

**PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. MARK BENNETT C.C. 071-9620118**  
**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 31st JULY & SUNDAY 1st AUGUST**

**ST.MARY'S Sat Vigil 8pm:** Elizabeth & John Francis Murray (Anniv)

**9am:** For all deceased parishioners interred in our three cemeteries

**10.30am:**David Carey (Anniv)

**12 noon:** Mona & Terry Geoghegan (Anniv)

**MASSES FROM MONDAY 2nd to SATURDAY 7th AUGUST**

**ST.MARY'S: Monday 8pm:**

**Tuesday 10am:**

**Wednesday 10am:**

**Thursday 10am:**

**Friday 8pm:**Brendan, Pat & Enda Monaghan (Anniv)

**Saturday 10am:** Paddy & Margaret Glancy & their Daughter in-Law Kathleen

**LEITRIM Tuesday 8pm:**

**GOWEL Friday 7pm:** Fr.Michael Guckian & Margaret Jane Guckian

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 7th & SUNDAY 8th AUGUST**

**ST.MARY'S Sat Vigil 8pm:**

**9am:** Gerry Diffley (10th Anniv)

**10.30am:**Sr. Elizabeth (Chona Gillan) thanksgiving for her Solemn Profession as a Carmelite Sister.

**12 noon:** Agnes & Cornelius Scollan.

**PARISH NOTICES**

**DEATH NOTICES:** We pray for the happy repose the souls of Mary

Ellen Crowe, (Ballymagovern, Ballinamore, sister in-law of Tom Crowe,

Summerhill) and Michael O'Donnell, (Dublin, grandnephew of Eddie Stokes) who died recently. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**STEP-WEST MOBILITY:** Will hold a Bucket Collection between the hours of 10am to 4pm in the locality of Carrick on Shannon town from the 30th July to 2nd August for the benefit of Step-West Mobility RCN 20206148 which is to provide an exoskeleton for people with limited mobility.

**USHERS/STEWARDS:** We are looking for volunteers to help with stewarding at our four weekend Masses in St Mary's. In order to facilitate a smooth safe environment for people attending Mass it is vital that we have sufficient stewards to manage seating, movement etc within the church. Our present numbers are insufficient and we need volunteers urgently. Anyone willing to help, will work alongside experienced stewards so it will be a smooth and pressure-free introduction. If you can help, please speak to one of the stewards after Mass and they can discuss it with you. Alternatively leave your name and phone number with Parish Office & they will pass it on.

**SOLEMN PROFESSION:** please pray for Chona Gillan as she makes her solemn profession as Sr. Elizabeth in the Carmelite Monastery in Knock on Friday 6th August.

**The Gospel of St John.**

While Year B of the Lectionary, we normally read the Gospel of St Mark on the Sundays of Ordinary time, the Gospel of St John is read from the 17th Sunday to the 21st Sunday inclusive. These readings focus upon Chapter 6 of his Gospel, and relate to St John's discussion of the Eucharist—the Bread of Life.

John presents Jesus as the divine Son of God who enters our earthly creation and ascends to God again when his mission is complete. John reveals a strong image of Jesus who is totally in control. John refers to him as the "Word" or the "Light" who existed with the Father from all eternity and with whom the Father created the World.

The Gospel of St John is basically divided into two sections—the Book of Signs (1:19—12:50) and the Book of Glory (13:1—20:31). The Gospel begins with the Prologue that is hymn about Christ; described in terms of the Word, and the Light. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... In him was life, and he life was the light of men ..."* The prologue also introduces John the Baptist and his witness to Christ.

In this Gospel, John uses contrasting ideas or opposites. He speaks about light and darkness, heaven and earth, life and death, Spirit and flesh, God and Satan and so on. He frequently contrasts this world and its ways with those of Heaven.

From the second chapter onwards, John recounts the first of the signs of Jesus at the wedding in Cana and follows with incidents that continue to highlight the role of Jesus as the Word made flesh. A highlight of these chapters is his discourse with the woman at the well concerning the water of eternal life and the place of true worship.

In chapters 5 to 10, John speaks of the conflict of Jesus with those who misunderstand the meaning of the Sabbath. Jesus teaches about the Sabbath and performs healing on this day of rest. He highlights his relationship to God the Father, feeds the crowd in the desert, walks on water and gives a discourse on the bread of Life. The passion and cross become the dominant themes in chapters 11 and 12 and the Book of Signs ends with a discussion on the message of the cross.

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**Wed & Fri: 10.30am-5pm**