

Parish of St. Mary's

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Thirty Second Sunday - 12th Nov 2023

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. While the parable has clear end-of-time applications it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you?

2. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared, and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?

3. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

This 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 Nolan, Lacken and deceased members of the Nolan family.

11.00 a.m. Tommy Gallagher, Bracklin (Anniv).

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

Tues Nov 14th Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

Wed Nov 15th People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: **Nov 18th / Nov 19th**

7.00 p.m. 1. Kathleen and Richard Dempsey, 10 Marian Avenue and Helen Maguire, 2 Devine Crescent
2. John Joe Flood, Garryandrew (Second Anniv).

11.00 a.m. 1. Baby Jay Rooney (Fifth Anniv)
2. Patrick and Marcalina Flood and deceased members of the Flood Family, Main Street.

Offertory Collection: Feast of All Saints and Sun Nov 4th / 5th - €1,680 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Teresa Gilchrist, Lissanure who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiesce in pace.



Weekly Rosary - The Legion of Mary pray the Rosary in the Parish Church each Tues morning @ 11.30 a.m. You are invited to attend.

Edgeworth's Artisan and Craft Indoor Market

Come and discover a variety of local crafters and artists, and get loads of gift ideas and inspiration for the winter holiday season, in the lovely backdrop of the Edgeworthstown.

Make it a day out and discover the magic of the midlands!

Sat 25th November and Sat 16th Dec in the Community Center, Granard Road, 11.00 am to 4.00 p.m. Free admission.

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 in the Parish Church. Parish Readers - please call to Sacristy for your 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?

Pope Francis:

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

Thought for the Day

Jesus tells us that there is a right time and a time when it will be too late. I ask God's help that I may realise what it is I might do now, how I might recognise the approaching bridegroom and welcome him. The lamp is given us by God and our prayer or time given to God is the oil. All of God's action in our lives is his gift, but it needs our openness and welcome. Prayer builds up our 'supply of oil', which can give light and fragrance to the rest of our lives. There is a time for preparation and a time for action. There is never a time for carelessness. I ask God to prepare me for the needs of this time.

- sacredspace.com

First Reading - This sings the praise of wisdom. At the same time it says that wisdom can be found by all those who seek it.

Second Reading - St Paul consoles his converts at Thessalonika who are worried about the fate of their loved ones who have died. He tells them that God will raise them up as surely as he raised up Christ.

Gospel - A story which urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour of the Lord's coming.

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

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

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.

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- Fr Tom Healy -