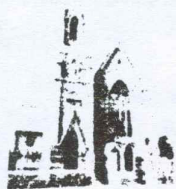


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Twenty-Fifth Sunday - 21st September 2025

This Weekend

7.00 p.m.

September 20th / September 21st

1. Patrick Turner, his son Adrian and deceased members of the Turner and Eivers families.

2. Dorothy Farrell.

11.00 a.m.

Ned, Anna, Eugene and Nora McGerr.

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

Next Weekend: September 27th / September 28th

7.00 p.m.

1. Madeleine Kenny and her grandparents Christopher and Kathleen Kenny, Lisnagrish.

2. Sonny Keenan (Month's Mind).

11.00 a.m.

No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sat 13th / 14th Sun September - €1.065 - sincere thanks.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - Amos was a great champion of social justice. In this short reading he depicts the 'religious' employers waiting impatiently for the Sabbath to end so that they can get on with their lucrative but dishonest trading.

Second Reading - Paul urges Christians to pray for everyone, especially those who hold public office, because God wants everyone to be saved.

Gospel - This contains the parable of the astute steward who used his ill-gotten money to gain admittance into people's homes. Christ says we can learn something from him.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - At every Mass we recite the Lord's prayer. The liturgy of the Church uses this prayer also each day at morning prayer and evening prayer. It is Jesus' response to the request of his disciples to teach them how to pray. In Matthew's account it contains seven petitions and in Luke's five. The Church has used Matthew's version in its liturgical celebration.

Pope Leo speaks: *"Life is made up of encounters and in these encounters, we emerge for what we are. We find ourselves in front of others faced with their fragility and weakness and we can decide what to do: to take care of them or pretend nothing is wrong....And yet, the practice of worship does not automatically lead to being compassionate. Indeed, before being a religious matter, compassion is a question of humanity! Before being believers we are called to be human. Let us pray then, that we can grow in humanity, so that our relationships may be truer and richer in compassion."* - St Peter's Square - 28th May 2025.

• Thought for the Day •

The spiritual journey is essentially a journey of letting go. There are days and rituals in liturgy for saying goodbye to someone and literally waiting for 'God knows what!' I find that I often lack the courage and wisdom to know what to say goodbye to. My instincts are to hold on to everything for no reason other than that they are familiar and comforting. To let go of a lot of things that we thought we couldn't live without, is most often, a liberation.

Feasts this week:

Tues 23rd - St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Padre Pio, born Francesco Forgione in 1887, was an Italian Capuchin friar renowned for his deep spirituality, miraculous gifts, and unwavering faith. He is best known for bearing the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, for most of his life. Padre Pio was also a gifted healer, confessor, and spiritual guide, drawing thousands to seek his counsel and prayers. Despite facing skepticism and trials from the church and medical community, his profound connection to God and dedication to the poor and suffering earned him worldwide reverence. He was canonized as a saint in 2002.



Sat 27th - St Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul, born in 1581 in France, was a Catholic priest and philanthropist, widely recognized for his compassion toward the poor and his tireless work for social justice. Known as the "Apostle of Charity," he founded the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity, two religious groups dedicated to serving the needy. Vincent de Paul's legacy includes his efforts to reform the French clergy and his commitment to providing care and education to the marginalized. His practical approach to charity emphasized service, humility, and the dignity of every person. He died in 1660 and was canonized as a saint in 1737.

A Blessing for Creation

Bless us, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. As we go forth with joy and hope to care for God's creation, - walking gently on the earth, - in right relationship, - nurtured by your Love, - taking only what we need, - giving back to the earth in gratitude, - honouring all with reverence, - reconciling and healing, - mindful of those who will come after, and of the poor today - recognising our proper place as part of, not apart from, your creation. Ignite your Spark within us, that we may know ourselves as truly human and irrevocably part of the Web of Life.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - Do you, as an adult (over 18 years), or someone you know, want to become a Catholic and receive the Sacraments - or are already a baptised Catholic and would like to receive First Communion or Confirmation? If so, please contact the Parish Office and leave your details. It is intended to commence the program at the end of October.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st / 31st. For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com.

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

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

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 -