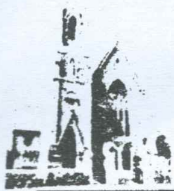


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Fourth Sunday of Easter - 11th May 2025

Weekend	May 10th / May 11th
7.00 p.m.	Anna Farrell (17 th Anniv).
11.00 p.m.	Private Intention.
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Tues 13th May	People of the Parish.
Wed 14th May	Patrick Keary and deceased members of the Keary Family.
Next Weekend:	May 17th / May 18th
7.00 p.m.	Anne, Lily and Joe Glennon and James Shine.
11.00 a.m.	Betty Scott (Month's Mind).

Offertory Collection: Sat 3rd May / Sun 4th May - €1,065 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Mary McKeon, Corboy who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed Páidí Thomas Monaghan, Cranley into our Christian community recently.



Habemus Papam

We thank God for the gift of our new Pope - Leo 14th. May God's Holy Spirit guide and bless Pope Leo in his onerous task of leading the Catholic Church in our times. We ask God to inspire him as he leads us to come to know and place our trust in our loving God who has created us and constantly calls us to walk in his light.

Let us pray for Leo our Pope.

May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant ..., whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - Everywhere they go, Paul and Barnabas preach the Gospel first of all to the Jews, but when the Jews reject it they turn to the gentiles who receive it with gratitude and joy.

Second Reading - This contains a vision of those who will come triumphantly through times of great tribulation and persecution. They will owe their victory to the care of Christ, the Good Shepherd.

Gospel - Christ is the true Shepherd, and no one will snatch from his care the sheep that the Father has given him.

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- Fr Tom Healy -

God our Father,
You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.
We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to Priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will.
Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. - Pope Francis

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

To fully understand today's short Gospel (Jn. 10:27-30) it's important to know how sheep were raised in olden times in the Middle East. They were raised mainly for the wool they produced and had therefore the prospect of a longer life-span than sheep in Europe. The shepherd got to know his sheep roaming on the open terrain. So intimate was the relationship of shepherd and flock that they would recognise the voice of the shepherd calling them by name. Those who keep pet sheep know all about this. When Jesus claimed a similar relationship with those who believed in him, his listeners had experience of what he meant.

The essence of the Christian life is to become attuned to Jesus' voice, gently drawing us towards becoming loving persons. We are aware that today there's the Evil One also tugging at our heart strings with a view to making us selfish, self-centred and less loving. Today's Gospel reading urges us to distinguish between these two discordant voices - the more we choose to listen to the voice of our Shepherd, the gift of eternal life will never be stolen from us.

Reflection

I asked God for strength that I might achieve
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for help that I might do greater things
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy
I was given poverty that I might be wise
I asked for all things that I might be enjoy life
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I was given nothing that I asked for
But everything that I had hoped for.
Despite myself, my prayers were answered
I am among all men most richly blessed.

Ballymahon Town Twinning along with Landevant Twinning from Brittany France have an open-air Céilí in Skelly's courtyard on Sun 18th next, featuring the Glenside Céilí Band and traditional Breton and Irish dancing at 3:30pm. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

MERCY BALLYMAHON REUNION DAY - We are delighted to invite past students to a truly special occasion as Mercy Ballymahon celebrates 100 years of education, community, and shared memories. As part of our centenary celebrations, we're hosting a Past Pupil Reunion Day on Saturday, May 17th, from 1:00pm to 4:00 p.m. We warmly welcome past students to come back, reconnect with old classmates, and enjoy a walk through both our historic and current school grounds.

40th All Ireland Rosary Rally Sat June 7th Knock Shrine. Bus Organized by Margaret McEntee and Anna McKeon for the following departure times. Contact by text or WhatsApp to Anna McKeon at 087-270-2785: Departure times: 8:00 a.m.: Edgeworthstown Church Large crowd expected so packed lunch is advised.

Wedding Jubilees - Edgeworthstown Parish Pastoral Council wishes to honour those who are celebrating milestone jubilees of their marriages in 2025. We hope to invite jubilarians for a presentation at evening Mass on Sat Jun 14th next. If you are celebrating 25, 50, 55 or 60 years of marriage, please let us know so that we can include you in the celebration. Contact details: Parochial House 043 66 71046 or edgeworthstownparish@gmail.com.

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.

Glen After School are having their Annual clothes collection on May 15th - clothes to be dropped off by 10am. Please support

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - MAY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Edel Coyle. **Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** Kate O'Donohue.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - MAY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane, Maura Coyle.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.