

Parish of St. Mary's

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Twentieth Sunday - 16th August 2026

This Weekend	August 15th / August 16th
7.00 p.m.	No Intention.
11.00 a.m.	Sheila Dougherty (nee Reilly), New Jersey.
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Wed 19 th Aug	People of the Parish.
Next Weekend:	August 22nd / August 23rd
7.00 p.m.	1. Deceased members of the Lynn family. 2. Thomas Cassidy (Month's Mind). 3. Ned Hogan, Bracklin Road (18 th Anniv.).
11.00 a.m.	1. Noel & Declan Walsh (5 th Anniv). 2. Sr. Ita McCabe (Month's Mind).

Offertory Collection: Sat 8th Aug / Sun 9th Aug - €1,245 - sincere thanks.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - This reading states that God's house is not for Jews only. It is open to all those who worship God with sincerity no matter where they come from.

Second Reading - God never takes back his gifts - so Paul assures us. If we return to him we can be sure of obtaining mercy.

Gospel - An incident involving a pagan woman who had extraordinary faith in Christ.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - In today's gospel, Jesus changes his mind! How is that possible? Twice in St Matthews Gospel, Jesus limits his ministry to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel". In today's story, however, a very feisty woman, clearly not a daughter of Abraham, with her urgency and her witty retort, brings Jesus to recognise the needs of those beyond the ethnic confines of the Jewish people. They are ordinary human beings too, just as much in need of the Good News of the Kingdom as anyone else.

- St Paul's Sunday Missal

• Thought for Today •

For the disciples with Mary's body literally gone and no burial site to visit, there was no physical reminder of Mary, only memories and, at times, an unexplainable presence. Many of us have met or know of persons who have experienced the loss of a loved one as a result of war, accident, violence or unknown circumstances and the body is never located. The feast of Mary's Assumption gives consolation to them as they grieve and mourn the loss of their loved one, believing that the person is not lost or annihilated, but enjoys eternal life with their God who loves unconditionally.

- Sr Carol Marie Wildt - INTERCOM

Feasts next week:

Mon 17 th	- Our Lady of Knock
Thurs 20 th	- St Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church.
Fri 21 st	- St Pius x, pope
Sat 22 nd	- The Queenship of Mary

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- Fr Tom Healy -

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

- Sunday Sept 6th

- 2.00 p.m. - Rosary
- 2.30 p.m. - Anointing of the Sick
- 3.00 p.m. - Mass

Pope Paul VI -

"One cannot be Christian in name alone. It is not enough to say that one possesses the faith in one's own individual conscience. The faith is both a communal and out going thing. Consequently, it carries with it the obligation of involving oneself with it and of spreading it. You yourselves must be apostles of the faith, and grow in love for the Church. You must foster within yourselves a deep missionary spirit, showing interest and zeal not only for the missionary countries but also for all those people you meet in the contacts of daily life."

From the lips of the Saints:

"Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks and serve him with great humility."

- Francis of Assisi

"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world."

- St. Aloysius Gonzaga

"It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the most exquisitely beautiful pictures."

- St. André Bessette

"Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes."

- St. Dominic

Children's letters to God:

"Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother...but what I asked for was a puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up." (Joyce)

"Dear God, I bet it's hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it." (Sue)

"Dear God, Did you mean for giraffes to look like that, or was it an accident?" (Norma)

"Dear God, Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they each had their own rooms. It works out O.K. with me and my brother." (Larry)

Reflections:

'Worry' we are told, is from an Anglo-Saxon word which means 'harm' and is another form of the word 'wolf'. It is something harmful and tears as a wolf which mangles a sheep. There are times, no doubt, when we must feel anxious because of harm suffered or anticipated by ourselves or others, and this may be beneficial because it rouses to necessary activity; but often worry has the opposite effect, it paralyses us and unfits us for duty, and also distracts our thoughts and obscures our vision.

- Anon

An old story tells of an angel who met a man carrying a heavy sack and enquired what was in it. 'My worries,' said the man. 'Let me see them,' asked the angel. When the sack was opened, it was empty. The man was astonished and said he had two great worries. One was of yesterday which he now saw was past; the other of tomorrow which had not yet arrived. The angel told him he needed no sack and the man threw it away.

- Anon

A famous preacher once told his congregation, 'Every blade of grass is a sermon.' A few days later, a parishioner saw him mowing his lawn. 'That's right, Father,' the man said, 'cut your sermons short.'

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sinead O'Ferrall.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Betty Mulhare.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - AUGUST

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

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Orla Noonan, Kate O'Donohue.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

