

Parish of St. Mary's

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Third Sunday of the Year - 21st Jan 2024

This Weekend Jan 20th / 21st

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

- 11.00 a.m. 1. Frank Whitney, his parents Frank and Mary and Kathleen, Joe and Marie Whitney.
2. Tom Nugent, Eamon Maguire and deceased Members of the Nugent and Maguire families.
3. Sean Kearney (Months Mind), Margaret (Peggy) Kearney and deceased members of the Kearney Family, Lisnagrish.

Weekday Masses:

Wed Jan 24th 11.00 a.m. - *Our Lady's Manor*
People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Jan 27th / 28th

- 7.00 p.m. 1. Mary Ann Rooney (Months Mind).
2. Patsy Duffy (Months Mind)
3. John Hynes, Ringowney and deceased members of the Keane family.
- 11.00 a.m. 1. Patrick Casey (Fourth Anniv).
2. Seamus Smith (Sixteenth Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sun Jan 14th - €1,035 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Harry Burke, Barne who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requesce in pace.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024
Theme: "Go and do likewise"

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.

In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity the Church is being challenged to stop and tend to the wounded and, in so doing, to recognise our own wounds as churches and as communities. Facing the reality of our own brokenness helps to connect us to the suffering of others from a place of humility and deep empathy, creating a sacred space of encounter inspired by Christ's healing love.

Lord, give us the grace to know you deeply,
in order to love you entirely.

May the gift of your Holy Spirit enable our eyes, ears and minds
to receive the unconditional love with which you love us.

Purify our hearts that we may always be ready to love our
neighbour, however different, as ourselves.

Through the self-giving life of Christ our Lord. Amen.

TABLE QUIZ in aid of Special Olympics on Thurs 25th Jan in Annebrook Hotel, Mullingar @ 8.30 p.m. Lots of prizes. Support greatly appreciated

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

• Sunday of the Word of God •

• Catholic Schools Week begins today •

1. 'The time is fulfilled' – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, 'the time was fulfilled'.

2. 'Repent and believe the good news'. Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, but calling for a change of heart, as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when 'good news' led you to a change of heart?

3. The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of GOOD NEWS. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life? Who was the 'Jesus person' through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a 'Jesus person' in this way?

4. This Sunday is called the SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD' in order to emphasise the role and importance of the word of God in our lives. What has helped you to discover the Scriptures as a source of encouragement, enlightenment, and renewed faith? Is there something extra you could do now to enhance your appreciation and love of the word of God. - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Sunday Scriptures

First Reading - This relates how the preaching of the reluctant Jonah meets with an immediate response in the pagan city of Nineveh.

Second Reading - Paul asks for an attitude of detachment from the dear, familiar things which tend to absorb us completely.

Gospel - Jesus begins to preach and he calls his first disciples.

Sunday Reflection - The Sundays of the year outside the various seasons are occasions for celebrating the resurrection of the Lord and for considering one or more of the aspects of the mysteries of Christ. In a three year cycle the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are read on a yearly basis. Occasionally the sequence is interrupted as it is today for instance when the gospel is proclaimed by John.
- St Paul's Sunday Missal

Sale of Religious Goods - A missionary group from Bethlehem, The Holy Land will be visiting Edgeworthstown / Rathowen / Streete Churches on 3rd & 4th of Feb to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles (Crucifixes, Rosary Beads and Plaques) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the poor Christians families, any help you could give them it will be highly appreciated.

Moogles Theatre Company will be bringing their performance of the show *Entangled* to Abbeylara Parish Centre on Saturday 27th January at 8pm. Tickets €15 available at the door. Adults only.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerry Greene.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Eze Ejikeme, Ikedike Eze-Ejikeme.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Margaret Kelly, Angela Kelly.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donoghue, Orla Noonan.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -