

**PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. MARK BENNETT C.C. 071-9620118**  
**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 18th & SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER**

**ST.MARY'S Sat Vigil 8pm:** Bridie Reynolds (Anniv)

**9am:**

**10.30am:** Tom Beirne (1st Anniv) his parents Mary Teresa & John, their son Francis & deceased members of the Beirne & Gaffney families

**12 noon:** Sean O'Rourke (5th Anniv)

**MASSES FROM MONDAY 20th to SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER**

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

**Tuesday 10am:** John & Kathleen Monaghan (Anniv)

**Wednesday 10am:** Dermott Doran (Anniv)

**Thursday 10am:** Edward & Mainie Stokes their son John & deceased members of the Stokes, Reilly & McDonagh families

**Friday 8pm:** Billy Gilligan (Anniv)

**Saturday 10am:** Cheryl Mulvey (Anniv)

**LEITRIM Tuesday 8pm:**

**GOWEL Friday 7pm:**

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 25th & SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER**

**Sat Vigil 8pm:** Pdraig Griffin (Anniv)

**9am:** Mary Brennan (2nd Anniv)

**10.30am:** Patricia Dunne Layden (Anniv) Gregg Dunne & deceased members of the Dunne & Layden families

**12 noon:** Pat McGovern (Months Mind)

**PARISH NOTICES**

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Christian Community Senan Bushell, Doireann McWeeney, Ryan & Aaron Beirne, who were baptised last weekend.

**CONFIRMATION:** For St Bridget's N.S, Kilnagross will take place on **Saturday 25th September at 1pm**, in St.Patrick's Church Gowel. A rehearsal will take place on Thursday 23rd at 7pm.. Confirmation for St. Joseph's N.S, Leitrim will take place in St. Mary's Church on **Saturday 25th September at 12 noon**.

**ADORATION:** A short period of adoration in St Mary's Church from after Mass on Thursdays until 12noon, will start on Thursday next 23rd September. All welcome.

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**AMBITION?**

Our scripture readings for this weekend seem to suggest that ambition is something of a 'dirty' word. It is condemned by Jesus and St. James. However, on closer examination, we come to realise that it is not ambition itself that is condemned but the wrong type of ambition. Ambition in itself is a good thing. The real question is: what are we ambitious about? Those who are consumed by ambition can often sacrifice too many things to attain the goal of success. They can end up neglecting family life, relationships, even life itself.

In our gospel we have a very good example of false ambition. The apostles fight among themselves over who would have the most important status and positions. Jesus aware that this type of false ambition only leads to conflict and division and is very damaging to the group, teaches them an important lesson. He reminds them that true greatness is to be found in serving others. The really great people, those often most fondly remembered, are not those who sought to further themselves and their own interests, but rather those who devoted themselves to furthering the interests of the community. The call to 'serve' is an invitation to use one's gifts and talents not for one's own selfish ends but for others. If we do so, we will help to build a better world.

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