

# Parish of St. Mary's

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Day for Life - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**This Weekend** Jun 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m. Private Intention.

11.00 a.m. Private Intention.

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

Wed Jun 19<sup>th</sup> People of the Parish.

**Next Weekend: Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. No Intention.

**CEMETERY SUNDAY** - Cemetery Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Aughafin Cemetery @ 1.00 p.m. on Sun July 7<sup>th</sup> next.

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

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1. If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests.

2. Jesus uses this example from everyday observation to teach about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life of faith and in your friendships and give thanks.

3. In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could 'make a nest in its shade'? John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

*'All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.'*

- Pope Francis

*'As believers, how can we fail to see that abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are a terrible rejection of God's gift of life and love? And as believers, how can we fail to feel the duty to surround the sick and those in distress with the warmth of our affection and the support that will help them always to embrace life?'*

- St Pope John Paul I

*"I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian." - Saint Ignatius*

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Our care for the most vulnerable among us is a measure of our humanity. We see this very clearly in the healing ministry of Jesus. Down through the ages, the ministry of healing has always been an integral part of the mission of the Church. Doctors and nurses, chaplains and carers, family members and friends form communities of care around those who are sick at home or in hospital. Alongside dialysis, chemotherapy, the scans and the stents, people who are sick need to know, above all, that they are loved and that they will not be abandoned, whatever happens. That becomes especially important when there is nothing more that medical science can do.

It is understandable that people facing chronic or terminal illness sometimes feel that they might be better off if they were dead. But a society which has nothing more to offer to people than to assist them in ending their own lives, has really lost its way. Through the time we spend with the sick, listening to them, providing essential care, sharing memories, and, perhaps, praying with them, that we continue the healing ministry of Jesus. In this way, we bear witness in action to the fact that there is no such thing as a life without value. - Bishop Kevin Doran, Elphin Diocese.

### Intercessory Prayers for end-of-life care

For those who have grown very old, especially elderly parents and grandparents: that the love and respect of their children might sustain them and bring them joy; We pray to the Lord:

For all who live in nursing homes, and especially for those who are alone or in pain: that we might cherish the gift of their wisdom, and the enduring example of their faith; We pray to the Lord:

For those who have grown very old, and especially for those tempted to die: that God might grant them patient endurance to do his will and serve his Gospel; We pray to the Lord:

For all who are about to die: that through our love, care, and devotion, they might know the beauty of life, to the moment of their final breath; We pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, thank You for sustaining us through every stage of life, until our closing moments. Please draw near to all who are experiencing pain, serious disability, frailty or illness and, along with those who care for them, grant them comfort, hope and peace. Amen.

### Sunday Scriptures

**First Reading** - The prophet foretells the downfall of Jerusalem. At the same time he tells of a restoration that will be brought about by a member of the chosen people (namely, the Messiah) who will set up a universal kingdom.

**Second Reading** - St Paul says that his priority at all times is to please the Lord. Hence he has no fears of appearing before him.

**Gospel** - This contains two parables about the slow but steady growth of the Kingdom of God from insignificant beginnings. It is God who brings about this growth.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JUNE

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Pat Appleford.

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** Kate Crossan.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JUNE

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Sandra Durkan, Catherine Tracey.

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** Ita O'Farrell, Emma O'Reilly.

*Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present*