# Parish of St. Mary's



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Feast of St's Peter and Paul - 29th June 2025

This Weekend June 28<sup>th</sup> / June 29<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Alan O'Hara (Month's Mind).

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

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: July 5<sup>th</sup> / July 6<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m.1. Maureen Gill (Month's Mind).

2. Paddy O'Connor, Kilsallagh, (Month's Mind).

11.00 a.m. 1. Helen & Margaret Kearney.

2. Andrew (Andy) O'Connor (Month's Mind).

Offertory Collection: Sat 21<sup>st</sup> / Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> June - €835 - sincere thanks.

<u>BAPTISM</u> - We welcomed Aurora Rae Fitzpatrick, Granard, Savannah Marie Sweeney, Kilbride Park and

Ériu Roisín Flanagan, Mullingar into our Christian community recently.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Fri Jul 4<sup>th</sup> - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday.

<u>CEMETERY SUNDAY</u> - Cemetery Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Aughafin Cemetery @ 1.00 p.m. on Sun July 6<sup>th</sup> next.

<u>Sunday Scriptures - First Reading</u> - After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon the nation had to be rebuilt. To Ezra fell the task of re-establishing the Jewish religion. Here he reads the book of the law of Moses to the people.

<u>Second Reading</u> - The human body is one though made up of many parts. So it is with the Church. Though it is composed of different members, coming from different backgrounds and endowed with different gifts, it forms a unity in Christ.

<u>Gospel</u> - In the synagogue in his native village of Nazareth Jesus makes the astonishing announcement that in him the great prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled. He is the long awaited Saviour of the poor and the oppressed.

### Thought for the Day

Fingers cut off from the hand are dead. But united with the hand they share a common life. They become a sign of what our union with each other is like as Christians. We have a great vocation in our life of prayer! We pray for those who are dying today. We stretch out our hands to them by our prayers, offering them strength in their weakness. Like Saints Peter and Paul we want to go to heaven and bring as many people with us as we can. Individually our fingers are weak. But when I curl them together around your hand we form a strong bond that is wonderful to behold.

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

### • Points to Ponder •

What is remarkable about Peter and Paul is not just their personal conversions and faith journeys, but also their unity in diversity. They were two different individuals with distinct backgrounds, personalities, and approaches to ministry. Peter was the one who walked with Jesus during His earthly ministry, while Paul came later as a convert and a passionate advocate for the Gospel. Yet, despite their differences, they recognised their common mission and the need to work together for the sake of the Church. Their collaboration was not always smooth. They had disagreements and even public disputes, but they ultimately sought reconciliation and unity. Both Peter and Paul understood that their shared commitment to Christ and the proclamation of His message superseded personal differences. They recognized that unity in the Church was essential to its mission and witness in the world. As we reflect on the lives of Peter and Paul, we are reminded of the importance of unity within the Church today. The Church, like any human institution is made up of diverse individuals with unique backgrounds, perspectives, and gifts. It is in embracing this diversity and recognising the common mission that we can truly be effective witnesses of Christ's love and mercy. Peter and Paul also teach us about the transformative power of God's grace. Peter, the impulsive fisherman, became the courageous leader of the early Church. Paul, the persecutor, became the ardent defender of the faith. Both experienced profound conversions and allowed God's grace to shape their lives and ministries.

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Our Words and the Toothpaste! - My sister Kimberly was teaching the little boys and girls in her Sunday school class about the importance of our words. What a clever idea she had in purchasing enough small travel tubes of toothpaste for each child. Sitting at their table she told them to squeeze all the toothpaste out of the container. When they finished, she told them, "Now I want you to take your finger and put it back in the tube!" Of course, that was impossible. The lesson is, once we say something hurtful, we can be forgiven, but we can't take it back! What a vivid illustration for each of us. "Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3).

**SUNDAY REFLECTION** - Peter was a humble fisherman. Paul was a persecutor of the first Christians. But they were chosen to become the pillars of our faith, which they sealed with their martyrdom in Rome.

- St Paul's Sunday Missal.

# PRAYER FOR GOING ON HOLIDAY

Heavenly Father,

Please bless our holiday time.

Help our family to have patience and understanding.

Guide us to be mindful of this gift of time together.

Help us to make compromises when necessary and handle any chaos that comes our way with Your love and grace.

Open our eyes to truly see the beauty of the memories we are creating.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CASA - Longford CASA annual church gate collection this week end 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> June. Your continued support allows us to provide monthly events for our members, for the past 44 years. We are a voluntary group and 100% of all monies raised is used to provide this service for adults with physical/intellectual disabilities.

# **READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JULY**

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mark Cassidy. Sunday 11.00 a.m.: John Cahill.

# MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARST - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerard Haughey, Angela Kelly.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Mathew Family.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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