

Parish of St. Mary's



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St Patrick's Day - 17th March 2024

This Weekend **Mar 16th / 17th**

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Evelyn Oledibe (4th Anniv)

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

Wed Mar 20th People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: **Mar 23rd / 24th**

7.00 p.m. Mary Flood, Garryandrew.

11.00 a.m. 1. Ann Sheridan, Lisnagrish (7th Anniv).

2. Brigid Victory (Months Mind).

3. Jim, Elizabeth and Anna of the O'Hagan Family, Lisanore/Culllogue.

Offertory Collection: Sun Mar 2nd / 3rd - €985 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for William (Bill) Mulryan, Kilsallagh who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.



BAPTISMS - We welcomed

Jack Thomas Mongan, Corboy into our Christian community recently.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you?

2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead, and we feel like praying *Father, save me from this hour*. Then a realisation may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse, a friend: *No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour*. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing so.

3. The story presents the death of Jesus as the moment of his glorification by God. We are also *glorified* when the grace of God enables us to give generously of ourselves. When have you experienced this in yourself or in another?

4. *This voice has come for your sake and not for mine*. The angel spoke that we might recognise the love being shown us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires the voice of another to draw our attention to love that is being offered to us. When was this your experience?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

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.

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St Patrick's Day • 17 March •
As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, our thoughts turn to those who have emigrated from our shores. We remember and pray for all Irish people overseas - those who are recently departed and those who left our shores many years ago. We ask you to remember in a special way those emigrants whose journey has been a difficult one and may need that extra bit of help and support.



In addition to practical assistance, emigrants need spiritual and emotional support. We remember those who work tirelessly to assist Irish emigrants of all generations, particularly the Irish chaplaincies in the United States and the U.K.

We also pray those who have been touched by the sense of loss that comes with a loved one emigrating, that they will find strength and comfort as they cope with the pain of separation.

Prayer for Those Away from Home

Loving God,

we pray for those whom we love,
but who are absent from us.

Keep them safe from all harm, evil and danger.

Bless them with peace, laughter,
wisdom, love and joy.

Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love;
in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Take the Risk for Christ

In today's Gospel some Greeks came "to see Jesus". In reply Jesus tells them that "unless a wheat grain falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest". We pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest, deacon or religious, that like St. Patrick, they may "Take the Risk for Christ" and give of their lives and follow in the Way of Jesus.

TROCAIRE CAMPAIGN 2024 - Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Phádraig ó gach duine i Trócaire! Today is a day for celebrating our roots, our history and, for many people, celebrating with our family. In Malawi, Malita is also proud to be part of a strong community. Despite the challenges they face, the community works hard to build a better future for their children through education, savings and loans initiatives and village gatherings. Trócaire is supporting communities in Malawi and around the world to provide basic needs so that families can thrive and enjoy life.

Loving Father, on this feast day, we pray for the young siblings on this year's Trócaire box, who are named Patrick and Patricia.

May St Patrick guide and protect them, and all who share his name.

Sunday Scriptures

First Reading - The prophet Jeremiah tells a shattered people that God will not forsake them. The day is coming when he will make a new and more intimate covenant with his people.

Second Reading - This speaks of the pain and anguish Christ endured during his life and especially during his passion. In this way he not only gave us an example but became for us the source of eternal life.

Gospel - Jesus talks about his imminent death - how he fears it, yet desires it, for the hour of his shame will also be the hour of his glory. He talks about how his followers will have to die to themselves.

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.

- Fr Tom Healy -