

Parish of St. Mary's

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Fourth Sunday of the Year - 28th Jan 2024

This 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.
4. Deceased members of Mostrim GAA.
- 11.00 a.m. 1. Patrick Casey (Fourth Anniv).
2. Seamus Smith (Sixteenth Anniv).

Weekday Masses:

Wed Jan 31st 11.00 a.m. - *Our Lady's Manor*
People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Feb 3rd / 4th

- 7.00 p.m. 1. Jim Walsh (First Anniv).
2. Ciara Conefrey (Sixth Anniv).
- 11.00 a.m. 1. Ciaran Duffy and deceased members of the Duffy Family, Rhenneny and Monadarragh.
2. Michael Greene, Devine Crescent and deceased members of the Greene Family, St Patrick's Terrace and Terry Ellis.
3. Kitty, Paul and Catherine Mulhare and deceased members of the Mulhare and Hughes Famililes.
4. Sr Rose Macken (Months Mind).
5. Liz Hughes (Third Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sun Jan 21st - €1,205 - sincere thanks.

FIRST FRIDAY: Fri Feb 2nd - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday.

Feasts this week:

Wed Jan 31st - **St John Bosco** - founder of Salesian Order.

Thurs Feb 1st - **St Brigid**, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland.

St Brigid was renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born in 454 and founded a monastery in Kildare. She died in 524. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses

May Brigid's flame give you inspiration
May Brigid's belt give you healing
May Brigid's creativity give you a way.

Fri Feb 2nd - **The Presentation of the Lord** - This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

Sat Feb 3rd - **St Blaise** - Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat,

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. In this first chapter Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the Reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that 'he taught as one having authority'. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way.

2. Jesus' combined teaching with healing, and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit?

3. The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom?

4. It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit - jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power, etc. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives out that evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Sunday Scriptures

First Reading - Moses tells the people about the coming of a prophet into whose mouth God will put his own words.

Second Reading - Paul here urges those who are celibate to give their undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel - Here we see the prophecy of Moses fulfilled in the teaching of Christ.

Sunday Reflection - In the Hebrew Scriptures, a prophet is not primarily a person who prophesies. Many of the great prophets accepted their role with great reluctance. What drove them on was the power of the word of the LORD which they had been urged to proclaim. In many cases it meant adopting an unpopular stance, particularly at a time when things were not going well. In times of crisis, however, they were a source of consolation for the people of God.

- St Paul's Sunday Missal

The annual Lourdes Assisted Pilgrimage Fund collection will take place on the weekend of Feb 10th / 11th - baskets will be circulated a second time for this collection - thank you.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 31st May - 5th June. See poster in Church for full details.

Sale of Religious Goods - A missionary group from Bethlehem, will visit Edgeworthstown Church on Feb 3rd / 4th Feb to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles 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.

Active Retirement Club - has resumed on Fridays in the Club House, on the Green from 11.30 to 1.30. Different activities on the day as well as a cuppa. We would like to welcome new members - 50 +. Thank you to the local shops who kindly donated prizes to the recent raffle.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Noreen Grant.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane, Maura Coyle.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ita O'Farrell, Emma O'Reilly.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -