to invite men and women age 50+ to join with them in their many activities such as days out, holidays and short breaks, exercise and health education. Meetings held every Friday mornings @ 11.30 in the "Green", Edgeworthstown. All Welcome

- Fr Tom Healy -

Thought for the Day

To call oneself Roman Catholic is perfectly fine, but I prefer now to touch on the wider sense of catholicity, to see my faith as all-embracing, to include all people, all honestly held belief and unbelief, all work that moves to forward humanity in peace, justice, and harmony. To be a Christian, then, is to be aware that the whole cosmos is moving and evolving as one, that all through time something new is being continuously formed and re-formed through the force of evolution. To be part of this Christian thinking is to be aware that creation has been moving forward from the first moment, from the 'Big Bang' and that we are invited to be part of that wonderful process.

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

First Reading - Israel is compared to a vineyard which fails to produce fruit, in spite of the fact that the owner (God) has lavished the utmost care and attention on it. Sadly, it is destined to become a wilderness.

Second Reading - In this reading St Paul gives us a good picture of the kind of fruit we should produce in the vineyard of the Christian community.

Gospel - This takes up the same theme as the first reading, except here it is the leaders who are reproached for their failure to produce the goods.

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.

Reflection

Lord, it was you who first plant us on this earth.

You fenced us around with the love of our families and friends.

Their care towered over us.

Under the shelter of this tower

we grew in safety and peace.

We put out early blossoms

we filled up with leaves.

People had great hopes for us.

You had great hopes for us.

But now the year of our life is passing.

The harvest is approaching.

What have we to show?

What fruit have we produced?

What if, after all this care,

we should be found to be without the fruits of love?

What if we had nothing to offer

But the sour grapes of indifference, selfishness and neglect?

May you Lord, have mercy on us,

and with your patient urging

help us to return your love.

- Flor McCarthy

Thank You - Mary Minogue, Lisnagrish wishes to thank all who supported her Coffee Morning. Total of €510 was raised on the day for Longford Hospice.

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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