

Parish of St. Mary's

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1st Sunday of Lent - 22nd February 2026

This Weekend	February 21st / February 22nd
7.00 p.m.	Evelyn Barron (Anniv.)
11.00 a.m.	1. Brigid Victory (2 nd Anniv.) 2. Patrick and Kay Quinn (7 th Anniv.) 3. Brian Greene (6 th Anniv.)
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Wed 25 th Feb	People of the Parish.
Next Weekend: February 28th / March 1st	
7.00 p.m.	Tom Reynolds (2 nd Anniv.)
11.00 a.m.	1. Lisa Moran (5 th Anniv.) 2. John Kenny. 3. Anthony Garvey, Cullyvore (30 th Anniv.)

Offertory Collection: Sat 14th February / Sun 15th February - €1,180 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Frank Greene, Edgeworthstown and London who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescat in pace.



Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - This deals with the tempting of Adam and Eve. In spite of all God did for them, at the first suggestion of the temptor, they disobeyed him.

Second Reading - By his obedience to God, Christ undid the harm done by the disobedience of Adam.

Gospel - This Gospel shows that, like us, Jesus had to struggle against evil. He was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not succumb.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - The temptations in today's Gospel are not at all temptations to this or that sin but rather fundamental options which matter for the direction of life. Jesus was tempted in the course of his ministry to choose another way of being God's prophet, the Messiah or anointed. In a less spectacular way, we too can be attracted by choices which shape in the way our life unfolds. We ask ourselves, what do I live on? What's my true goal? Where is my nourishment? My humanity is more than food and drink. Only the Word of God truly nourishes and illuminates.

- St Paul's Sunday Missal.

• Thought for the Day •

Charity is not optional but a requirement of true worship. St John Chrysostom vehemently denounced excessive wealth, connected with indifference for the poor. 'It is very cold, and the poor man lies in rags, dying, freezing, shivering, with an appearance and clothing that should move you. You often adorn an unfeeling corpse, which no longer understands honor, with many varied and gilded garments. Yet you despise the one who feels pain, who is torn apart, tortured, tormented by hunger and cold.' This profound sense of social justice leads him to affirm that 'not giving to the poor is stealing from them, defrauding them of their lives, because what we have belongs to them.' Pope Leo XIV

• Baptised and Sent •

In the New Testament, the Greek word *baptizein* means to dip or to plunge. The Acts of the Apostles indicates that a laying-on of hands after the water rite was associated with the conferral of the Holy Spirit.

In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission. Jesus asserts that this promise is now fulfilled in him. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that he is the Messiah, the 'one who is to come.' He was conceived by the Holy Spirit; his whole life and mission are carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit whom the Father gives without measure.

The Hebrew word 'Messiah' means 'anointed one'. It is translated as 'Christos' in Greek. Christ means 'anointed ones' and Christians are the 'anointed ones' who share in the messianic mission of Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we who are reborn in the waters of baptism are anointed to proclaim the kingdom of God. The anointing 'Christifies' those who receive it as it bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Also on www.synod.ie, see 'Baptised and Sent in Lent' - an accessible and easily led prayer resource of groups and families with the Sunday Gospels during lent.

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LENTEN PRAYER - We pray for the people of Karongi, Western Rwanda who we journey with this Lent on the TROCAIRE campaign. As we learn more about the challenges they face to survive, may we stand in solidarity with them as followers of Jesus. Lord, hear our prayer.



Pope Leo: "If you want to cultivate peace, care for creation. There is a clear link between peacebuilding and the stewardship for creation.: 'The quest for peace by people of good will surely would become easier if all acknowledge the indivisible relationship between God, human beings and the whole of creation'".

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

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

Epilepsy Awareness Day - In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March.

Defibrillator Group - Mostrim Men's Shed is putting out a call to all groups in the Edgeworthstown area! We believe there is a real need for a new Diffreblator Group in the town, and we want to team up with you to get it started.

Whether you're part of a Tidy Towns committee, a church group, a sports club, or any other local organization, we'd love to hear your thoughts. We have the initial idea and the enthusiasm, but we need the community's help to make it a reality.

If your group might be interested in collaborating or if you know someone who would be perfect for a Defibrillator Group, please get in touch! Email: mensshedmostrim@gmail.com.

Tel Gerry on 086 8555699

Mostrim Players and Mostrim Youth Players are delighted to present The Pied Piper of the Camlin, a fun-filled, locally written pantomime taking place on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Campus, Granard Road, Edgeworthstown, with additional performances on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March at 5.30pm. Tickets available in A@N gift shop and at ticket.ie.

BAKE SALE on Thurs 26th Feb @ 11.30 a.m. in Our Lady's Manor. All proceeds in aid of Residents Comfort Funds.

DRIVE SAFELY - Please put your phone down.

ONE LINE WISDOM: "Be an organ donor. Give your heart to Jesus."

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mark Cassidy.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Yvonne Tuite.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerard Greene Gerard Haughey.

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 -