

Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim



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Fifth Sunday - 9th Feb 2025

This Weekend Feb 8th / Feb 9th

7.00 p.m. Private Intention.

- 11.00 a.m. 1. Mary Rooney, Ballymahon Road.
2. Liz Hughes (4th Anniv.).
3. Deceased members of the Mulhare and Hughes families.

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

Wed 12th Feb People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Feb 15th / Feb 16th

- 7.00 p.m. 1. Joseph Banks.
2. Evelyn Barron.
- 11.00 a.m. 1. Brian Greene (Anniv) & Connie O'Ferrall (Month's Mind).
2. Pat & Kay Quinn (Anniv.)

Offertory Collection: Sat 1st / Sun 2nd - €1,230 - sincere thanks.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed

Nadia Chmurzynska, Auburn Park and Patrick Anthony Stokes, Mostrim Oaks into our Christian community recently.



Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - When Isaiah was called by God to be a prophet his first reaction was to declare his unworthiness. But then, cleansed of his sins, he responded at once to God's Call.

Second Reading - Paul energetically defends the doctrine of Christ's resurrection from the dead. At the same time he insists that he is the least of all the apostles.

Gospel - This relates the miraculous catch of fish and the call of Peter to share in the work of Christ.

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

1. Jesus invites Peter to put out the net again and Peter does so though he thinks it pointless. When have you felt it was pointless to stick with a task, but did so nonetheless and been surprised by results? We never know when our efforts are going to bear fruit.
2. 'Push out into the deep' The invitation is to go out into unfamiliar waters, where we are not sure what will happen, where we feel uneasy, and our safety is not assured. When have you responded positively to that kind of an invitation and got positive results you did not expect?
3. The story gives us a glimpse of what prepared the disciples to follow Jesus. They were helped by the compassion and concern of Jesus (cured Peter's mother-in-law); attracted by his work and teaching; and witnessed the power of God at work through him. This led then to 'leave everything and follow him'. Who, or what, influenced you in making key decisions in your life?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Instead of running after superficial satisfactions and playing a role for the benefit of others, we would do better to think about the really important questions in life. Who am I, really? What am I looking for? What direction do I want to give to my life, my decisions and my actions? Why and for what purpose am I in this world? How do I want to look back on my life once it ends? What meaning do I want to give to all my experiences? Who do I want to be for others? Who am I for God? All these questions lead us back to the heart.

- Pope Francis, *Dilexit Nos* (INTERCOM)

Prayer for Spring

*God of love, you enter in to our spring seasons,
into our deepest places of inner dwelling,
into the heart of our transformation.*

You give us glimpses of the truth.

*May we allow our experience of spring to speak
to us of necessary change and growth.*

*Grant us an openness to the continuous process
of letting go and moving on that is a part
of the human condition.*

*We are grateful that you are our faithful companion
on this journey. Amen. - Attributed to Rev Dan McDonald SJ*

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.

Action

*Nothing would be done at all
if a man waited till
he could do it so well*

that no one could find fault with it - Cardinal John Henry Newman

Choices

"We who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of human freedoms - to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

- Victor Frankl

Church - "The Church is not made up of people who are better than the rest, but of people who want to become better than they are." - Anon

Thought for the Day - The story gives us a glimpse of what prepared the disciples to follow Jesus. They were helped by the compassion and concern of Jesus (cured Peter's mother-in-law); attracted by his work and teaching; and witnessed the power of God at work through him. This led then to 'leave everything and follow him'. Who, or what, influenced you in making key decisions in your life? Who was Jesus for you in those situations? -INTERCOM

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.

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.: Seena Mathew.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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