

# Parish of St. Mary's

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Pentecost Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

This Weekend **May 23<sup>rd</sup> / May 24<sup>th</sup>**

7.00 p.m.

1. Maureen and Jimmy Gill (Anniv.).

2. Alan O'Hara (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.).

3. Liz, Andy and Margaret Devine.

11.00 a.m.

Patrick and Teresa Monaghan, Cranleymore and deceased members of the Monaghan and McCormack families.

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

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May** People of the Parish.

**Next Weekend: May 30<sup>th</sup> / May 31<sup>st</sup>**

7.00 p.m.

1. Matthew Minogue, Lisnagrish and deceased members of the Minogue family.

2. Jack Keenan - Marian Avenue, Margaret and John O'Connor - Marian Ave, Peter O'Connor who died recently in Australia, deceased members of the O'Connor family, Lisnageeragh and deceased members of the Flood family, 7 St Patrick's Terrace.

11.00 a.m.

No Intention.

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May / Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May - €1,000 - sincere thanks.

**BAPTISM** - We welcomed

Emily Pakula, The Backs, into our Christian community recently.



**CEMETERY SUNDAY** - Cemetery Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Aughafin Cemetery @ 1.00 p.m. on Sun July 5<sup>th</sup> next.

**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading**

This describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and the effect of this on them.

**Second Reading** - Paul says that each of us has been given different gifts by the Holy Spirit. These gifts are given, not just for our own good, but for the good of the Church, the Body of Christ.

**Gospel** - This is still part of the farewell discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper. It is really a prayer to the Father. Jesus prays not just for himself, but also for the apostles.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION** - "Come, Holy Spirit!" Where truth, love, goodness, peace, kindness, wisdom, courage, patience, and many others of his fruits are present, there the Spirit is active. In so many different ways, the Spirit reminds the world of the Gospel.

### • Thought for the Day •

Our Lord knows the perfect antidote to fear: peace. He bestowed peace on his apostles, who were locked in the upper room. And He always brings peace to us when we let him into our moments of prayer or activity. Peace is his 'trademark,' a sure sign of his presence in our life. Even when life circumstances challenge us, Jesus brings peace if we invite him in. Why do we hesitate? Come Holy Spirit! Reign in my heart and cast out all fear. epriest.com (INTERCOM)

### reflection

In the fields patches of green are appearing,  
new patches on an old garment.

But, given time, spring will weave a completely new garment.

Yet Spring is only a facilitator.

It doesn't make anything happen.

It merely creates the climate in which things can grow.

We too need to grow,

To grow as human beings and children of God.

But growth is slow and painful.

We do not easily let go of the old garment,  
woven out of old habits and attitudes.

But we have been given a wonderful Facilitator,  
namely the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit awakens us to the mysterious power within us,  
bids us live and helps us grow.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on us.

**"Heaven's Surprise".**

I was shocked, confused, bewildered

As I entered Heaven's door,

Not by the beauty of it all

Not by the lights or décor,

But it was the folks in Heaven

Who made me sputter and gasp

The thieves, the liars, the sinners

The alcoholics, the trash!!

There stood the kid from the seventh grade

He'd stole my lunch money twice!!

Next to him was my old neighbor

Who never said anything nice!!

Uncle Bob, who I always thought

Was rotting away in hell

Was sitting pretty, on cloud nine

Looking incredibly well!!

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal, I'd love to hear your take.

On how'd all these sinners get up here

God must have made a mistake!!

And why's everyone so quiet.

So somber. Give me a clue."

"Hush child," said He "they're all in shock.

No one thought they'd see you here too !!" - Taylor Ludwig

**Food for Thought:** "What do you want to be when you grow

up?" "Kind," said the boy. - The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.

**Pope Leo:** "The Spirit breaks down barriers and tears down the walls of indifference and hatred because he 'teaches us all things' and 'reminds us of Jesus' words. Where there is love, there is no room for prejudice."

**THE WAY** is a new digital multimedia platform recently set up by the Irish Bishops. Take a look at: [theway.ie](http://theway.ie)

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

**Longford County Choir** presents Vivaldi's Gloria and Choral Favourites in St. Mel's Cathedral on Sunday 24th May 2026 at 7.30pm. Tickets €15 each; Family Ticket €30 - available from Presbytery / Denniston's / Farrell Stationery / Any Choir Members.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JUNE

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Pat Appleford.

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** Helena Quinn.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JUNE

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

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** Anne Smith, Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -