

# Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim

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Third Sunday of Lent - 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2025  
MARELI

This Weekend

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> / Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>

7.00 p.m.

1. Seamus & Anna May Hannon, Margaret Brady & Pat Molihan.
2. Paddy McLoughlin, Kilsallagh.
3. John Coyle, Corclaragh.

11.00 a.m.

1. Michael Murphy, Mary Alice Murphy and Margaret Murphy, Curry.
2. Ann Sheridan, Lisnagrish, (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv).
3. Ned Flood (Month's Mind).
4. Jim, Elizabeth & Anna Hagan, Lisnore/Cullogue.

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

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Mar People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Mar 29<sup>th</sup> / Mar 30<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m.

1. John Gaynor (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.).
2. William & Bridget Kelly, Lisnageeragh, and deceased family members of O'Toole, Kelly and Donegan families.

11.00 a.m. Austin Reilly (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.).

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Mar / Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Mar - €1,150 - sincere thanks.

**BAPTISMS** - We welcomed Lily Mae Irvine, Marian Avenue into our Christian community recently.



**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading** -

God has seen the miserable state of his people in Egypt. He takes pity on them and decides to free them through the leadership of Moses. It shows God's concern for those who are oppressed.

**Second Reading** - Though all the people of Israel were led out of Egypt and enjoyed God's protection in the desert, yet because of their infidelity most of them perished there. There is a great lesson and a warning in this for us Christians.

**Gospel** - Jesus says that the misfortunes which befall people are no indication that they are sinners. Yet, to his Jewish hearers, he stresses the necessity of repentance and tells them that time is running out.

**Sunday Reflection** - In an age when so many are hungry while there is so much surplus food around, fasting can be looked at cynically. It has a special connection with Lent. It has something to recommend it still. Maybe the money spared could be given to someone in need. To experience hunger is to be aware of something which is shared by many today.

**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.

- Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel  
1. God's Mercy is unfathomable to humankind. We have no markers, no boundaries for understanding the greatness of his love for us, the lengths he goes to forgive us. He even makes excuses for our sins as he did from the cross: 'Forgive them, Lord, for they know not what they do.'

2. The parable that Jesus spoke at the end of today's Gospel is a window into the love that Jesus has for us. Jesus does not like to punish in the way that humans often like to punish. Our need to punish others is a gut reaction from deep within us, and we find it very difficult to play down this need. It is often much harder to forgive than to condemn. And the need to condemn spreads like wildfire through humanity catching from one person, one nation, one culture to the next.

3. Jesus' was a different way, a way that requires more discipline, more Love for a neighbour, more empathy. Jesus was bursting with embassy of love and he still gives us unfathomable mercies now, through the Sacraments, through prayer, through our meeting him I our fellow humans. After all: 'Whatever you do to the least of my sisters and brothers, you do unto me.'

4. If we were the tree at the close of today's Gospel, then what would the owner of the vineyard say to us? May we use this Lenten season to become worthy trees in the vineyard of the Lord, to bear abundant fruit, and to praise with our very existence the beauty of all creation. - INTERCOM

### • Thought for the Day •

At Lent, we should try the key to our heart's door, it may have gathered rust. If so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart's door May open more easily When the Lord Jesus Wants to enter at Easter time! Lord, oil the hinges of our heart's door That they may swing gently and easily To welcome your coming. - INTERCOM

**Pope Francis** - "You cannot be in a position of power and destroy the life of another person."

### 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. - Ann Lewin

### Joy

Joy shows from the eyes, it appears when one speaks and walks. It cannot be kept closed inside us. It reacts outside. When people find in your eyes that habitual happiness, they will understand that they are the beloved children of God. - Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

**TROCAIRE 2025** - Loving God, we pray that individuals, communities and policymakers can work together to build a just world where all people have access to their basic needs, such as food, water and education.

**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.

**Joe Callaghan CCE** - Beginner Set Dancing Classes - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025; The Green, Edgeworthstown; 8.15 till 10.00; Tutor: Shane Ryan; €5 per session. Everyone welcome.

### 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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- Fr Tom Healy -