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Fifth Sunday of Lent – 18th March

This Weekend: March 17th/18th

- 7.00p.m.** 1. Paddy McLoughlin, Kilsallagh.
2. Bernard & Agnes Farrell, Tinaire and deceased members of the family.
- 10.00a.m.** Margaret Devine, St Patrick's Terrace.
- 12noon** No Intention.

The Manor – Sunday 18th March – The Mitchell family, Kilsallagh.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend: March 24th/25th

- 7.00p.m** John Coyle, Corclaragh.
- 10.00a.m** Jim, Elizabeth & Anna of the Hagan family, Lisnore/Collogue.
- 12noon** Ann Sheridan (1st Anniv.), Lisnagrish.

The Manor – Sunday 25th March – Rose Furneaux (1st Anniv.)

Offertory Collection: - €1,100.00 - sincere thanks.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed Jason Daniel Greene and Megan Kate Greene, River Park and Noel Patrick Brian Stokes, Corboy into our Christian community recently.

FIRST CONFESSION - will be celebrated for the boys and girls from second class in our parish school on Wed next Mar 21st in St. Marty's Church @ 7.00 p.m. May the young girls and boys always know God's loving mercy in their live and bring that mercy to everyone all they meet.

STATION MASS - Longfield - Fri Mar 23rd @ 8.00 p.m. Pat and Noreen Duffy.

HOLY WEEK - The Parish Pastoral Council have been planning for the Holy Week ceremonies - the highpoint of the Church calendar in which we re-enact the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. We wish to hold a **Meeting of Ministers of the Word** on Tues Mar 20th @ 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Church and a

Meeting of Eucharistic Ministers also on Tues Mar 20th @ 8.15 p.m. We are hoping to have some parish volunteers to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday evening celebration. Please contact us if you could assist.

CHOOSE LIFE 2018 - Bishop Francis has written a Pastoral Letter to the people of the diocese entitled "Life is both Sacred and a Human Right". Copies are available at the church doors. You are invited to take one home.



*Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life
Reawaken in us respect for every human life
Help us to see in each child
the marvellous work of our Creator
Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique
And wonderful gift from God. Amen*

TROCAIRE 2018 - "...to lend your neighbour a helping hand is to keep the commandments." Sirach 29:1. This St. Patrick's weekend we celebrate the huge change brought about in the developing world which is made possible by the generosity of people in Ireland. Trócaire reached 2.6 m people last year with your support – parents trying to feed their children, communities struck by disaster, refugees fleeing conflict, men and women whose rights were being trampled. This support can only be provided by the ongoing solidarity shown by people here at home.

THE DEEP END: We should like to see Jesus

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of today's gospel some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how his 'hour' is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether.

But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading, that in the words of the Pharisees, 'the world has gone after him'. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when his hour comes, he will draw 'all people' to himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it crystal clear that his saving mission is for all people, of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles – including those Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are 'in' and others 'out'. All are included. All are invited. All are welcome.

I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of 'indiscriminate welcome'. As we continue our journey through Lent, and soon into Holy Week, let us listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for all. He wishes to draw all people to himself. Are our churches, parishes, communities and homes open to all, outsiders included? Are they places of welcome and inclusion, where all who enter experience God's love?

- Triona Doherty – INTERCOM

A Little humour:

The village Rector was passing a very well kept garden and stopped to admire the beautiful flowers....

"The Lord and you have done remarkable things to this garden," said the Rector to the owner.

"Well, thank you Rector", replied the owner, "but you should have seen it when it was only the Lord in charge!"

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD – MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford, Mary KellyMcGrath.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Ruth McKeon, Maria Noonan.

Sunday 12 noon: Colm O'Reilly, Christine O'Reilly.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - MARCH

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Angela Kelly, Diane Geoghegan, Eileen Glennon.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, Siobhan Campbell.

Sunday 12 noon: Maria Noonan, Liam Tuite, Angela Dockery.

Fr. Tom Healy P.P.