

Parish of St. Mary's

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Thirty First Sunday - 5th Nov 2023

1. The condemnation of the Scribes and Pharisees by Jesus brings to mind the public discourse about the Church in recent years. This has highlighted the failures of church people to live up to the values of the Gospel. This has had a negative effect on many people and on their religious practice. How do you find hope in the midst of this negative criticism?

2. When our actions match our words about gospel values, then our words carry more weight. Recall people whom you admired for this quality. Perhaps your own experience at times confirms this.

3. Our passage ends with a paradox. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. For Jesus the way to greatness and a full life is through service of others. When have you found the way of service brought unexpected rewards?
- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Thought for the Day

For the Parents of one who has committed a crime

No one else can see beauty in his darkened life now. His image has closed like a shadow. When people look at him, he has become the mirror of the damage he has done. But he is yours; and you have different eyes that hold his yesterdays in pictures no one else remembers. Despite all the disappointments and shame, may you find in your belonging with him a kind place, where your spirit will find rest. May new words come alive between you to build small bridges of understanding. May that serenity lead you beyond guilt and blame to find that bright field of the heart where he can come to feel your love.
- John O'Donohue, 'Benedictus'.

First Reading - The prophet gives the priests of his day a right good telling off because they have shown favouritism, thus causing distinctions and divisions among God's people.

Second Reading - Paul reminds the Thessalonians of his love and care for them and how hard he worked to bring the Good News to them.

Gospel - Jesus tells Launches a very strong attack on the religious leaders, but what he says is important for us too.

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.

Readers 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?

Please contact us at 043 - 66 71046 or edgeworthstownparish@gmail.com

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - NOVEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Yvonne Tuite,

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - NOVEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m: Margaret Kelly

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ita O'Farrell, Kathleen Dowler.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

This Weekend

Nov 4th / Nov 5th

7.00 p.m.

1. Eileen and Jim Horkan, Devine Crescent, and deceased members of the Nolan Family, Garryandrew.
2. Paddy, Gertie, Fiacre, Sadie and Patrick McEnroe.
3. Paddy Kenny, Bracklin and deceased family members.
4. Deceased members of the McDermott Family, Cam.

11.00 a.m.

Helen Harte (Fourth Anniv).

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

Wed Nov 8th

People of the Parish.

Thurs Nov 9th

Peter and Brigid Duignan and Sheila O'Hora.

Next Weekend:

Nov 11th / Nov 12th

7.00 p.m.

1. Mary Walker (Months Mind) and Jimmy Walker (Anniv).
2. Paddy and Kitty Dempsey, Bracklin Road and deceased members of the Dempsey family; John and Ann Noaln, Lacken and deceased Members of the Nolan family.

11.00 a.m.

Tommy Gallagher, Bracklin (Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sun Oct 28th / 29th - €1,320 - sincere thanks.

Mission Sunday Collection - Thank you for your generous contributions to the recent collection for World Mission Sunday. The collection has reached €930. This has now been passed on to World Missions Ireland. The collection in 2022 was €430.

First Friday Calls - If anyone who is elderly / sick / housebound would like to be included on the First Friday list of Communion calls I would be happy to hear from you.

St Paul's Sunday Missals - Missals for 2024 are available at the rear of the Parish Church. Parish Readers - please call to Sacristy for your free copy.

Irish Catholic Newspaper - on sale in the Parish Church each weekend. Why not consider taking home a quality Catholic newspaper to inform and inspire your family?

Sacrament Dates 2024

First Confession

Wed March 6th @ 6.30 p.m.

First Holy Communion

Sat May 18th 11.00 a.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sat 27th April @ 11.00 a.m.

Poetry Books - Fifteen books of poetry by Anne Gallagher are available for sale in A & N's Gift Shop, Main Street. Only €10 per book.

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