

Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim

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Seventh Sunday - 23rd February 2025

This Weekend Feb 22nd / 23rd

7.00 p.m. 1. Sean, Lisa and baby Ellen Cullen.
2. Elizabeth Kelleher, Cullyvore (16th Anniv.)

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

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

Wed 26th Feb People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Mar 1st / Feb 2nd

7.00 p.m. John Kenny.

11.00 a.m. 1. Lisa Moran (4th Anniv.)
2. Catherine (Kitty) Murray (Months Mind).

Offertory Collection: Sat 15th / Sun 16th - €1,430 - sincere thanks.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - Saul, jealous of the young David, pursues him seeking to kill him. David gets an opportunity to kill Saul but he will not do so because he believes it would not be right before God.

Second Reading - Here we are dealing with the parallel between Adam and Christ. To Adam we owe the life of earth. To Christ we owe the life of heaven.

Gospel - Instead of seeking revenge on one's enemy this Gospel urges us to show forgiveness and compassion towards all.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. Our natural tendency when attacked is self-protection and when we are attacked, we attack back. We respond to an angry word with another or to a blow by hitting back. Here Jesus suggests that at times there may be another way to act. What has been your experience of retaliation? Has it been life-giving? Have you experienced another way of acting?

2. When we do good to another, it can sometimes be in return for what we have received. At other times it can be done in the hope of getting something back. Or we may do it simply for the sake of doing good without any strings attached. Jesus suggests that this is when we are at our best. Recall your experience of these different ways of giving and celebrate the occasions when you gave without expectation of return.

3. Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model of our generosity. Jesus himself, in work and deed, witnessed to that kind of generosity even when he met with ingratitude or opposition. It cost him his life because the mighty of the world would not tolerate it. Yet he was sustained by his belief that he was doing the Father's will. What convictions support you in your efforts to show compassion to others? - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Sunday Reflection - At the beginning of each Mass we are invited to remember our sin before the priest asks God to forgive us. Sin has been described as a positive concept because it involves our being aware of our estrangement from God and a desire to do something about it.

• Thought for the Day •

Whenever a person thinks, questions and reflects on his or her true identity, strives to understand the deeper questions of life and to seek God, or experiences the thrill of catching a glimpse of truth, it leads to the realization that our fulfilment as human beings is found in love. In loving, we sense that we come to know the purpose and goal of our existence in this world. Everything comes together in a state of coherence and harmony. It follows that, in contemplating the meaning of our lives, perhaps the most decisive question we can ask, 'Do I have a heart?' - Pope Francis, **Prayer for Pope Francis** - We thank you for the loving service of Pope Francis and the hope he has inspired in so many in your great mercy. Have mercy on him in his illness now, we pray, and guide the medical staff in his care. Grant him peace and healing. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope Francis - "We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God."

A Prayer for my Family - Heavenly Father, I come to you today and ask for your guidance so that my family and I can navigate through the difficult times that we have faced. Help us to always remember that we love each other and that when we are together, we can manage to make it through everything. Please always keep us safe and protected. Amen.

Parish Facebook Page - A new Parish Facebook page has just been created. It is accessible at Mostrim Parish on Facebook. It is hoped that this will help people to stay up to date with all parish activities into the future.



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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Ardagh and Clonmacnois Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025, led by Bishop Paul Connell, is open for booking now. May 30th - June 4th; From €969. For more details contact Joe Walsh Tours at 01-2410800 or email



Pilgrims who would like to travel with the **Special Assisted Section** should apply to Margaret McDonald Tel: 086 3918577.

Nursing Staff for the Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Those interested in joining as a Nursing staff member for the Diocesan Pilgrimage, are asked to Pilgrimage Matron Margaret McDonald Tel: 086 3918577.

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.

Cookery Demonstration - Award Winning Celebrity Chef Gary O'Hanlon is giving a much anticipated Cookery Demonstration in Abbeylara Parish Centre on Thurs 6th Mar at 7pm. Proceeds towards Abbeylara Tidy Towns and much needed work on the Cistercian Abbey, a heritage landmark. Tickets €20. Light refreshments, raffle and programme on the night. For information/ tickets see Abbeylara Tidy Towns Facebook page or call: Siobhán 086 816 5452, Miriam 087 160 5678, Catherine: 086 302 0583.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate Crossan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Margaret Kelly, Angela Kelly.

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

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -