

Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim



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Palm Sunday - 24th March 2024

This 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.

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

Wed Mar 27th People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Mar 30th / 31st

Easter Vigil @ 9.00 p.m. John Gaynor (2nd Anniv)

11.00 a.m. 1. Austin Reilly (Anniv)

2. John and Mary Campbell, Cloncouogh.

Offertory Collection: Sun Mar 16th / 17th - €985 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for Mary Eivers Bracklin/Dublin, who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.

• 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?

Sunday Scriptures - First Gospel - This tells of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as the humble king and gentle Messiah. His followers greet him with joy.

First Reading - The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but he is convinced that God will eventually save him.

Second Reading - Because Jesus took on himself our human condition and accepted death on a cross, the Father has made him Lord of heaven and earth.

Gospel - St Mark stresses the cruel trial and the shocking details of our Lord's suffering. But a sudden light appears when a pagan soldier makes a profession of faith in the crucified Son of God.



Holy Week Ceremonies - St. Mary's Church, Mostrim

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Tues 26th March @ 7.30 p.m.

Holy Sat - St. Mel's Cathedral

- 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

Holy Thursday - 28th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

Please bring Trocaire boxes to this Mass.

Followed by Quiet Prayer & Adoration concluding with Night Prayer at 9 p.m.

Good Friday - 29th March

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday - 30th March

Easter Vigil at 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday - 31st March

Mass: St. Mary's Church - 11.00 a.m.

Thought for the Day

• Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion •

Our Master lies asleep and is at rest: His Heart has ceased to bleed, His Eye to weep:

The sun ashamed has dropt down in the west:

Our Master lies asleep.

Now we are they who weep, and trembling keep

Vigil, with wrung heart in a sighing breast,

While slow time creeps, and slow the shadows creep.

Renew Thy youth, as eagle from the nest;

O Master, who hast sown, arise to reap: -

No cock-crow yet, no flush on eastern crest:

Our Master lies asleep.

- Christina Rossetti Mary Magdalene

Pope Francis on Holy Week -

Pope Francis has offered advice for how to have a fruitful Holy Week, urging people to focus on the essentials and look to the cross as the source of hope.

The Pope noted how many people today who walk down the street appear sad, focused "only on their cell phones, but without peace, without hope."

He urged people to eliminate "useless things that are substitutes for hope" during Holy Week to focus on the true source of hope found in Christ.

"During these holy days, let us draw near the Crucified One. Let us place ourselves before him ... to take an honest look at ourselves, removing whatever is superfluous. Let us let Jesus regenerate hope in us," Pope Francis has said.

"This is needed: to go back to the heart, to the essentials, to a simple life, stripped of many useless things, which are substitutes for hope. Today, when everything is complex and we risk losing the plot, we need simplicity, to rediscover the value of sobriety, the value of renunciation, to clean up what pollutes the heart and makes us sad," he said.

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.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Gerry Greene.

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 -