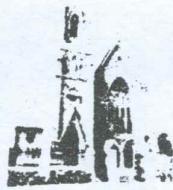


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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th Jan 2026

This Weekend **January 24th / January 25th**

7.00 p.m. 1. Anne Gormley (Month's Mind).
2. Kevin Murphy (First Anniv.).
11.00 a.m. 1. Frank Whitney, his parents Frank & Mary, and Kathleen, Joe and Marie.
2. Patrick Casey (6th Anniv.).

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

Wed 28th Jan People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: January 31st / February 1st

7.00 p.m. No Intention.
11.00 a.m. 1. Ciaran Duffy, Rhenney and Monadarragh and deceased members of the Duffy family.
2. Deceased members of the Mulhare and Hughes families, Cloncaugh.
3. Lis Hughes.
4. Catherine (Kitty) Murray, Castlebrock (First Anniv.).

Offertory Collections: Sat 17th January / Sun 18th January - €1,325 - sincere thanks.

BAPTISM - We welcomed

Fiadh Christina Garvey, Ballinree into our Christian community recently.



Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - The prophet predicts future glory for an oppressed people: light will replace darkness; joy will replace sorrow and freedom will replace oppression.

Second Reading - This shows that even among the first Christians there were divisions. But Paul urges unity in Christ. **Gospel** - That wonderful prophecy of Isaiah is seen as being fulfilled in Christ.

A Prayer for Peace & Justice - Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, grant us peace. Make us witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from our hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers to defend this gift. May all people become as brothers and sisters, and may longed-for peace blossom and reign always. Amen. - St. John Paul II.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - The Heart of Jesus' proclamation is given in today's Gospel. As is often noted, the word "repent" is not the best translation of the original Greek and it would be better to use some other expression such as "convert." It really means a new way of looking at everything, a new mind or outlook. It may of course include being sorry about the past, but the real energy is towards the future: "convert and put your trust in the Good News." We could put it like this: from what are we called to conversion is important; more important is towards what are we being called?

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

- Fr Tom Healy -

Parish Pilgrimage to Poor Clare Convent,

Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim

Edgeworthstown Parish Pastoral Council has decided to organise a Parish Pilgrimage to visit the Poor Clare Sisters in Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim to spend some time in prayer and to share some time with the community.

The pilgrimage takes place on **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.

• Thought for the Day •

'Repent', in other words, 'Change our life'. Today Jesus speaks those same words to you: 'Take heart, I am here with you, allow me to enter and your life will change'. Jesus knocks at the door. That is why the Lord gives you his word, so that you can receive it like a love letter he has written to you, to help you realise that he is at your side. His word consoles and encourages us. At the same time it challenges us, frees us from the bondage of our selfishness and summons us to conversion. Because his word has the power to change our lives and to lead us out of darkness into the light.

Food for thought:

The 1960's saw the struggle for equality for people of colour. Led by Martin Luther King a great non-violent movement for equality set the following principles for members:

1. Meditate daily on the teachings of Jesus.
2. Remember always that the non-violence movement seeks justice and reconciliation - not victory.
3. Walk and talk in the manner of love, for God is love.
4. Pray daily to be used by God in order that all people might be free.
5. Sacrifice personal wishes in order that all people might be free.

6. Observe with both friend and foe the ordinary rules of courtesy.
7. Seek to perform regular service for others and for the world.
8. Refrain from the violence of fist, tongue or heart.
9. Strive to be in good spiritual and bodily health.

These are honourable principles which could inspire us all on our life's journey.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. Dates: 20 -22 March 2026 A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER. Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo. Online: www.marriageencounter.ie

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

DRIVE SAFELY - Please put your phone down.

Knit and Natter Group - There is a Knit and Natter group opening on Sat 7th Feb at the Green from 12-1:30 every Sat. It will cost €5 and there'll be tea and biscuits. All ages and abilities welcome. Come and practice your skills or learn new skills in a lovely warm and welcoming environment. Call: 0874625766 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Ijeoma Eze-Ejikeme.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donohue.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Catherine Tracey, Sandra Durkan.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Mathew Family.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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