

# Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim



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Fifth Sunday of the Year - 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

This Weekend Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup>

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, Rhenney 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 Families.
4. Sr Rose Macken (Months Mind).
5. Liz Hughes (Third Anniv).

Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Tues Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Paddy and Ann Greene (Anniv).

Wed Feb 7<sup>th</sup> People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Feb 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m.

1. Grainne Hussey (Months Mind).
2. Eveline Barron (Anniv).

11.00 a.m.

1. Mary Rooney, Ballymahon Road (Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sun Jan 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> - €1,375 - sincere thanks.

**BAPTISMS** - We welcomed

Michael Thomas Sweeney, Mostrim Oaks, into our Christian community recently.



### • Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. Jesus uses the image of salt as something that makes food tasty. Without salt food can be tasteless. Who are the people who give zest to your life and make it enjoyable? For whom have you done this? When have you been particularly aware of your potential in this regard?

2. The second image is that of light. Who have been the people who have been a light for you, particularly in moments of darkness? For whom have you been a light? Recall these experiences and give thanks.

3. The images of salt and light can also be applied to communities to which we belong, a family, a parish, or other group. Thinking of the groups of which you are a member, how can their potential be enhanced to enrich the lives of members and offer them a guiding light? How can you make a contribution to this?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

**Wed Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - Feast of St Mel, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois** - St Mel died in 488. He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with Patrick, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. He is one of the earliest Irish saints and gave the religious veil to St Brigit.

### Sunday Scriptures

**First Reading** - Job is wrestling with the problems of why the innocent should suffer. As a result of his own sufferings he takes a rather pessimistic view of life.

**Second Reading** - St Paul tells how he has made himself all things to all people in order to bring them the Good News of salvation.

**Gospel** - In the midst of all his activities of teaching and preaching Jesus finds it necessary to escape to a lonely place to pray.

**Sunday Reflection** - The first reading on each Sunday is usually connected to the gospel of the day. Sometimes an incident occurring in the gospel is seen to be foreshadowed by an earlier event in the Hebrew Scriptures. At other times they will both contain a similar theme. Sometimes the first reading anticipates the gospel theme. However, it is profitable to find out what the first reading meant in its own day. A second step can then be to see how both readings relate to each other. - St Paul's Sunday Missal

**The Pope's Monthly Intention** - For parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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

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

**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.

**Glen After School** - annual church gate collection today. Please support our After School. All money raised goes towards the upkeep of Glen After School. Thank you for your support, we are now open 6 years ☺.

### Reflection

The same Christ who prayed in lonely places said:

"When you pray go into your room and pray to your father in secret".

We should not imagine then that the lonely place is necessarily a place far away or that by room he means four walls that separate us physically from others.

The room is the room within ourselves.

It is the room of our innermost heart, Where our plans are hatched, where our hopes reside, Where our true self is to be found.

The room is with us at all times, We carry it around wherever we go.

We should make it a place where we can retreat, A home where we find rest and spiritual recovery When 'the world is too much for us'.

Then we will make an exciting discovery that the inner room is not empty after all, but is occupied by the God of love who dwells in us all.

- Flor McCarthy

### 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 -