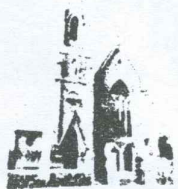


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Seventeenth Sunday - 27th July 2025

This Weekend July 26th / July 27th

7.00 p.m. Deceased members of the Lynn Family - Jack, Katie, Micky, Josie, Billy, Paddy and Johnny.

11.00 a.m. Seamus Martin (First Anniv).

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

Wed 30th July People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: August 2nd / August 3rd

7.00 p.m. 1. Jimmy Shaughnessy (3rd Anniv).
2. Josephine Siggins (First Anniv) and deceased members of the Kenny Family.

11.00 a.m. 1. Paddy and Chrissie Glennon - Aughafin.
2. Sean Foley (20th Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sat 19th / Sun 20th July - €1,020 - sincere thanks.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed Bláithín Ann Lynam, Gneeve into our Christian community recently.



FIRST FRIDAY: Fri August 1st - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday next.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - Abraham intercedes with God on behalf of Sodom, a city full of evil. We catch the flavour of the bargaining that might go on in an oriental bazaar with prices being ruthlessly slashed.

Second Reading - Through Baptism a Christian is inserted into Christ's death and resurrection; he dies to the old sinful way of life, and rises to live a new life.

Gospel - The apostles ask Christ to teach them how to pray. In reply Christ urges them to come to the Father, and with childlike trust, to pray to him for all their spiritual and temporal needs.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - The call to the Christian priesthood is a call to service. The gift of the priesthood is not given primarily to the individual but to the whole Church. Like the call to the religious life the one who is called to the priesthood is invited to affirm by his lifestyle the faith that he believes in.

- St Paul's Sunday Missal.

Mary's Meals - Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Mary's Meals collection which amounted to 290 Euro. This will go to providing a daily meal in school to children in the poorest countries in the world.

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.

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- Fr Tom Healy -

Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - 27th July 2025

"Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!
Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,
animated by the hope that comes from You!
Help us in this divisive world,
to bring the hope of communion:
Help us in this world, wounded by wars,
to bring the hope of peace.
Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.
Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones
and for everyone we meet,
the memory of your tenderness.
Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!
For in You, Lord, nothing is lost
For in You, Lord, everything begins again! Amen

• Thought for the Day •

"Grandparents hold our hands for just a little while, but our hearts forever" - Anon

"Grandparents can be very special resources. Just being close to them reassures a child, without words, about change and continuity, about what went before and what will come after" - Fred Rogers

"An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that and to start to age quickly!" - Gene Perret.

• Reflections •

How do you pray or what is your recipe for prayer? Do you follow a certain procedure or you spontaneously pray to God what is in your heart?

In the gospel for this Sunday Jesus is asked by a disciple: Lord teach us to pray and Jesus obliged him and taught the disciple the perfect prayer which is the Our Father. If we try deeply reflect on this prayer we would notice that the Our Father contains our Adoration for God, our Contrition/Repentance for the sins that we have committed and our Supplication: we request God to give us the food that we need.

If we say this prayer with our hearts and minds deeply focused towards God we would feel something that we don't usually feel. This feeling is very hard to explain but we would certainly notice this healing experience the moment we learn how to pray the Our Father with all our being.

We must always be prayerful and we must not give up on our being prayerful. Because when we pray we connect ourselves with God, we open ourselves to the enormous blessings that are always at God's disposal when we pray.

Prayer is not asking God to give us this and that. Prayer is essentially satisfying our longing for God. And the God that we always long for will grant us the desires of our hearts because we always thirst and hunger to be with Him in prayer.

Do you have a prayer before God? Don't give up, continue to believe, have faith and you will soon have it. - INTERCOM

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.:

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anne Mulligan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - AUGUST

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

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Orla Noonan, Kate O'Donohue.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.