

# Parish of St. Mary's

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Third Sunday of Lent - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

<b>This Weekend</b>	<b>March 7<sup>th</sup> / March 8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>7.00 p.m.</b>	1. Martin Kelly. 2. Michael Kenny, Lacken.
<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	1. Seamus, John and Teresa Canning, Tinnenaire. 2. Phyllis Barnes, First Anniv).
<b>Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor</b>	
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Next Weekend:</b>	<b>March 14<sup>th</sup> / March 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>7.00 p.m.</b>	Mary Eivers (Second Anniv.)
<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	Ned and Chrissie Flood, Paddy McGrath and deceased members of the Flood family.

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 28<sup>th</sup> February / Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March - €1,195 - sincere thanks.

**BAPTISM** - We welcomed Isabelle Gallagher, Cartronreagh, Edgeworthstown into our Christian community recently.

**First Confession** - will take place for the boys and girls of second class in St Mary's National School on Wed March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6.30 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION** - The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Paul on the girls and boys from sixth class in St Mary's National School on Sat March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11.00 a.m.

**Middle East** - The outbreak of war in the Middle East is obviously very distressing. We pray that the situation may be de-escalated soon and that peace may prevail. We remember all local people who live in the Middle East and are conscious of the concerns of their family and friends for their welfare. May all come through this turbulent time safe and well.

**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading** - Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.

**Second Reading** - God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**Gospel** - This contains the account of one of the most touching encounters of the Gospel - Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.

**LENTEN PRAYER** - For all those who work with Trócaire to build a just and fairer world. Bless them with strength and courage as they stand up against injustice and suffering; guide them in their work to provide programmes to support the most vulnerable. Lord, hear us.

**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.

- Fr Tom Healy -



• Thought for the Day •  
'The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceased to exist.'

- Pope St Gregory the Great  
'There are three elements that are almost always part of Lent: prayer, giving something up, and giving something back.'

- Elizabeth Hyndman  
'Everything in life has its own time. There is time to celebrate and there is time to mourn. This is the time for reflection and transformation. Let us look within and change into what we ought to be.'

- Aaron Saul  
**SUNDAY REFLECTION** - Today we are greatly helped by the wonderful Gospel of the Woman at the Well. On the third attempt, Jesus finally gets through to her but after that there is no stopping her. She represents us: what do I thirst for? What is the most important thing in my life? Where do I now find God? By relentless challenge and resolute honesty, we too can be led to that encounter with Jesus, which changes everything, "giving life a new horizon and a decisive direction". May we come to believe we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the savior of the world.

### Pope Leo:

"Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words."

"Let us disarm words and we will help to disarm the world."

"Our neighbors are not first our enemies ... but other men and women with whom we can speak."



**Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day)** will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please visit purpleday.org.

**TAX RELIEF SCHEME** - Thank you to all who have returned Tax Relief Forms. We would be pleased to receive outstanding ones so as to maximize our claim for a tax refund for the parish.

**A little humour:** A pastor goes for a walk in the bush. He comes across a wild bear and it starts running towards him. The pastor prays " God, convert this bear into a Christian". Immediately the bear stops in its tracks. The pastor gives a sigh of relief. The bear then stands up and lifts up its hands to heaven and says, " Thank you lord for this food I'm about to eat".

**MOSTRIM MEN'S SHED TABLE QUIZ** - DATE: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. VENUE: Lynn's, Main Street, Edgeworthstown. Quiz Starts 8:30 PM Sharp! GREAT PRIZES for the winning team! RAFFLE on the night with fantastic prizes to be won! €10 per person - Teams of 4. All proceeds support the work of the Mostrim Men's Shed. For bookings & inquiries, contact: 086 3196316. Email: mensshedmostrim@gmail.com

**Cemetery Registrar** - Longford Co. Co. is currently seeking Expressions of Interest for the role of Cemetery Registrar/Record Keeper for Council owned and managed cemeteries throughout the county. Please see poster on Church Noticeboard.

**Dromard Camino Walk 2026:** on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April. Proceeds go towards the Lourdes Assisted Pilgrim Fund and Dromard GAA club. Registration and full details at dromardcaminowalk2026. Choice of either 20km or 10km. Food, route map, toilets, etc, available to all. Contact phone no: 0862657080

### 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.

### WEBCAM

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