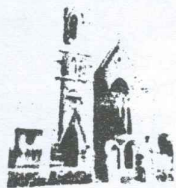


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Fifth Sunday of Easter - 18th May 2025

Weekend	May 17 th / May 18 th
7.00 p.m.	Anne, Lily and Joe Glennon and James Shine.
11.00 p.m.	Betty Scott (Month's Mind).
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Next Weekend: May 24th / May 25th	
7.00 p.m.	Rose Conefrey (Month's Mind).
11.00 a.m.	No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sat 10th May / Sun 11th May - €1,200 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Thomas (Tommy) O'Reilly, Cranley and Sligo who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed Iarlaith Alan Donnelly, Abhainn Glás; and Ronan and Hannah Malone, USA into our Christian community recently.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Congratulation to the boys and girls from second class in St Mary's National School who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray that they will always appreciate the gift of the Eucharist and walk close to the Lord all the days of their lives.

CEMETERY SUNDAY - Cemetery Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Aughagin Cemetery @ 1.00 p.m. on Sun July 6th next.

DIOCESAN RETREAT - The annual Priest's Retreat takes place in Knock from Mon to Thurs next. This is a yearly opportunity for the priests of the diocese to gather in friendship, support and prayer. As our priestly brotherhood gets older and fewer the diocesan retreat offers valuable time to build spirit and teamwork.

Br Salvador Kenny - Edgeworthstown Parish warmly congratulates Br Salvador Kenny on the occasion of his milestone 100th birthday last Wednesday. Br Salvador was born John Kenny in the townland of Cam. He has been a Franciscan Brother for over 70 years. A special Mass was celebrated in the Franciscan Friary in Multyfarnham last Wednesday which was attended by the Franciscan community, relatives and neighbours from Edgeworthstown. We give thanks to God for Br Salvador's long ministry and pray God's continued blessings on him.

TROCAIRE - Thank you for your generous donation to the Lenten TROCAIRE campaign. The annual collection amounted to €3,485 which has been forwarded to TROCAIRE.

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 - Paul and Barnabas retrace their steps encouraging the little communities of Christians which they had founded.
Second Reading - This is taken from the final part of Apocalypse, and opens with the vision of a new world, and the manifestation of a new Jerusalem. This new order of things has been inaugurated by Christ.
Gospel - At the Last Supper, Jesus announces and promises the Holy Spirit to the disciples. He calls the Spirit 'the paraclete', literally 'the one who is called to be at your side'. Sometimes the word is translated to 'consoler'. What greater consolation can anyone give than the consolation of the presence of the paraclete through thick and thin.

• Thought for the Day •

It is easy to love those who love you.
 It is easy to love your family and friends.
 It is easy to show goodness to those good to you.
 However, God wants more from us.
 He wants us to decide to love others, especially those who are unlovable.
 He wants us to be good to those annoying people in our lives.
 He wants us to treat right those who we feel do not deserve it.
 He wants us to love like Jesus did.
 May we follow Jesus' call to love others, the way he loves us.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

Love Has High Standards: The Film 'Love Story' had a classic line: 'Love is never having to say you're sorry.' As Christians, though, we are aware of our weak nature and tendency to sin. We need to ask pardon - frequently. More often than not, the souls we hurt are those closest to us: our spouse, a child, a parent or in-law. Is my love great enough to overlook the weaknesses of those who hurt me and turn my wounded ego to compassion and pardon? To err is human, but to forgive is divine.

Love is from the Heart: Christ told his disciples, 'Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (Matthew 25:40).

This applies as well to harbouring grudges in our hearts. Love goes beyond kind words and actions to the very heart of man: to our thoughts. Although it may initially cause distress to our will to think well of those who have hurt us, it is truly therapeutic! Thinking well of others renews our faith in God's mercy. If we are merciful, how much more we can expect Our Lord to be patient and merciful with us!

Conversation with Christ: My Jesus, your life is a witness of love to me. You forgave your enemies and even prayed for them. My love is to mirror your love, but I realise I can love so much more than I have loved until now. Help me today to increase my love and let go of those remnants of egoism that hold me back from a Christ-like love.

what has been handed on to you? - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Ballymahon Town Twinning - 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.

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 or more 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.

Longford County Choir Summer Choral Concert with St Mel's Cathedral Choir, Soprano Maria Matthews & Tenor Dermot Deely, in St. Mel's Cathedral on Sun 1st June @ 7.30pm. Tickets €15: available from St. Mels Presbytery/Denniston's/Farrell & Coy Stationery or any Choir Member.

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.

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