

# Parish of St. Mary's

## Mostrim



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### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on six class pupils from St Mays' National School on Sat next March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11.00 a.m. by Bishop Paul Connell.

We welcome Bishop Paul to our parish and we pray that God's Holy Spirit will guide, inspire and encourage the young girls and boys to be faithful followers of Jesus throughout their lives. Many thanks to the teachers and all at St May's for their constant support.

### Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty and Eternal God, you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you. Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading** - Through three picturesque comparisons, the reading makes one point: that a person reveals in his speech the kind of person he or she is.

**Second Reading** - If we persevere in doing the Lord's work, we need not fear death. When we die we will share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

**Gospel** - As Christians we should of course be concerned about others. However we cannot guide another person unless we see the way clearly ourselves.

**Tax Forms** - Thank you to all who have submitted Tax Forms. Each form can bring a financial gain for our parish. We would be pleased to receive any outstanding forms soon.

**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.



**Parish Website:** [www.edgeworthstownparish@gmail.com](http://www.edgeworthstownparish@gmail.com)

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Ardagh and Clonmacnois Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025, led by Bishop Paul Connell, is open for booking now. May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup>; From €969. For more details contact Joe Walsh Tours at 01-2410800 or email [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie) 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.

**Quit smoking for Lent** - "We Can Quit" HSE programme takes place in the Temperance Hall on Tues, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00pm, a FREE programme with access to **FREE nicotine replacement products**. Contact Community facilitators Enda and Geraldine for further information: 087 3461927 or contact EDI Centre 043 3347515.

### 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.:** Gerard Haughey, Angela Kelly.

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

*Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.*

### WEBCAM

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- Fr Tom Healy -

<b>This Weekend</b>	<b>Mar 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
7.00 p.m.	John Kenny.
11.00 a.m.	1. Lisa Moran (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv). 2. Catherine (Kitty) Murray (Months Mind). 3. Anthony Garvey (Anniv).
<b>Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor</b>	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	People of the Parish.
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Sr Rosario Deery (Anniv)
<b>Next Weekend:</b>	<b>Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> / Feb 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
7.00 p.m.	John Kenny.
11.00 a.m.	1. Lisa Moran (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv). 2. Catherine (Kitty) Murray (Months Mind).

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

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed Mar 5<sup>th</sup> - Masses @ 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Lent is a period of forty-six days that commemorates the time Jesus spent in the desert prior to beginning his public ministry as Messiah. As described in the gospel readings according to Matthew, Mark and Luke, following his baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert, where he fasted for forty days and was subject to temptation.



To honour this sacrifice and conquest over temptation, we set aside the season of Lent to refocus on Jesus as we look ahead to his death on the Cross and rejoice over his miraculous return.

**What Do We Do during Lent?** - Lent is a time when we can carry out a three-fold mission, with the key pillars being fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Certainly, these components are not new within our Catholic teachings nor are they reserved only for Lent, as we are encouraged to practice them regularly throughout the year. However, a special and renewed focus on each of them during Lent can foster growth and appreciation within our collective faith and respective spiritual journeys.

### LENT

Lent is a time to learn to travel light, to clear the clutter from our crowded lives and find a space, a Desert.

Deserts are bleak: no creature comforts, only a vast expanse of Stillness, sharpening awareness of Ourselves and God.