

# Parish of St. Mary's

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## This Weekend

7.00 p.m.

Mar 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup>

1. Bill and Bridie Kelly, Lisnageeragh and deceased members of the Kelly and O'Toole Families.

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.

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

Wed Mar 13<sup>th</sup>

People of the Parish.

Sat Mar 16<sup>th</sup>

Sr Pius Dooley (Month's Mind).

Next Weekend: Mar 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m.

No Intention.

11.00 a.m.

Evelyn Oledibe (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Offertory Collection:** Sun Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> - €1,170 - sincere thanks.

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

1. Jesus speaks of himself being *lifted up*, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. It is God's wish that everyone who believes in Jesus will have 'eternal life', that is a relationship with God that begins now and survives death.

2. We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give love to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?

3. It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. True life-givers know that they need the generosity of being *lifted up* by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you.

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

## Take the Risk for Christ

In our Gospel St. John tells us that God sent His Son so that the world might be saved through Him and Jesus is the light in the darkness of the world. We pray for those who the Lord calls to bring the light of faith to those in darkness, that they will respond to the call of Jesus to follow as a priest, deacon or religious.

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

Thought for the Day

God himself needed a Mother: how much more so do we! Jesus himself gave her to us, from the cross: "Behold your mother"! (Jn 19:27). He said this to the beloved disciples and to every disciple. Our Lady is not an optional accessory: she has to be welcomed into our life. She is the Queen of peace, who triumphs over evil and leads us along paths of goodness, who restores unity to her children, who teaches us compassion.

Mary, take us by the hand. Lead us by the hand to rediscover the bonds that unite us. Gather us beneath your mantle, in the tenderness of true love, where the human family is reborn.

- Pope Francis

## Sunday Scriptures

**First Reading** - It was because of their sins that God allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon. But his mercy is seen in their home-coming.

**Second Reading** - It is not through our own efforts that we are saved but through the love and mercy of God.

**Gospel** - John speaks about the Father's great love for us. This love is so great that he sent his Son into our world, not to condemn us, but to save us and to be the light of our lives.

**Tax Relief Scheme** - Thank you to all who have returned Tax Relief Scheme Forms. This scheme greatly benefits parish finances. We would be pleased to receive any outstanding forms.

## TROCAIRE CAMPAIGN 2024

Happy Mother's Day from all in Trócaire. In the Machinga district of Malawi, Malita is a strong and resilient woman, despite the challenges she faces. She works tirelessly in her community to improve the life of all its members. Like all mothers, she prays for the best for her children. She wants them to have an education and opportunities for a better life. Trócaire and its local partners are working with women like Malita to build a more just world..

*'A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength.'* (Pope Francis, General Audience, 7 January 2015)

*We pray for mothers and all in a mothering role. We remember especially mothers living in situations of war, conflict and climate change. May God give them the strength they need to support and guide their families through difficult times.*

**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG** - seeking marriage preparation facilitators. ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage
- Accord wants to hear from you!

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

## READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Dolores Courtney.

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - 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.*

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- Fr Tom Healy -