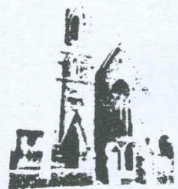


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Fourth Sunday of Lent - 30th March 2025

This Weekend **Mar 29th / Mar 30th**

7.00 p.m. 1. John Gaynor (3rd Anniv).

2. William and Bridget Kelly, Lisnageeragh, and deceased members of the O'Toole, Kelly and Donegan families.

11.00 a.m. Austin Reilly (5th Anniv).

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

Wed 2nd April People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: April 5th / April 6th

7.00 p.m. 1. Sean and Kathleen Logan and deceased family members.

2. Tommy, Maura and Sean Doyle and deceased of the Brady & Donnell families, Cam.

3. Tony, Maureen & Harry Devine.

11.00 a.m. 1. Seamus Canning (Month's Mind).

2. Claire Reilly and her parents Bernard and Sheila McGuinness.

3. Mrs Philomena Donoghue (Mrs D).

4. Noel McGlynn.

Offertory Collection: St Patrick's Day and Sat 22nd Mar / Sun 23rd Mar - €1,970 - sincere thanks.

FIRST FRIDAY: Fri Apr 4th - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - The Holy Hour which takes place in the parish on Sat mornings will move to Our Lady's Manor from Sat April 5th. The Holy Hour will take place from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. All are welcome.



ANointing OF THE SICK - Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Wed 2nd April during 11.00 a.m. Mass.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - The Israelites, free at last from the humiliation they suffered in Egypt, enter the land of promise. Possession of the land becomes a reality when they eat of the produce of Canaan.

Second Reading - The whole aim of Christ's mission was to bring about a reconciliation between God and humanity. It is the task of the Church to bring the benefits won by Christ to all people.

Gospel - This contains Christ's immortal parable - prodigal son.

Sunday Reflection - Sometimes the joy of the Lenten season may become obscured by the passion and death of Jesus but today's liturgy, from its very first word, reminds us once again that we are in a season of joy. Our celebration of Lent is from a post-Easter point of view. Even in these days of the impending shadow of the cross, Christ has risen. The Father has vindicated him.

- Fr Tom Healy -

• Mother's Day Prayer •

Lord, bless all mothers today and every day. Grant them strength, patience, and overflowing joy in their roles as caregivers. Father, we lift up all mothers, including the remarkable grandmothers among us. We celebrate their wisdom, their strength, and the unconditional love they pour into our lives.

"God couldn't be everywhere therefore he made mothers" - Rudyard Kipling.

"When you are looking at your mother, you are looking at the purest love you will ever know." - Charley Benetto.

"Mother: the most beautiful word on the lips of mankind." - Kahlil Gibran.

TROCAIRE 2025 - We pray for mothers and all who are in a mothering role. We remember especially mothers living in situations of war, conflict and climate change. May God give them the strength they need to support and guide their families through difficult times.

"In the face of men and women I see God" - Walt Whitman.

"To love another person is to touch the face of God" - Les Miserables.

"The human person is the clearest reflection of God among us" - Catholic Social Teaching.

Father, God of love, in the faces of those people you have placed into my life, I ask that I may grow as the loving person you call me to be. Amen

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

The two clear lessons from today's Gospel are:

I can be absolutely sure of God's mercy and forgiveness, provided I turn back to him in true sorrow.

I need to have the same attitude of compassion with people who offend me. I must be ready to forgive and be reconciled. I cannot refuse to love someone that God loves.

There are three people in this story and we can identify with all of them:

The son who went far from his Father and followed his own way into the most degrading behaviour.

The son who thought he was good and observant, but deep down, did not have the mind of his father at all. He kept the commandments and all the rules but did not have a forgiving heart.

The Father whose love never changes no matter what his children do and is ready to accept them without exception.

Which of these three most represents me? Which one would I want to be like? Many say they identify with the elder son, which of course is the point of the story. They who are the real sinners are those who shut their hearts against God's compassionate love.

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

MS Longford - Church gate collection on April 5th / 6th. All funds collected are distributed locally. Thank you.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - APRIL

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sinead O'Ferrall.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Betty Mulhare.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - APRIL

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerard Haughey, Gerard Greene.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ita O'Farrell, Emma O'Reilly.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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