

Parish of St. Mary's

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Fifth Sunday of Easter - 28th April 2024

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships with God / with your friends / with your family / with communities or groups to which you belong?
2. Just as a vine is pruned in order to be fruitful, so we will be pruned when we accept the give and take of healthy relationships. When have you found that a relationship grew when you were able to consider the needs of the other as well as your own?
3. In THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL Pope Francis wrote 'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.' He goes on to suggest that when individuals, or groups, focus on Jesus there is an increase of energy and vitality. Have you seen this happen?
4. The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you.

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Trees

I think that I shall never see

A poem lovely as a tree.

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;*

A tree that looks at God all day,

And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear

A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;

Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,

But only God can make a tree.

- Joyce Kilme

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - This tells how Barnabas introduced the converted Paul to the Christians living in Jerusalem. They accepted him but the Jews tried to kill him.

Second Reading - If we wish to live as God wants, we must keep his commandments, especially the commandment to love one another.

Gospel - Christ uses the image of a vine and its branches to illustrate the closeness of the ties that exist between him and his disciples.

Take the Risk for Christ - Fifth Sunday of Easter
In the letter from St. John, he tells us that "our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active;" and in the Gospel that Jesus is the true vine and that like branches, we must always stay connected to the vine, for cut off from relationship with Jesus we can do nothing. We pray for those who are discerning a vocation to priesthood, diaconate or religious life that they will always remain connected to Jesus the true vine, and that their love will real and active.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - MAY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mary Reynolds.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Noreen Grant.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - MAY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane, Maura Coyle.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Orla Noonan, Kate O'Donoghue.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

This Weekend	Apr 27th / 28th
7.00 p.m.	1. Mary Eivers (Months Mind). 2. Patrick and Rose Walker (Anniv).
11.00 a.m.	1. Donal Drake (Fourth Anniv), James, Teresa and Nora McLoughlin, Granard St, Louise Hanley and John Sherwood (recently deceased). 2. John Victory (Fifth Anniv).
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Tues Apr 30th	People of the Parish.
Next Weekend: May 4th / 5th	
7.00 p.m.	Anna Farrell (Anniv).
11.00 a.m.	Edward Hughes (Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sun Apr 20th / 21st - €1,020 - sincere thanks.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed

- Niall James Leavy, Longfield;
- Caiden William Kowalski Santos, Clonwhelan;
- Róise Lily Kiernan, Tarmonbarry and
- Michael Edward Hughes, Mullingar



into our Christian community

FIRST FRIDAY: Fri May 3rd - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday.

TROCAIRE Lenten Collection - Thank you for your generous contributions to the annual TROCAIRE Lenten campaign which has now reached €2,665.



SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the young girls and boys of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. We wish you well for the future and hope that you will always trust in the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide and influence you in all of the years ahead. Thank you to the teachers at St Mary's School for all of their commitment in preparing the young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

"Come Holy Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth"

Pope Francis: "Confirmation is God's work - We are strengthened - 'confirmed' in the grace of our baptism and in our mission of bearing daily witness to Christ and his love."

A little humour: The church council met to discuss the pastor's wage for the next year. Afterwards the chair of council told the pastor: "We are very sorry, Pastor, but we decided that we cannot give you a raise next year." "But you must give me a raise," said the pastor. "I am but a poor preacher!" "I know," the council chair said. "We hear you every Sunday."

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- Fr Tom Healy -