

Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim



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Twenty Eighth Sunday - 15th Oct 2023

This 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.
Weekday Masses: Our Lady's Manor at 11.00 a.m.	
Wed Oct 18th	People of the Parish.
Next Weekend:	Oct 21st / Oct 22nd
7.00 p.m.	No Intention. 11.00 a.m. No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sun Sept 7th / 8th - €1,090 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Baby Ellie Mae Flynn Mostrim Oaks, who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescat in Pace.*

BAPTISMS - We welcomed Oliver Michael Reilly, Fairgreen Lodge, Longford; Patrick William Stokes, St Michael's Court, Longford and James Paul Mongan, Bracklin Park into our Christian community recently.



• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

There are two parables here that Matthew has joined together. Looking at the first one:

1. Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts, and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?

2. The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life - as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?

3. As in the parable last week there is a message about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed, and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself.

4. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment.' What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received? at peace with others? - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Thought for the Day

The Christian faith is something of far more worth than I could have possibly imagined. I had lived something very remote from the faith I now try to hold to, and it is challenging, productive and filled with hope. The word 'love' applies to it in every way: from us to the God, from the God to us, and from all creation to the God, and from the God to all creation. None of that was present to me, nor to the many generations that came and went before ours. We have moved very far indeed from those dark beliefs into a bright and beautiful light. And with it we must bring along all the creatures that are part of our care for our common home.

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

First Reading - The image of a banquet is used to describe the blessings God has in store, not only for Israel, but for all nations.

Second Reading - Paul says that for him poverty and riches, hunger and plenty are all the same. With God's help he can cope with anything life brings.

Gospel - The strange story of the invited guests who refused to turn up for a wedding feast, with the result that their places were given to others.

Prayer of Cardinal Newman • 9 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.*

Prayer for Peace Pope St John XXIII • 11 October

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
who are yourself our peace and reconciliation,
who so often said, 'Peace to you,'
grant us peace.*

*Make all men and women witnesses of
truth, justice, and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee
and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters.
May longed-for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all. Amen.*

"It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one"

"Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers."

"God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage."

Midlands Simon Community - Church Gate Collection - Sat 21st / Sun 22nd October. Proceeds will go towards homeless services provided by Midlands Simon Community in Co. Longford

Edgeworthstown Active Retirement Association 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 Fri @ 11.30 in the "Green",

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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- Fr Tom Healy -