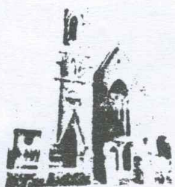


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First Sunday of Lent - 9th March 2025

This Weekend Mar 8th / Mar 9th

7.00 p.m. Martin Kelly (30th Anniv.)

11.00 a.m. 1. Michael Kenny, Lacken (13th Anniv.)

2. Bridget Ross (Month's Mind).

3. Thomas Leonard (Month's Mind).

4. Bill Mulryan (1st Anniv.)

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

Wed 12th Mar People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Mar 15th / Mar 16th

7.00 p.m. Mary Eivers (1st Anniv.).

11.00 a.m. Tom Reynolds (1st Anniv.).

St Patrick's Day @ 11.00 a.m.

Ann and Patrick Gallagher, Garryandrew
(Anniv.)

Offertory Collection: Sat 1st Mar / Sun 2nd Mar - €1,285 - sincere thanks.

St Patrick's Day - Mass @ 11.00 a.m. in St Mary's Parish Church.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Seamus Canning, Devine Crescent who died recently.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Requiescet in pace.



SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the young girls and boys of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. We wish you well for the future and hope that you will always trust in the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide and influence you in all of the years ahead. Thank you to the teachers at St Mary's School for all of their commitment in preparing the young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

"Come Holy Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth"

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - This describes the ceremony of the offering to God of the first fruits. Through it the people recognize all that God has done for them especially in the Exodus. Our worship of God is also a recognition of his favours to us.

Second Reading - The core of the Christian *credo* is that Jesus is the risen Saviour. If anyone, Jew or Gentile, can say that and live by it, he or she will be saved.

Gospel - Jesus was tempted like we are but he did not sin. Through his grace we too can resist temptation and overcome sin.

Sunday Reflection - Lent is the springtime of the Church's year. The word itself probably comes from the Old English *lencten*, which refers to the lengthening of the daytime hours. Spring is a good image of what this season means: new life, hope, joy in the gifts of God that surround us.

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.

- Fr Tom Healy -

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings, for letting our eyes be opened to the frequent injustices which stand in direct opposition to the dream and the plan of God. It is a time to unmask three great temptations that wear down and fracture the image which God wanted to form in us: There are three temptations of Christ... three temptations for the Christian, which seek to destroy what we have been called to be; three temptations which try to corrode us and tear us down.

First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all, and using them only for 'my own people.' That is, taking 'bread' based on the toil of others, or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth which tastes of pain, bitterness and suffering. That is the bread that a corrupt family or society gives its own children.

The second temptation, vanity: the pursuit of prestige based on continuous, relentless exclusion of those who 'are not like me.' The futile chasing of those five minutes of fame which do not forgive the 'reputation' of others. 'Making firewood from a felled tree' gradually gives way to the third temptation, the worst. It is that of pride, or rather, putting oneself on a higher level than one truly is on, feeling that one does not share the life of 'mere mortals', and yet being one who prays every day: 'I thank you Lord that you have not made me like those others...'

The three temptations of Christ... Three temptations which the Christian is faced with daily. Three temptations which seek to corrode, destroy and extinguish the joy and freshness of the Gospel. Three temptations which lock us into a cycle of destruction and sin.

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

• Thought for the Day •

Fasts and Feasts for Lent

Fast from judging others. Feast on Christ living in them

Fast from Darkness. Feast on the reality of light

Fast from anger. Feast on patience

Fast from bitterness. Feast on forgiveness

Fast from emphasis on difference. Feast on the unity of life.

Fast from thoughts of sickness. Feast on the healing hand of God.

Fast from worry. Feast on the providence of God.

Fast from pessimism. Feast on optimism

Fast from negatives. Feast on the affirmation.

Fast from complaining. Feast on appreciation.

- INTERCOM

TROCAIRE 2025 - In this Jubilee year of hope, let us bring hope and action to climate justice. May our God, who can move mountains, move all our hearts and minds this Lent to take action for climate.

EDGEWORTHSTOWN PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - a new diocesan handbook for Pastoral Councils defines a Pastoral Council as "a faith filled consultative leadership group where priests and people work together as co-responsible partners." If you wish to raise any matters with our Pastoral Council please telephone 087 - 6189868.

MOSTRIM MEN'S SHED are holding a table quiz in The Sportsman Inn on Friday 14th March at 9pm. Tables of 4 are €40. Refreshments served. All proceeds go to Mostrim Men's Shed.

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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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.

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