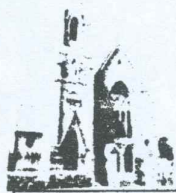


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Twenty-Third Sunday - 7th September 2025

This 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.

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

Wed 10th Sept

People of the Parish.

Next Weekend:

September 13th / September 14th

7.00 p.m.

Kitty Kelly, her sister Sr Catherine and her parents Stephen and Annie.

11.00 a.m.

1. Mary Greene, Devine Crescent (8th Anniv).
2. Deceased members of Mostrim GAA.
3. Gerard Fagan (1st Anniv.) and his parents Bernard & Ellen Fagan.

Offertory Collection: Sat 30th / Sun 31st August - €1,005 - sincere thanks.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - Faced with the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history, and the mind of God, we are ignorant. But God has not left us in our ignorance. He has given us the gift of knowledge.

Second Reading - Philemon was a Colossian, converted by Paul. His slave Onesimus ran away and somehow reached Paul in prison, where he was converted. Paul urges Philemon to take him back, not as a slave, but as a brother.

Gospel - This contains two very short parables dealing with the theme of self-renunciation or the cost of discipleship. (Note: the word 'hate' is a Semitic expression. 'Love less' would be nearer to what Christ had in mind).

SUNDAY REFLECTION - 'The Kingdom of God' is a term which we frequently meet in Luke's gospel. It is a metaphor used by Jesus to refer to God's reign in the world being accepted by humankind. The Kingdom is not identical with the Church. Wherever the values which Jesus lived and preached are operating, even though the Church may not be established in that place, the Kingdom is already there.

The Pope's Intention for month of September: *For our relationship with all of creation:* Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

• Thought for the Day •

Nature can be awe-inspiring, even to the point of being almost incomprehensible. The richness of a sunset, the twinkle of stars and the diversity of animals all witness to a creator and designer.

Seeing God's creation can invite us into a deeper admiration for God and His handiwork. In nature, surrounded by His creation, we may feel closer to Him. The beauty of creation is a reminder of God. When we respect any part of God's creation, be it nature or another human being, we are seeing value in what God created and admiring the creator.

St Carlo Acutis: A Saint for the Digital Age

On October 10, 2020, Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Italy, was beatified by the Catholic Church. Known as the "patron saint of the internet," Carlo's life is a powerful example for today's youth.

Carlo was passionate about technology, and he used it to share his deep love for the Eucharist. He created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles



around the world, making faith more accessible to people, especially young people. Despite his love for technology, Carlo's life was rooted in faith, humility, and charity. He prayed daily, attended Mass, and showed incredible love for the poor.

Though he died of leukemia at just 15, Carlo's example of living an ordinary life with extraordinary love for God is inspiring. He proves that sainthood is not about perfection but about living out one's faith in everyday life. Carlo's canonization calls all of us, especially young people, to use our talents to serve God and others, and to keep the Eucharist at the centre of our lives.

Carlo Acutis will be canonised by Pope Leo on 7th Sept 2025.

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

Feast of St Ciaran - 9th September - St. Ciaran of Clonmacnois was an Irish monk and one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland. He is best known for founding the monastery at Clonmacnois in the 6th century, which became a center of learning and spirituality. Ciaran is celebrated for his deep piety, dedication to the Christian faith, and his influence on Irish monasticism. His feast day is celebrated on September 9th, and he is revered as a patron saint of Ireland. St. Ciaran's life exemplified humility and devotion, making him a beloved figure in Irish religious history.

Count the cost

Why does Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves? The expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place in our lives over God. Jesus knew that the way of the cross was the Father's way to glory and victory over sin and death. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to his Father's will. We, too, must 'count the cost' and be ready to follow Jesus in the way of the cross if we want to share in his glory and victory. What is the 'way of the cross' for you and for me?

Athlone and Midlands Samaritans Information Meeting - Could you be a Samaritans volunteer? No experience or qualifications required as we will train, mentor and support you. If interested, please come along to an information meeting at the Samaritan Centre, 3, Court Devenish, Athlone on Sun 14th Sept at 11am or email Athlone.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org

Samaritans provide 24 hr emotional support on Freecall 116 123
Irish Catholic Newspapers are available weekly in St. Mary's Parish Church.

ALIVE Newspaper - A most sincere thank you for €227 collected at the Church Gate in Mostrim for the "ALIVE" free catholic Newspaper.

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 -