

Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim



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Second Sunday - 18th Jan 2024

This Weekend	January 17 th / January 18 th
7.00 p.m.	1. Peter, Margaret, Patrick and Tommy Gallagher. 2. Eamon Maguire and Tom Nugent and deceased members of the Maguire and Nugent families.
11.00 a.m.	No Intention.
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Wed 21 st Jan	People of the Parish.
Next Weekend:	January 24 th / January 25 th
7.00 p.m.	Anne Gormley (Month's Mind).
11.00 a.m.	1. Frank Whitney, his parents Frank and Mary and Kathleen, Joe and Marie. 2. Patrick Casey (6 th Anniv.).

Offertory Collections: Feast of the Epiphany and Sat 10th January / Sun 11th January - €1,755- sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for

Bernadine Keane, husband of Peter Keane formerly of Ringowney who died in Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescat in pace.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - begins today. This is an annual opportunity for all Christians to recall their common bonds and to pray for the intention of unity among the followers of the Lord. The theme for the week is: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling". Lord Jesus Christ, you show us how to be patient with one another in humility and gentleness. May the light you have shined on our path lead us towards unity and help us heal the wounds of division and indifference that often break communities apart. Amen.

Catholic Schools Week - begins today. This is an annual opportunity for the local school community to celebrate the Catholic ethos of the school. Catholic Schools welcome pupils from all faiths and none and are guided by faith in Jesus Christ and inspired by his teaching and example. The theme for this year's celebration is: "Normal Lives, Called to Holiness." Our local school St Mary's will gather for Mass on Thurs Jan 22nd @ 10.00 a.m.

• Thought for the Day •

John 'Saw Jesus Coming Toward Him.' - Jesus is always coming toward us, too. Why? Because he loves us. He never imposes himself. He doesn't burst through the door and force us to accept him or even acknowledge him. But he does remain close, hoping we will catch a glimpse of his love and, in that instant, recognize that he is everything our hearts long for. What will happen if we open the door of our life, of our heart, to Christ? He will call us to abandon the tight confines of our egotism, greed, lust, envy, and selfishness. He will open undreamed-of horizons and give a rich, new dimension to our poor, fleeting days on this earth.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

Parish Pilgrimage to Poor Clare Convent, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim

Pilgrimages have long been associated with the prayer life of the Church. People have traditionally gone on pilgrimage to Knock, Croagh Patrick and Lough Derg. With the advent of international travel pilgrims have also travelled to Rome, Lourdes, Fatima and many other places in pursuit of solitude and prayer.

Since last year 2025, was a Jubilee Year it was decided to designate three locations within our own diocese for pilgrimage - St Mel's Cathedral, St Manchan's Shrine, Boher, Co. Offaly and the Poor Clare Convent in Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim.

The Poor Clare Sisters came to Drumshanbo in 1870 and established Perpetual Adoration for the first time in Ireland. For almost 150 years now Adoration has continued. The Poor Clare Sisters live contemplative lives dedicated to prayer and are committed to living the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In particular the Sisters try to keep alive the living flame of the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare.

Although 2025 has slipped by, Edgeworthstown Parish Pastoral Council has decided to go on pilgrimage to visit the Poor Clare Community to spend some time in prayer and to share some time with the community.

The pilgrimage is scheduled for Sat Jan 31st. We will leave Edgeworthstown around 10.30 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. Transport is free. We would be delighted if you would join us on pilgrimage. To book please contact Gerard at: 087 6189868. Last date for booking is Wed Jan 28th. We would also be pleased to bring prayer intentions from parishioners. Please leave your prayer intentions in the box in front of the altar in the Parish Church.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - The prophet sees himself as God's servant, chosen to bring Israel back to God, and not just Israel but all people.

Second Reading - This contains Paul's rich opening greeting to his converts at Corinth.

Gospel - John the Baptist presents Jesus as God's Chosen Servant who will take away the sins of the people and renew them in the Holy Spirit.

The Way is a new digital multimedia platform recently set up by the Irish Bishops. Take a look at: theway.ie.

Mostrim Men's Shed is thrilled to start the new year with a generous €500 donation from the Edgeworthstown Tidy Towns committee for our defibrillator fund. Our sincere thanks to the entire committee for their dedication to keeping our town looking so well. We look forward to future opportunities to work together on community projects.

Sum of money found - please contact Parochial House.

Informal English Conversation Classes in Edgeworthstown - LCRL invites anyone interested in learning English to come to the Green, Edgeworthstown on Thursdays from 9.30am to 11.30am to Free Conversational English classes. Catering for Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced levels. This is a great opportunity to meet new people in your community. If you have a friend or neighbour who may be interested, please let them know. Light refreshments will be provided. Further information from 086-8536455 or email mmulvey@lcr.ie

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Edel Coyle.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Betty Mulhare.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARST - JANUARY

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

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 -