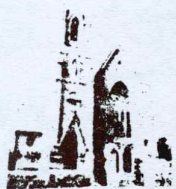


# Parish of St. Mary's

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*Fifth Sunday of Lent - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025*

### Weekend

7.00 p.m.

### April 5<sup>th</sup> / April 6<sup>th</sup>

1. Sean and Kathleen Logan and deceased family members.

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

3. Tony, Maureen and 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.

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

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> April People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: **April 12<sup>th</sup> / April 13<sup>th</sup>**

7.00 p.m.

Donal Drake (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

James, Teresa and Nora McLoughlin - Granard Street, Louise Hanley and John Sherwood.

11.00 a.m.

1. Ann Cahill (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Bridie and Frank Cahill (Anniv.).

2. James Kelly (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) and Bridie Kelly (27<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Mar / Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Mar - €1,120 - sincere thanks.

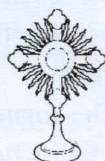
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. All are welcome.

**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading** - This was addressed to the Jews exiled in Babylon. It assures them that there will be a new Exodus. Its message of hope should inspire us also.

**Second Reading** - Frequently we see holiness as something that we can achieve by our own efforts. Instead we should try to see it as something that comes through faith in Christ and in the power of his resurrection.

**Gospel** - This relates the incident concerning the woman caught in adultery, and how Jesus told her accusers that they should look to their own sins before condemning her.

**Sunday Reflection** - The giving of alms is the third activity associated particularly with Lent. From the earliest times when Christians came together to celebrate the eucharist they were aware of those in their community who had little or nothing. They wished to do something about this. Sometimes it took the form of bringing a gift which was distributed to those in need. Or as time went on, they contributed money to a fund for those in want. By doing this they were expressing the truth that we are part of the same family.



These words of Jesus are spoken all the time: 'I do not condemn you'. In prayer we often feel condemned for our past, or just for whatever in ourselves makes us feel shame. We condemn ourselves for meanness in the past, for our use of people for our own ends. We may also condemn ourselves for feelings we have or aspects of our personalities of which we feel ashamed. We can do nothing better than come before the Lord in shame and sin, and allow the words of mercy, 'I do not condemn you' fill the shame, the guilt which makes our hearts and souls so empty.

Jesus is the one who never condemns, even when we are most condemnatory of ourselves. The look of Jesus to this condemned woman saved her - the look of divine and everlasting love. In prayer we can bring all the shame and guilt of our lives to this story of forgiveness and hear words spoken to each of us - 'I do not condemn you.'

As the people reflected on their lives and realised their need for forgiveness, they turned and went away. As I reflect on my life and consider my need to draw closer to Jesus, who loves me.

I hear the words of Jesus speaking to me - not condemning me, but giving me a new mission and a new vision of myself. - INTERCOM

### • Thought for the Day •

Jesus never wants evil. He only wants what is good and life-giving. Therefore, in his great mercy, he instituted the sacrament of Reconciliation so that no one will be lost, so that we can all find the forgiveness we need, no matter how great our mistakes have been. As Pope Francis said: 'Let us not forget this: God never tires of forgiving us! The problem is that we ourselves get tired, we do not want to ask, we grow weary of asking for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving, but at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness. Let's never get tired! And let us too learn to be merciful to everyone. - INTERCOM

**God's presence** - The light of God surrounds me, the love of God enfolds me, the power of God protects me, the presence of God watches over me, wherever I am, God is.

**TROCAIRE LENT 2025** - Let us pray for all people who are looking for a new direction. Lord, may your Spirit guide us to always seek justice and create change in the world.

**AUTISM ACCEPTANCE** - Fundraiser for Suaimhneas Mhuire, St Mary's NS, Edgeworthstown on Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> April @ 1.30 p.m. - 2.50 p.m. in the school hall. Raffle on the day.

**Abbeylara Parish Centre** - Artisan Food and Craft Fair - Sun Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 12.30-3.30pm. A great family day out. Food and crafts stalls galore. Delicious food and drinks, handmade crafts and live music. For the little ones our Kids' Zone will be packed with fun activities including face painting / Easter Arts and Crafts. Free admission. All welcome. Eircode N39FP77.

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**St. Pio Relics** to visit Holycross Abbey (E41PH01): Sat 24<sup>th</sup>/Sun 25<sup>th</sup> May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Sat and 9am to 8pm on Sun (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sun from 1.30pm). All welcome. Contact 0504-43124 or [hbparrishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hbparrishoffice@gmail.com).

### 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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