

Parish of St. Mary's

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Sixth Sunday - 16th Feb 2025

This Weekend Feb 15th / 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.)

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

Wed 19th Feb People of the Parish.

Sat 22nd Feb Sr. Pius Dooley (1st Anniv.).

Next Weekend: Feb 22nd / Feb 23rd

7.00 p.m. Sean Cullen, Lisa Cullen & baby Ellen Cullen.

11.00 a.m. Brigid Victory (1st Anniv.)

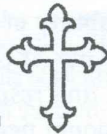
Offertory Collection: Sat 8th / Sun 9th - €1,095 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for

Bridget Ross, Cloncaugh, and for

Ned Flood, St Patrick's Terrace who died recently.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.



• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on the disciples' before speaking. It suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognized the truth in what St. Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'

2. 'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?

3. Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, - and they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

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.

- Fr Tom Healy -

• Thought for the Day •

In this age of artificial intelligence, we cannot forget that poetry and love are necessary to save our humanity. No algorithm will ever be able to capture, for example, the nostalgia that all of us feel, whatever our age, and wherever we live, when we recall how we first used a fork to seal the edges of the pies that we helped our mothers or grandmothers to make at home. All these little things, ordinary in themselves yet extraordinary for us, can never be captured by algorithms. The fork, the joke, the window, the ball, the shoebox, the book, the bird, the flower: all of these live on as precious memories 'kept' deep in our heart. - Pope Francis,

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - The life of those who trust in man is as precarious as that of a shrub growing in the desert. Whereas the life of those who trust in God is as sure as that of a tree growing by the waterside.

Second Reading - The resurrection of Christ is the foundation on which our faith and hope rest.

Gospel - This contains Luke's version of the Beatitudes. (Whereas Matthew has nine beatitudes, Luke has only four, with however four corresponding 'woes').

The Beatitudes

There was once a man who had no bread
Couldn't buy a hat for his bald old head.

His eyes would sting and he'd start to cry
For others who were cold or hurting inside.

He thought everyone had a talent to share
so he never once stuck his nose in the air.

He was never too busy to pray

He hungered for God and read his Bible each day.

When somebody wronged him, he quickly forgave

Nodding his chin, he'd say "that's ok".

The more he prayed the more he understood

And the Lord kept filling his heart with good

He prayed that war and hatred would cease

Bowing from the waist was his way to make peace

Some people kicked him because he loved good

He knew they could change of the only understood

There was once a man who had no hat

But he would smile. He knew God. That was that.

Pope Francis:

"The Beatitudes define the identity of the disciple of Jesus".

"The Beatitudes always bring joy".

"Everyone can be a saint by following the Beatitudes".

You choose - One beautiful Sunday morning, the pastor announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour. "Now, we'll take the collection and see which one you have chosen."

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Glen Afterschool wish to say thank you for your contributions to their recent Church Gate collection.

Mostrim Players fundraiser "The Secret Singer" takes place on Sun 16th Mar in St. Mary's Community Centre at 8pm. This brilliant show will showcase our wonderful Singers, Dancers, Characters and community spirit. €20 per entry ticket, €5 per vote. Come along and support our fundraiser. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

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