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First Sunday of Lent
12th February 2018

This Weekend: February 17th/18th

7.00p.m. Sean, Ellen and Lisa Cullen.

10.00a.m. Elizabeth Kelleher, Cullyvore

12noon Joan Lynam.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Sat 24th – John Ballesty and deceased members of the Ballesty and Riggs families.

Next Weekend: February 24th/25th

7.00p.m No Intention.

10.00a.m No Intention.

12noon No Intention.

Offertory Collection: - €1,240.00 - sincere thanks.

SHROVE DUES are for the support of the priest of the parish. Thank you for your generous contributions.

BAPTISM - We welcomed Thomas Sean Reynolds, Gneeve into our Christian community recently.

SERVICE OF LIGHT for Confirmation Class takes place at the Vigil Mass on Sat Feb 24th @ 7.00 p.m.

CHOOSE LIFE 2018

The Christian message is a message of life. It is about how every human life is a reflection of the very life of God. Each of us is created in the image of God. Catholic teaching clearly affirms that every human life has unique and irreplaceable dignity. Every human life has the right, from its very beginnings, to flourish and develop as God wants it to. Compassion and support for women in difficult situations also belongs to the essence of Catholic teaching. Any society which attempts to define certain lives as being of lesser worth and of lesser protection betrays the common good. All should be equal in the face of the law. That is a fundamental principle of our Constitution – and indeed of democracy – to be maintained and protected." Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

TROCAIRE 2018 - Trocaire boxes are available in the Church this weekend. The slogan this year is 'Until Love Conquers Fear'. We read 'We believe love is the only thing powerful enough to conquer fear, and our commitment to justice and dignity will continue until fear end and love prevails. Together we can make a difference. Together we can transform lives. Together we can conquer fear.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading - tells how after the flood God made a new friendship-agreement (covenant) with Noah and his descendants. Second Reading - St. Peter says that the waters of the flood of Noah's time were a type of the waters of our Baptism by which we are saved.



World Meeting of Families National Collection – Feb 24th/25th - On behalf of the National Finance Committee I write to thank you very sincerely, for your generous response to both national collections for the World Meeting of Families 2018.

Pope Francis personally chose Dublin, to host the World Meeting of Families from 22-26 August next. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is at an advanced stage. A dedicated office and support team has been established and they are working hard to bring to life the different elements of the WMOF2018 which include (i) A National Opening in each diocese; (ii) A Pastoral Congress from 22-24 Aug; (iii) the Festival of Families on 25 Aug; and, (iv) the Closing Mass on Sun 26 Aug. The WMOF2018 has also rolled out the 'Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's be Family' programme which is a conversation about the family with an emphasis on Pope Francis' teaching and reflections. The WMF promises to be an occasion that will reflect on the faith experience of families from many parts of the world as well as on the challenges and celebrations which characterise the ups and downs of day-to-day family life.

Hosting this national and international event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard the third national collection will be held on the weekend of 24 and 25 February 2018.

Yours faithfully

Francis Duffy

Bishop Francis Duffy

Chairman – National Finance Committee for 9th WMF

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST'S SOCIETY - meet on Thurs Feb 22nd @ 11.30 a.m. at Our Lady's Manor.

EDGEWORTHSTOWN DEVELOPMENT- PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: The Parent & Toddler Group meets every Tuesday morning in The Green, Edgeworthstown from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. For further details, please contact 087 9548615

COUNTY LONGFORD FLEADH CHEOIL 2018 takes place in Scoil Mhuire, Newtownforbes, from Fri 27th/Sun 29th Apr. Joe Callaghan CCE will be taking Entries for the Fleadh competitions on Sat 10th Mar in the Green, Edgeworthstown from 11:00/1:00. No entries will be accepted after 16th Mar - it will not be possible to enter a competition on the day. Further details: joecallaghancece@gmail.com or text/call 086-8211388.

CHURCH HUMOUR from real Bulletins

- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- 8 new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sarah Lee Greene, Tadhg Murtagh.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Niamh Gogan, David Greene.

Sunday 12 noon: Anthony/Ciaran Garvey, Emma O'Reilly.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sr. Maureen Brennan, Sandra Durkan, Margaret Kelly.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Liz Brady, Orla Noonan, John Cahill.

Sunday 12 noon: Mary Kelly McGrath, Colm O'Reilly, Ann Walker.