

Parish of St. Mary's

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Third Sunday - 26th Jan 2025

This Weekend Jan 25th / Jan 26th

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

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

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

Wed 29th Jan People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Feb 1st / Feb 2nd

7.00 p.m. 1. Paddy Kelly (Month's Mind).
2. Ciara Conefrey (7th Anniv.)

11.00 a.m. 1. Ciaran Duffy and deceased members of the Duffy family, Rhennyeny & Monadara.
2. Michael Greene, Devine Crescent and deceased members of the Greene family, St. Patrick Terrace, and Terry Ellis.

Offertory Collection: Sat 18th / Sun 19th - €1,230 - sincere thanks.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed

Aodhla Matilda Mitchell, Tarmonbarry and Siofra Elizabeth Noonan, Aughafin into our Christian community recently.



Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon the nation had to be rebuilt. To Ezra fell the task of re-establishing the Jewish religion. Here he reads the book of the law of Moses to the people.

Second Reading - The human body is one though made up of many parts. So it is with the Church. Though it is composed of different members, coming from different backgrounds and endowed with different gifts, it forms a unity in Christ.

Gospel - In the synagogue in his native village of Nazareth Jesus makes the astonishing announcement that in him the great prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled. He is the long-awaited Saviour of the poor and the oppressed.

Sunday Reflection - Today until the end of the Liturgical year, we hear the Gospel of Luke being read. He presents Jesus as one who has a particular concern for the poor, the sick, the weak, the suffering, those in any kind of need and those on the margins of society.

Quotations:

"I've experienced His presence in the deepest hell that man can create. ...I have tested the promises of the Bible, and believe me, you can count on them". - Corrie ten Boom INTERCOM)

"In his life Christ is an example, showing us how to live;
In his death he is a sacrifice, satisfying for our sins;
In his resurrection, a conqueror;
In his ascension, a king;
In his intercession, a high priest".

- Martin Luther

The branches of growing trees not only reach higher, but their roots grow deeper. It's impossible for a strong tree to have high branches without having deep roots. It would become top-heavy and topple over in the wind. 'The same is true with Christians. It's impossible for us to grow in the Lord without entwining our roots around His Word and deepening or life in His commands.'

- Joni Eraeckson Tada (INTERCOM)

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. The scene in the synagogue marks the launch of the public ministry of Jesus in Luke. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?

2. His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have you been, or are you, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you

3. The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. It is also being fulfilled even as we hear it **NOW**. If this does not resonate with you right now, when has the gospel given you an experience of liberation?

4. This is the Sunday of the Word of God, the word that gives life. The written word of God is not always easy to understand. What has helped you to be more at home with the Bible so that you could find in it encouragement, hope, inspiration, meaning and purpose in life?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Feasts this week:

Fri Jan 31st - St John Bosco - founder of Salesian Order.

Sat Feb 1st - St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland.

St Brigid was renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born in 454 and founded a monastery in Kildare. She died in 524. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Eucharistic Adoration - Sat mornings from 10.00 to 11.00. All are welcome to partake in this devotional prayer to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

On behalf of St. Mary Conference - St. Vincent de Paul: We would like to thank you for your kind donations at our annual collection. Without your kindness we would be unable to help as many as we have. We thank you very much for your generosity.

Edgeworthstown Library: Book Club, new members welcome. Tues 28th Jan @ 5.30pm - 6.30pm; Fri 31st 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 / www.longfordlibrary.ie/events or by popping into the library.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Noreen Grant.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - FEBRUARY

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

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Mathew Family.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -