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Twenty Third Sunday - 6th September 2026

This Weekend

September 5th / September 6th

7.00 p.m.

1. Elizabeth and Ben Flood, Marian Ave, and their sons P.J. and Tom.

2. Bridgid and Ned Flood, Pound Street.

11.00 a.m.

Joe Kenny, Whitehall, daughter Mary Gallagher, Abbeylara and deceased members of the Kenny and Duignan families.

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

Wed 9th Sept People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: September 12th / September 13th

7.00 p.m.

No Intention.

11.00 a.m.

1. Mary Greene, Divine Crescent, (9th Anniv.).

2. Joe and Dolores Breen; Gretchen, Joseph and Jenny Gallagher; Liam and Rose Madden, Kilsallagh and Pat McGerr, Ballymahon Rd.

Offertory Collection: Sat 29th Aug / Sun 30th Aug - €1,355 - sincere thanks.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - This stresses the duty of the appointed leader to speak out against the evil he sees around him. If he doesn't do so he will be held responsible by God.

Second Reading - If we truly loved our neighbours we would not harm them in any way.

Gospel - This talks about the duty a Christian has to correct an erring brother or sister. But there is a way of doing it.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - Our Gospel reading today has some harsh dimensions and most likely it reflects not the teaching of Jesus directly but the practices in the Church for which Matthew was writing. As often in Matthew, however, there is a surprise. People who refuse to acknowledge their failures are to be treated as pagans and tax collectors! But just how are pagans and tax collectors treated by Jesus and in the Gospel of Matthew? Remember the call of Matthew! Recall the story of the Canaanite woman. They are welcomed and forgiven! Any permanent exclusion is to be resisted on the example and teaching of Jesus himself.

- St Paul's Sunday Missal

• Thought for Today •

Creation is God's work. Before humanity was, the rest of creation came into being. The earth and her creatures - indeed the whole cosmos - have beauty, dignity and meaning before human presence. So to nurture awe at the wonder of creation is part of our calling. Look up into the skies, walk in the fields, stand at the ocean's edge. Everything belongs, everything has beauty! The garden is such an insightful model of our care of creation.. Our call is to be good gardeners, thoughtful, alert and diligent, working with the soil and with the rhythm of the season, caring for the creatures who find home and shelter in the garden.

GLEN AFTER SCHOOL seek your support for an extension to their facility at Glen school. For further details please see:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-our-building-extension-fund>.

- Fr Tom Healy -

Prayer for the love of Creation

Creator God,

You show us what love is
through the beauty of the earth
and the gift of your Son.

For the love of...
animal and plant
mountain and forest
sea and city
woman and man
friend and family
those who live far from us
and those yet to be born.

Move us to live more simply,
to protect the earth

and to speak up for those in need. Amen.

Pope Leo: "What has been used for destruction can be redirected toward life, toward the care of the poor, the nourishment of the hungry, and the safeguarding of creation."

Diocesan Training Courses

Course on the Sunday Eucharist

Deepening our Understanding of the Eucharist

The Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois invites parish liturgy teams and all those involved in the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist to take part in this three-evening formation programme.

Family Centre, Longford - 9, 16, 23 September.

Funeral Ministry Teams

Supporting Families with Compassion and Faith

The Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois invites parish volunteers to take part in this three-evening programme for Funeral Ministry Teams.

Family Centre, Longford - 30 Sept, 7 Oct, 14 Oct.

For full course(s) information, registration and booking visit
www.ardaghdiocese.org/training

Why Sunday Matters - Key Themes

Irish Bishop's Pastoral

1. We come together to meet the Risen Lord: Focuses on the transition from a solitary existence to a community gathering. It views Sunday Mass as a shared space where believers bond in unity, solidarity, and love to encounter Christ's living presence.
2. We come together to listen to God speaking to us: Explores the Liturgy of the Word. It guides parishes to reflect on how scripture nourishes faith, anchors uncertain believers, and supports people who are actively searching for deeper meaning.
3. We come together to share in Christ's Body and Blood: Deepens the understanding of the Eucharist as a vital, life-giving gift. It reflects on the idea that we receive God's grace and love to be transformed, rather than simply fulfilling a ritual duty.
4. We come together to be sent to bring Christ to the world: Examines the concluding rite of dismissal and mission. It challenges churchgoers to consider how their physical participation strengthens them to live as practical modern missionaries in their daily lives.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Edel Coyle / Sharon Haughey.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate Crossan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane, Maura Coyle.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ita O'Farrell, Emma O'Reilly.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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