# Parish of St. Mary's





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Third Sunday of Lent - 3rd March 2024

This Weekend

Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>

7.00 p.m.

No Intention.

11.00 a.m.

1. Michael Kenny, Lacken.

2. John Kenny 32nd (Anniv).

3. Lisa Moran (3rd Anniv).

4. Deceased members of the Morgan Family, Lisnannagh.

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

Wed Mar 6th Fri Mar 7th

People of the Parish. Sr Rosario Deery.

Next Weekend: Mar 9th/ 10th

7.00 p.m.

1. Bill and Bridie Kelly, Lisnageeragh and

deceased members of the Kelly and O'Toole

2. Martin Kelly, Devine Crescent,

Pat and Kate Ann Fulham, Clonwhelan and

Ann and Patrick Gallagher, Garryandrew.

11.00 a.m.

1. Deceased members of the Kenny Family,

Cullyvore.

2. Anthony Garvey.

3. Shane Dockery.

Offertory Collection: Sun Mar 24th / 25th- €1,140 - sincere thanks.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** - Please pray for

Sr Pius Dooley, Our Lady's Manor

Brigid Victory, Cranleymore and

Tom Reynolds, Barne who died recently.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

- 1. In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this.
- 2. But we are the Body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself or others).
- 3. There are many things in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this.
- 4. We may also think of istitutions as in some way temples of God's presence. We live in a time when aspects of our institutions are either crumbling or subject to severe criticism. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you find hope in such circumstances? - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

## Thought for the Day

The Lord Jesus comes into your life to find a place ordered to the worship of the one true God, but what he finds is a 'marketplace'. What does this mean? It means that Christ finds a place where things other than God have become primary. To bring such idolatry closer to our cultural experience, how much of your life is given over to materialism, commercialism or to the accumulation of things? What rivals to the one true God have you allowed to invade the sacred space of your soul?

- Bishop Robert Barron, Lenten Reflection

#### **Sunday Scriptures**

First Reading - This reading deals with the ten commandments. They are a map of life for a people that has a special relationship

Second Reading - To some the idea of a crucified Saviour makes no sense whatsoever. But to those who can grasp it, it is a sign of the wisdom of God.

Gospel - This deals with the incident in which Christ cleared the money changers and sellers of sacrificial animals out of the Temple.

#### **TROCAIRE CAMPAIGN 2024**

In Malawi, longer and more severe droughts in recent years have dried up small streams and water holes. Unfortunately, some areas are also affected by cyclones and flooding. When this happens, the simple mud houses are badly damaged. The water that falls is not suitable for drinking or farming but causes a huge amount of destruction. Trócaire is working with local partners to help communities to rebuild after these events and to be better prepared for the future. To learn more, go https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/ God our Father, we pray for those parts of the world affected by cyclones, earthquakes and flooding. Give us your grace to stand in solidarity and hope with those who are suffering, and to respond in whatever way we can. 2) God our Father, we

### Take the Risk for Christ

To proclaim your faith and belief in God in today's society is counter cultural. So too in St Paul's day - proclaiming belief in Jesus who was crucified was an obstacle to the Jews and madness to the Greeks. We pray that those who the Lord calls to follow Him as a priest, deacon or religious, to proclaim the Gospel will have the courage to place their trust in God.

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

# TRUST

"Whenever you feel confused, bewildered, disillusioned, frightened, be childlike in your trust in God, present and beckoning you in the chaos. Intrusting with your heart, it is as though you put your hand in his and let him lead you." - Gerard W. Hughes SJ

"Trust is the greatest joy in our relationship with God. Whoever

trusts in God has already covered the hardest part of the journey.....

God, you are my God, I can count on you."

#### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell. Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Dolores Courtney.

# MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARST - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m: Niamh Cassidy, Sandra Durkan. Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

#### WEBCAM

- Fr Tom Healy -