

Parish of St. Mary's

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - 22nd March 2026

This Weekend

7.00 p.m.

March 21st / March 22nd

1. William and Bridget Kelly, Lisnageeragh and deceased members of the Kelly, O'Toole and Donegan families.

2. Paddy McLoughlin, Kilsallagh (11th Anniv.)

11.00 a.m.

Ann Sheridan (Ninth Anniv.)

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

Wed 25th Mar People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: March 28th / March 29th

7.00 p.m.

John Gaynor (Fourth Anniv.)

11.00 a.m.

1. Austin Reilly (Sixth Anniv.)

2. Betty Scott (First Anniv.)

3. Ann, Frank, and Bridie Cahill and deceased members of the Cahill family.

4. Helen and Thomas Kearney and deceased members of the Kearney and Reynolds families.

Offertory Collection: Sat 14th March / Sun 15th March - €1,170 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Kamil Gumiela, Cam, who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.



Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death. Their return home is described in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal.

Second Reading - It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now this same Spirit lives in us. Therefore, we have no need to be afraid of death.

Gospel - By raising his friend Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows that he is Lord of life and death.

• Thought for the Day •

The best fertiliser has an odour. But it is out of that very real odour that something amazing grows. So it is with us: it is the dead and decaying parts of our lives, the rotting resentments, blistering wounds of old hurts, and the festering fears that are the points where we are most likely to be able to experience something new. The only way that happens is to bring them into the light of day, unbind them, and set them free - just as Lazarus was unbound and set free. Doing that takes faith in the process, a faith that Martha confessed, doubted, and then lived out - a faith in resurrection and life.

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 the parish.

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

SUNDAY REFLECTION - John's Gospel puts before the believer a grand array of 'I Am' sentences, rooted in the name of God in Exodus, I am who I am. I am the bread of life; I am the light of the world; I am the gate for the sheep; I am the good shepherd; I am the resurrection and the life; I am the way, the truth, and the life; I am the true vine. Altogether, they constitute a resounding reminder that we believe first of all, and above all, in a person, not in a philosophy. - St Paul Missal

• Baptised and Sent •

Baptism unites us to the saving death of Christ and enables us to share his life: 'when we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life'. When baptism is celebrated during the Easter Vigil, this connection between the paschal mystery and the new life given in baptism is readily made.

Triple immersion in the waters of baptism refers not just to the Father, Son, and Spirit, but symbolises participation in the three days that Jesus spent in the tomb before the Father raised him to life.

St Paul reminds us that new life with the risen Christ has already begun in those who have been baptised. Despite our frailty and sinfulness, despite our weakness and brokenness, 'nothing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord'. The Church is the community of the baptised, a community of redeemed saints and sinners that witnesses to Christ's life now as it awaits the fullness of risen life at the end of time. - INTERCOM

LENTEN PRAYER - We pray for ourselves and our parish community. As Christians, may the Holy Spirit guide us to an awareness of the needs of the poor so that we will seek to create a fairer and more equitable world. Lord, hear us

The Annunciation of the Lord - Wed Mar 25th

Giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace.



Lenten Alms - Thank you for your contributions to the Lenten Alms collection which amounted to €980 so far. The Lenten Alms are used by the diocese to support charitable causes.

Friendship

Let there be love and understanding among us; let peace and friendship be our shelter from life's storms. Eternal God, help us to walk with good companions, to live with hope in our hearts and eternity in our thoughts, that we may lie down in peace and rise up to find our hearts waiting to do your will. Amen

Pope Leo:

"A society is healthy and truly progresses only when it safeguards the sanctity of human life and works actively to promote it."

"During our pilgrimage on this earth, peacemaking requires humility and courage: the humility to live truthfully and the courage to forgive."

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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