

# Parish of St. Mary's

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Second Sunday - 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

**This Weekend** Jan 18<sup>th</sup> / Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

**7.00 p.m.** 1. Peter, Margaret, Tommy & Patrick Gallagher.  
2. Harry Burke (Anniv.)

**11.00 a.m.** 1. Frank Whitney his parents Frank & Mary, and  
Kathleen, Joe & Marie Whitney.  
2. Patrick Casey (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

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

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan** People of the Parish.

**Next Weekend: Jan 25<sup>th</sup> / Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00 p.m.** No Intention.

**11.00 a.m.** 1. Seamus Smith (17<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
2. Tom Nugent, Eamon Maguire and deceased  
members of the Nugent & Maguire families.

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 11<sup>th</sup> / Sun 12<sup>th</sup> - € 1,310 - sincere thanks.

**BAPTISMS** - We welcomed Harry  
Kenny, Moydow into our Christian  
community recently.



**RECENTLY DECEASED** - Please pray for  
Conal O'Ferrall, Camlisk, who died recently. May he rest in peace  
and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.

**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading** - When this was written  
Jerusalem lay in ruins and the plight of God's people was like that  
of a widow deprived of her children. It announces a joyful feast of  
God and his people.

**Second Reading** - St Paul tells us that, though there are many  
different gifts among us, they all come from God's Spirit, and  
should be used for the good of all.

**Gospel** - This relates the first of the signs given by Jesus, when at  
a wedding in Cana he changed water into wine at the request of  
his mother.

**Sunday Reflection** - In its Jewish context 'Peace' or 'Shalom'  
captures the idea of life, the promotion of all that is truly human.  
Where human beings are flourishing the kingdom of God is there.  
Wedding, bridegroom and wine combine to draw attention to one  
aspect of peace: good relations between people. This is  
particularly apt as we are in the Week of Prayer and work of  
Christian Unity.

### • Thought for the Day •

Winter is the time of gray, velvet weather drifting towards us. It  
arrives on 'little cat feet' and curls itself around us like the fog in  
Sandburg's poem. The weather is a friend if you make it one. I  
look forward to the gray, quiet time for solitude, contemplation,  
reading, long conversations with friends. Colors are softer, sounds  
have more depth, the pace is gentler. Instead of resentment at  
the lack of sun, snuggle into the gray velvet quilt and make  
yourself a cup of tea. (INTERCOM)

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

1. The story is a story of abundance, the abundance of blessings  
God gives us. How have you been aware of the abundance of  
God's blessings? Let the memories lead you to prayer of thanks  
and praise for the times in your life when that joy and fulfilment  
have been very real to you.

2. The *hour* of Jesus had not yet come when the glory of God was  
revealed in the sign that took place. For us also the revelation of  
the full glory of God lies in the future, but we do get glimpses along  
the way. Recall some of the *signs* that have revealed to you  
something of the glory of God, e.g., nature, art, friendship, etc.

3. Mary/Jesus. It is interesting to note that despite the apparent  
rebuff, Mary is the first person in the narrative to show (at the  
level of the action of the story) that the correct response to the  
presence of Jesus is to trust in him. When have you trusted in the  
word of Jesus like that? What relationships do you have that you  
can trust like that? Do you recall times when your trust was  
rewarded even when you had been initially disappointed?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

### The Quiet Ones

There are quiet saints everywhere

Hidden in plain sight, they do their work gently and slowly and  
lovingly.

Repairing the world over and over again.

Despite the pain, despite the sadness at the heart of it all.

Despite not even knowing that this is their work.

### Reflection

The following lines were found scratched on the wall of a bomb-  
basted air-raid shelter in Germany after the Second World War.

I believe in the light.

Even when the sun doesn't shine.

I believe in love.

Even when it isn't given.

I believe in God,

Even when his voice is silent.

(Anon)

"God is a good worker, but He loves to be helped" (Spanish  
proverb).

"He who forgives ends the quarrel" (African proverb).

"If you pray for another, you will be helped yourself" (Yiddish  
proverb).

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Eucharistic Adoration takes 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.

**St Paul's Sunday Missals** - 2025 Missals are available in the Parish  
Church. Parish Readers - please call to Sacristy for your copy.

**Table Quiz** in aid of Special Olympics on Thursday 23rd January in  
Annebrook Hotel Mullingar at 8.30pm table of 4 €40. Support greatly  
appreciated. Fear an Ti Pádraig Flynn

**Edgeworthstown Library:** Book Club, new members welcome. Tues  
28<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 5.30pm - 6.30pm; Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan @ 11.00am. St Bridget Cross  
Making Workshop at 11.00am - 12.00pm. Tea/Coffee served. No booking  
required. New Year, New Books!!! Please check the books that have  
arrived into Edgeworthstown Library this January. All bookings can  
be made on 043 3343335 or to: [edgeworthstownlibrary@longfordcoco.ie](mailto:edgeworthstownlibrary@longfordcoco.ie) /  
[www.longfordlibrary.ie/events](http://www.longfordlibrary.ie/events) or by popping into the library.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Mary Reynolds.

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** Aishling O'Reilly.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Diane Spillane.

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** John Cahill, Kathleen Dowler.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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