

Parish of St. Mary's

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Twenty Ninth Sunday - 22nd Oct 2023

This Weekend	Oct 21st / Oct 22nd
7.00 p.m.	No Intention. 11.00 a.m. No Intention.
Weekday Masses:	Our Lady's Manor at 11.00 a.m.
Wed Oct 25th	People of the Parish.
Next Weekend:	Oct 28th / Oct 29th
7.00 p.m.	1. Ann Nolan (First Anniv). 2. Freddie and Anna Mai Greene, Lisnagrish.
11.00 a.m.	1. Paddy and Teresa Tighe, Devine Crescent. 2. Isabella Cooley and deceased members of the Cooley Family.

Offertory Collection: Sun Sept 14th / 15th - €1,075 - sincere thanks.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

Mission Sunday

1. The story sees a mixture of religion and politics, a potentially explosive combination. Jesus does not ask us to avoid politics, but that our involvement in the affairs of the world be informed by the perspective of the Reign of God. How does the gospel give you a vision of how your involvement in society should be?
2. Pharisees and Herodians were not natural allies but a shared dislike of Jesus brought them together in an attempt to discredit him. Perhaps you experience the same opposition in society today when you profess to being a Catholic. Jesus did not get into an argument with them but simply professed his belief in the priority of God in his life. What have you found helpful in bearing witness to the fact that you are still a Catholic?
3. Jesus recognises that we can be faced with conflicting claims for attention. He does not tell us how to solve that dilemma but challenges us to make sure that our allegiance to God takes priority. When have you been faced with a conflict of loyalties? What helped you to get your priorities right? - John Byrne OSA

Volunteers Invited!

Church Cleaning - Sincere thanks to the small team of people who very faithfully clean our Parish Church to such a high standard on a weekly basis. Your commitment is much appreciated. Would anyone be free to lend a hand to this small team? Please contact us if you feel you could make a contribution on a rota basis - we would be delighted to hear from you.

Reader and Eucharistic Ministers - Thank you to all who generously serve as Ministers of the Eucharist and the Word. We appreciate your faithful commitment. Our teams have grown a little smaller through the years. Many new people have joined our worshipping community. Could you volunteer to read at Sunday Mass or distribute Holy Communion?

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Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over the weekend of Sunday 22nd October. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, and like the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly universal Church collections.

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is: "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" (Luke 24: 13-35).

Let us Pray

"O God, you have willed that your Church Be the sacrament of salvation for all nations, So that Christ's saving work may continue to the ends of the ages; Stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful And grant that they may feel a more urgent call To work for the salvation of every creature, So that from all the peoples on earth One family and one people of your own may arise and increase. Through our Lord. Amen."

First Reading - The return of the people from exile is seen not merely as a sign of Christ's love for them but of his lordship over all people.

Second Reading - This contains the opening lines from Paul's first letter to the community of Christians he founded at Thessalonika. His concern for them shines through.

Gospel - In an effort to trap Jesus into saying something incriminating, his enemies ask him whether or not it is right for a Jew to pay taxes to Caesar.

Thought for the Day

I know I have always been more than half in love with the easeful wonder of creation and the warming glow that the loveliness of things offers to the heart ...

When, late evening, I lean on the topmost bar of the red gate, looking out on the shadowed world, I search the innermost reaches of the spirit and feel scared lest I discover emptiness, a well that has run dry and hold only woodlice and weevils in its depths; but then I have swung round with joy to hear the scratchy song of the whitethroat as it rises from a fence and flies low and fast into a field; then I know a gratitude that tells of the sacred otherness of the earth. - *Song of the Goldfinch by John F. Deane*

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 -