

# Parish of St. Mary's

## Mostrim



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Twenty Eighth Sunday - 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024

**This Weekend** Oct 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. 1. Joe and Dolores Breen,  
Gretchen Gallagher and Pat McGirr.  
2. Ned, Marie & Olive O'Reilly.  
3. Madden family, Killsallagh.

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

Wed Oct 16<sup>th</sup> People of the Parish.

**Next Weekend: Oct 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup>**

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. 1. Paddy McCann (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.),  
John and Alice McCann and deceased  
members of the McCann family.  
2. Martin Gilchrist, Aughafin (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), and  
deceased members of the Gilchrist family,  
Cullyvore.

**Offertory Collection:** Sat/Sun Oct 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> - €1,250 - sincere thanks.



**RECENTLY DECEASED** - Please pray for Tom McLoughlin, Bracklin, who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescat in pace.

**BAPTISMS** - We welcomed

Kia Ogbodu, Mostrim Oaks,  
into our Christian community recently.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - The prayer of Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Sat mornings from 10.00 to 11.00 in the Parish Church. All are welcome to partake in this devotional prayer to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Sunday Scriptures**

**First Reading** - This passage in praise of wisdom. Wisdom is more precious than gold, or silver, or health, or beauty.

**Second Reading** - God's word is a source of true wisdom for us. It will help us to live as God wants us to live.

**Gospel** - We are presented with the case of a good young man who refuses to follow Christ because he is unwilling to give up his wealth.

• **Thought for the Day** •

'Mercy, as the expression of God's love, is something we need to think about more deeply. Certainly, breaking the law involves paying the price, and losing one's freedom is the worst part of serving time, because it affects us so deeply. All the same, hope must not falter. Paying for the wrong we have done is one thing, but another thing entirely is the 'breath' of hope, which cannot be stifled by anyone or anything. Our heart always yearns for goodness. We are in debt to the mercy that God constantly shows us, for he never abandons us. (cf. Augustine, Sermon 254:1)'

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Edgeworthstown Parish has been fortunate to have had a very dedicated Parish Choir for long years and decades. One hears of people spending several decades of their lives in the service of providing sacred music for our Sunday worship. We owe a great debt of gratitude to all who have been members and in particular to Choir Director and Organist Bernadette Walshe.

Unfortunately the years have taken their toll on the membership and the current situation is that just a few members remain. Accordingly the future viability of the Choir is now seriously at risk. It would be rather sad if a parish of our size could not maintain a Parish Choir especially for the significant feasts of the Church year. This is a call out to all parishioners to ask if you could become involved? - we would be delighted to hear from you. If we cannot recruit a number of new people sadly we will see the choir cease. Please step forward if you think you could become involved. Thank you.

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

1. We often get satisfaction from the things we own, clothes, cars, homes, gadgets, or money. There would be something unnatural if we did not. But what happens to us when our possessions begin to 'own' us, when they take a hold us, when we become obsessed with them? Jesus seeks followers who have the freedom to let go of possessions in order to be a servant of others. In whom have you seen this freedom? When have you experienced it yourself?

2. Growth implies change. That change sometimes means letting go of something we have at this moment: job, status, home, security, or something else we value. There can be an apparent loss in letting go. Yet have you ever found that you gained more than you lost by having the freedom to let go of something to which you had previously clung?

3. The disciples thought that Jesus was making impossible demands of people following him. He acknowledged that discipleship was impossible to us on our own efforts alone. How have you experienced the benefits of the help of others and of God when you were faced with difficulties in life?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

### Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Migrants

This weekend the Irish Bishops have published a pastoral letter on the significant theme of welcoming the immigrant. 'A Hundred Thousand Welcomes?' explores what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to respond to the key question of immigration across our island, and the world. This fundamental question asks, "Who is my neighbour?" - and to answer this we are informed by the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). In the light of the Gospel and Catholic social teaching, our bishops offer this reflection on what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland.

Mindful that migration has been a central part of our history, the Pastoral Letter provides a space to us as 'migrant pilgrim people' to contemplate the causes of migration, the gifts that migrants bring to our Church and our country, the economic and social issues we all face in Ireland, and the importance of encounter in building a true sense of belonging in every parish and community. Copies available in church and on Irish Bishops website.

**Mostrim Men's Shed** - We wish the best of luck to all associated with the new Men's Shed based at St Mary's Community Centre. This is a great way for retired men to come together to socialise, work on projects together and enjoy trips away as part of a group.

**Midlands Simon Community** are holding their annual Church Gate Collection at all parishes throughout Co Longford on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> and Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. The proceeds from this collection will go towards the Homeless service provided by Midlands Simon Community in Co. Longford.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - OCTOBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Ijeoma Ezi-Ejikeme.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: John Cahill.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - OCTOBER

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

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

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

- Fr Tom Healy -