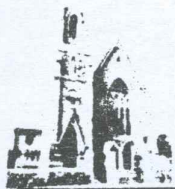


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Twenty-Second Sunday - 31st August 2025

This Weekend

7.00 p.m.

August 30th / August 31st

Bartley and Kitty McGovern and Paddy Kiernan.

11.00 a.m.

1. Joe Kenny, Whitehill;
Mary Gallagher, Abbeylara and deceased members of the Kenny and Duignan families.
2. Ita Doyle (Sixth Anniv).

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

Wed 3rd Sept People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: September 6th / September 7th

7.00 p.m.

1. Elizabeth and Ben Flood and their sons PJ and Tom, Marian Avenue and
Brigid and Ned Flood, Pound Street.

11.00 a.m.

No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sat 23rd / Sun 24th August - €1,410 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Sonny (Michael) Keenan, Keelogueenasause, who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.

FIRST FRIDAY: Fri September 5th - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday next.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - This praises the person who is humble. A humble person is open to God and never rejects wisdom, no matter where it comes from.

Second Reading - This contrasts Mount Sinai and Mount Zion. Sinai is the place where the old covenant was made. Zion stands for the heavenly Jerusalem - the goal of the Christian's pilgrimage.

Gospel - Jesus urges his followers not to covet places of honour, and always to act out of unselfish motives.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - The parables of Luke's gospel appear towards the end of Jesus' ministry when some of the crowds are abandoning him, perhaps from fear of the establishment or for reasons of respectability. The 'harsh ones' are a last warning that such a path is the direct opposite to true discipleship which by contrast is portrayed as remaining with Jesus who remains with his followers.

Irish Catholic Newspapers are available weekly in St. Mary's Parish Church.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - The annual pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday September 7th, starting with the anointing of the sick at 2.30pm. Concelebrated Mass is at 3.00pm.

Leaving Cert Students: Congratulations to all the young people who received the Leaving Certificate results recently. May the Holy Spirit guide them in their choices for the future.

• Thought for the Day •

Status-seeking is rampant in our world. Many people seek fame, power and recognition. Fame may look glamorous. However, almost every day in the newspaper or on television we hear stories of how the famous and the glamorous have fallen or been disgraced, often by their own choices.

Today Jesus encourages us to be content with what seems to be the lowly and least. Often it is in the small and seemingly insignificant gifts of everyday life where we may experience the greatest love, joy peace, and contentment. Today, be mindful and notice the many small gifts you receive. Thank the giver and thank God!

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• Reflections •

Encountering Christ:

1. Humility: Our natural inclination is to seek the best for ourselves at the expense of our neighbour. The virtue of humility counteracts this tendency. A humble person recognises God as the author of all creation, and knows that he is dust and to dust he will return. If a humble person is given honor, he attributes it to the gifts and talents he has received from God. He is comfortable with himself as a 'work in progress.' Proud and vain people eye each other while a humble person has eyes only for God.

2. Joy: Jesus promised in this Scripture passage that the humble would be exalted. Is there any greater joy than being drawn closer to God in exaltation? When we are humble enough to be 'real' with people, and to allow our true selves to love purely and mercifully, pride is tamped down and joy floods into our hearts. *'The humble are necessarily joyful, for where there is no pride, there can be no self-centeredness, which makes joy impossible,'* said Fulton J. Sheen.

3. Freedom: Imagine the inner turmoil of the Pharisee's guests as they sought positions of honor at the table. Their minds were likely busy with comparisons, judgements, and guardedness. A humble person would feel none of these anxieties. Free of negativity and distractions, he or she would be focused on warmly greeting other guests, and most importantly, on acknowledging and attending to Jesus. May humility be the source of our security rather than wealth, honors, or esteem.

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Gospel Concert In Support Of Church Repairs And Organ Repair

All Saints' Church, Mullingar, will host "Songs for Life & Hope" with James Kilbane on Sun 14th Sept at 6.00pm. This special evening of country with gospel music is in aid of church and organ repairs. Donation tickets are €20 and are available from Eventbrite or 087 9733233.

St Mary's NS - We remember all young people and their teachers who returned to school in recent days. We pray God's Blessings on the whole school community for the year ahead.

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

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." - St. Francis of Assisi

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mary Reynolds.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Helena Quinn.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - SEPTEMBER

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

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ita O'Farrell, Emma O'Reilly.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -