

Parish of St. Mary's

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Sixteenth Sunday - 21st July 2024

This Weekend July 20th / 21st

7.00 p.m. James Coyle.

11.00 a.m. 1. Liam Tuite (Second Anniv).
2. Pat Joe Donohoe (Anniv).

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

Mon Jul 23rd People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: July 20th / 21st

7.00 p.m. Deceased members of the Lynn Family: Katie, Micky, Josie, Billy, Paddy and Johnny.

11.00 a.m. No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sat/Sun Jul 13th/14th - €1,075 - sincere thanks.

Sunday Scriptures

First Reading - In this reading the shepherds who neglected the flock are severely indicted by God. At the same time God promises to send shepherds who will care about his sheep.

Second Reading - By his death Christ broke down the wall that divided Jews from gentiles and he united all peoples as children of the one Father.

Gospel - In this Gospel we see the care of Christ for his apostles as well as his compassion for the people who were "like sheep without a shepherd".

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What have you learned from such conversations?
2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm?
3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?
4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the right balance?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Betty Mulhare.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Margaret Kelly, Angela Kelly.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

Diocesan Changes 2024

Fr Patrick Lennon, PP Dromard to retire.

Fr Cathal Faughnan, PP Kilonan, (Keadue, Arigna & Ballyfarnan) to retire.

Fr Michael Bannon, PP Lough Gowna & Mullinalaghta, remaining as PP Lough Gowna & Mullinalaghta but retiring as Diocesan Chancellor.

Fr Tom Healy, PP Edgeworthstown & Diocesan Secretary appointed Chancellor of the diocese.

Fr Michael Mc Grath, CC Longford appointed also as Vicar for Marriages.

Fr Tom Cox, Adm Clonmacnois, appointed PP Kilonan, (Keadue, Arigna & Ballyfarnan).

Fr. Peter Burke, PP Ferbane appointed also Adm. Clonmacnois, Shannonbridge & Clonfanlough.

Fr. Michael Alanga, Diocese of Pankshin, Nigeria to be CC Clonmacnois, Shannonbridge & Clonfanlough.

Fr Simon Cadam, PP Granard appointed also Adm. Abbeylara.

Fr. P. J. Hughes, PP Mullahoran & Loughduff appointed PP Dromard.

Fr. Joe McGrath, CC Mount Temple appointed Adm. Mullahoran.

Fr. Reji Kurian, CC Ballinahown appointed CC Moate & Mount Temple.

Fr. Charlie Healy, PP Carrickedmond & Abbeysrule appointed CC St. Mary's Athlone.

Fr. Liam Murray, PP Ballymahon appointed also Adm. Carrickedmond & Abbeysrule.

Fr. Vincent Connaughton, PP Ardagh & Moydow appointed also Adm. Legan.

• Thought for the Day •

Today's gospel story is for people busy with caring for others. Jesus' desire for peace and quiet was disturbed by the crowds who needed him. This is an image of many parents and people in helping professions. We need rest and time to recharge the energy and love of eth heart: but at times the needs of others will take over. Prayer can unite both - the prayer of our action and the prayer of love. The place of our mind can be very crowded with the cares and concerns of life. We need time to give these over to God in prayer and then time just to be still. Stillness is of the essence of prayer. www.sacredspace.com - (INTERCOM).

Discipleship

John Wesley, the 18th century founder of the Methodist Church said in essence, a disciple, is someone who's heart has been filled with the love of Christ, by the power of the Spirit.

He went on to identify ten characteristics of Spirit-filled disciples:

- 1) They are happy
- 2) They are thankful
- 3) They are prayerful
- 4) They are loving
- 5) They are humble
- 6) They seek God's will
- 7) They are obedient
- 8) They glorify God
- 9) They are not worldly
- 10) They care for the poor

"Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realizing you were the prisoner."

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." - Mother Teresa

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- Fr Tom Healy -