

Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim



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Sixteenth Sunday - 19th July 2026

This Weekend

7.00 p.m.

11.00 a.m.

July 18th / July 19th

Paddy and Chrissie Glennon - Aughagin.

1. Liam Tuite (Fourth Anniv).

2. Seamus Martin (Second Anniv).

3. Pat Joe Donohoe, Lisnagh, (Twenty First Anniv), and deceased members of the Morgan family - Lisnagh.

4. James Coyle (Tenth Anniv).

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

Wed 22nd July People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: July 25th / July 26th

7.00 p.m.

Rose Lynn (Month's Mind).

11.00 a.m.

Jimmy Gilchrist - Richfort, Ardagh.

Offertory Collection: Sat 11th July / Sun 12th July - €1,085 - sincere thanks.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - God is the only one who has both the knowledge and the power to root out evil people if he so desired. But does he? This reading talks about his leniency and how we ought to imitate it.

Second Reading - Sometimes when we pray to God we don't seem to be able to find the right words to express what is in our minds. It doesn't matter. God still understands.

Gospel - The Church, and indeed the world, is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side until they are separated at the harvest time.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - The parable of the weeds among the wheat addresses the recurring problem of believers who claim they can discern the righteous from the wicked, thereby separating themselves from the rest to form a circle of respectable people. Jesus himself ignores the social labels imposed by the so-called pious and the respectable. The task of separating the good from the bad is reserved for God, who will set things right in his own time. - St Paul's Sunday Missal.

• Thought for Today •

When I trust God's perfect timing, my inner peace remains intact, even when confronted with delays or a slow pace of action or progress. I remember that God is in control, and God knows what he's doing. At last, I've come to realise that God's slow work is where his best masterpieces lie, for time is often an ally where creation is concerned. The world in all its magnificence surely takes time for my human brain to behold, so naturally God reveals its intricacies slowly. God invites me to embrace this virtue of patience, giving me numerous opportunities to practice it. When I follow God's lead, at God's pace, the payoff is huge: experiencing God's ever-deepening nearness.

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

Coping with Grief

* A little girl came home from a neighbour's house where her little friend had died. 'Why did you go?' questioned her father. 'To comfort her mother,' replied the child.

'What could you do to comfort her?' the father continued.

'I climbed into her lap and cried with her,' answered the child.

** A missionary translator, laboring amongst a tribe in the mountains of Mexico, found it hard to get the right word for 'comfort'. One day his helper asked for a week's leave, and explained that his uncle had died and he wanted some days off to visit his bereaved aunt 'to help her heart around the corner.' That was just the expression the missionary needed.

Food for Thought:

* One Sunday Morning, a man entered the church and sat up the front with his hat on. Noting the man, one of the ushers spoke to him asking him if he knew he had forgotten to remove his hat.

'Yes,' the man replied, 'I realise I have my hat on. I've been coming to this church for two months and this is the only way I could get anyone to speak to me.'

** The church is never a place, but always a people; never a fold, but always a flock; never a sacred building, but always a believing assembly. The church is you who pray, not where you pray.

*** Walking down the street one day a lady noticed a little girl leaving the church by herself. When the child passed her, the lady inquired where she had been.

'In there,' replied the little girl, pointing to church.

'And what were you doing in there?' the woman asked.

'Praying,' was the prompt reply.

Thinking the child was probably bothered with some problem, the lady inquired, 'What were you praying for, dear?'

'Nothing,' the child replied. 'I was just loving Jesus.'

Quotes from the Saints:

"Pray, hope, and don't worry." - Padre Pio.

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." - John Paul II

"We should ever be grateful for and love the vocation to which God has called us. This applies to every vocation because, after all, what a privilege it is to serve God, even in the least capacity!" - Solanus Casey

Second Vatican Council:

For, wherever they live, all Christians are bound to show forth, by the example of their lives and by the witness of their speech, that new man which they put on at baptism, and that power of the Holy Spirit by whom they were strengthened at Confirmation. Thus other men, observing their good works, can glorify the Father and can better perceive the real meaning of human life and the bond which ties the whole community of mankind together.

Communications: The Parish Facebook page is 'Mostrim Parish'. The Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois has also recently enhanced its online presence on Facebook and Instagram. Please search under 'Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois.'

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Ludovica Gherca

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Sharon Haughey.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JULY

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

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Matthew Family.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Heafy -