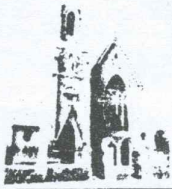


# Parish of St. Mary's

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*Eighteenth Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025*

### This Weekend August 2<sup>nd</sup> / August 3<sup>rd</sup>

7.00 p.m.

1. Jimmy Shaughnessy (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv).

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

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> August** People of the Parish.

**Next Weekend: August 9<sup>th</sup> / August 10**

7.00 p.m.

No Intention.

11.00 a.m.

Deceased family members of the Grimes Family, Marian Ave & Bracklin Road.

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 26<sup>th</sup> / Sun 27<sup>th</sup> July - €1,120 - sincere thanks.

### Sunday Scriptures

**First Reading** - The writer points out that the things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them. Look at all the toil and effort a person puts into acquiring wealth. To what purpose? - to leave it to his heir.

**Second Reading** - One consequence of death and resurrection with Christ (through Baptism) is that the Christian's true home is now in heaven. Therefore, he must seek the things that are above by leading a good life in this world.

**Gospel** - This contains a warning against greed. We are urged to make ourselves rich, not in the goods of this world, but in the sight of God.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION** - Prayer in the Christian tradition is first of all addressed to God the Father. God is the Father of the Lord Jesus, the Christ as well as our Father. This is true of most of the Church's liturgical prayer. Christian prayer may also be directed towards Jesus, especially by calling on his holy name. One of the most ancient examples of prayer is: 'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners.' - St Paul's Sunday Missal.

### • Thought for the Day •

*Earthly riches are like the reed. Its roots are sunk in the swamp, and its exterior is fair to behold; but inside it is hollow. If a man leans on such a reed, it will snap off and pierce his soul.*

*St Anthony of Padua*

*Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants.*

*Epictetus*

*Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant. P.T. Barnum*  
*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*

*Anonymous*

**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.

### • Reflections •

#### Three Lessons from the parable of the Rich Fool

**Life is More Than Possessions:** While it's not wrong to have wealth or possessions, it becomes problematic when they become the center of our lives. Jesus warns against all kinds of greed. Our lives do not consist of the abundance of our possessions but in the depth of our relationships, our character, and most importantly, our relationship with God.

**The Uncertainty of Tomorrow:** The rich man's plans revolved around his assumption of many years ahead. Yet, none of us truly knows how much time we have left. While it's wise to live in the present, with gratitude, generosity, and an awareness of life's fragility.

**True Wealth is in Relationship with God:** The parable ends with a poignant question: What value are our earthly treasures if we're not rich towards God? Material wealth can be fleeting, but a rich relationship with God is eternal. It's the kind of wealth that feeds the soul, brings genuine joy, and has eternal significance.

**Application:** Today, let's ask ourselves: What treasures are we storing up? Are our barns filled only with earthly possessions or with acts of kindness, love, and faithfulness? Are we rich in material wealth but bankrupt in our relationship with God?

**Conclusion:** Beloved, let us remember that life is short and unpredictable. Our true value isn't determined by the amount in our bank accounts or the size of our barns, but by the richness of our souls and our relationship with God.

- INTERCOM

"I am following with deep concern the extremely grave humanitarian situation in Gaza, where the civilian population is being crushed by hunger and continues to be exposed to violence and death."

#### Pope Leo speaks on Gaza:

*"I renew my heartfelt appeal for a ceasefire, the release of hostages, and full respect for international humanitarian law," he said, noting that "Every human being has an intrinsic dignity bestowed by God Himself."*

And appealing to political leaders, he continued: *"I urge all parties in every conflict to recognise this dignity and to cease all actions that violate it."*

The Pope said he encourages negotiations toward a future of peace for all peoples and the rejection of anything that could compromise it, and entrusted to Mary, Queen of Peace, *"the innocent victims of conflicts and the leaders who have the power to bring them to an end."*

#### A little humour

The Scotsman send an indignant letter to the editor of the newspaper. He said that if any more stories about stingy Scotsmen appeared in the columns, he was going to stop borrowing the paper.

**Local Link** - Bus every Tues to Longford via Edgeworthstown, Bracklin Road. Call Local Link to book a seat - 044 93 40801. In Edgeworthstown @ for 10.30 a.m. Leaves Tesco Longford @ 1.00 p.m.

*"The man who gives little with a smile gives more than the man who gives much with a frown"* - Jewish proverb

#### 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.*

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- Fr Tom Healy -