

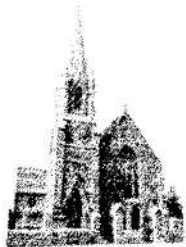
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16th Sunday of the year - 22nd July 2018

This Weekend: July 21st/22nd

7.00p.m. Jimmy Coyle, Cranleymore and deceased members of the family.

10.00a.m. William (Billy) Lynn.

12noon No Intention.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Sat 28th July - Mulryan & Brady family, Lisnagrish.

Next Weekend: July 28th/29th

7.00p.m. Pearse & Jenny Tuite.

10.00a.m. No Intention.

12noon Kathleen McGuinness.

Offertory Collection: - €1,260.00 - sincere thanks.

PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK, REEK SUNDAY,

JUL 29th: Bus leaves Granard at 05.00, Ballinallee Church 05.15, Killoe Park 05.20, Newtownforbes Church at 05.30, Cathedral Car Park (old) at 5.40, Tarmonbarry Grotto 05.50, Strokestown, Percy French 06.10, and Ballaghadereen 06.40. Bring a packed lunch/bottle of water and a long stick for climbing. Booking: Kitty 086 0405621, Peter 087 6613510 or Marie 086 1900640.

POPES VISIT TO KNOCK - O'Haires Bus Company are running a bus to Knock for those who have tickets for the Popes' visit. To book: 087 - 9004876.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE: Mobile unit will be at Longford Arms Hotel, Tues July 24th, Wed. 25th & Thurs 26th from 5pm to 8.30pm. Further information: 093-70832/33. Alternatively please see our website giveblood.ie

CASA: Thanks to all who contributed to our recent Church gate collection which came to €172.87. This will allow us to continue to provide a voluntary service to many in our community.

MIDLANDS SIMON COMMUNITY: Our Longford Rose Loren Katie Logan is hosting a table quiz in aid of "Midlands Simon Community" in the Sportsman Inn, Edgeworthstown on Tues Jul 24th @ 9pm as part of her Rose journey to Tralee. Tables of 3 (€10 per person). Please Support! Raffle on the night, great night guaranteed.

MUSINGS

'The sacrament of marriage is not a social convention, an empty ritual or merely the outward sign of a commitment. The sacrament is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses, since 'their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church. The married couple are therefore a permanent reminder for the Church of what took place on the cross; they are for one another and for their children witnesses of the salvation in which they share through the sacrament.' Pope Francis. *Amoris Laetitia*, 72

THE DEEP END: Crowds and Shepherds

The gospel today emphasises the importance of taking time for yourself as Jesus takes the disciples to a deserted place after all their hard work. It teaches an important lesson about remaining connected to Jesus if we are to be his followers. It is unfortunate for them that their break is interrupted. The crowd are thirsty for more and suffering from a lack of real leadership. Jesus has so much compassion for the people that the phrase Mark uses actually means he felt compassion in his intestines! A biblical way of saying he felt compassion for them in the pit of his stomach.

Next month we greet the shepherd of the Catholic Church as Pope Francis comes to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. It will be a momentous occasion, a once in a life-time experience to see and to hear from a Pope who has so much to say to us about sharing the gospel message in our world. He calls us to be joyful Christians, to reach out to the poor and abandoned, to be disciples in our families, communities, on the streets and to help build a world that is true to Christ's vision for this world. Pope Francis is a leader who inspires many. Whether you are travelling to the festival or watching it at home we pray for the success of this extraordinary event. Let us pray today for leaders in our Church and in our communities, that they will inspire people, nurture people and listen to the Spirit who guides us on this path.

Jane Mellet - INTERCOM

GLEN AFTERCARE: Brand new afterschool facility located on the grounds of School Bhríde Glen. Now taking bookings, offering National Childcare Government Programmes, Community Childcare Subvention, Childcare Education & Training Support, Community Employment Childcare Programme and after School Childcare Programme. Prices: 1.30pm-2.40pm 6 Euro per day, 1.30pm-6pm 14 Euro per day, 2.40pm-6pm 12 Euro per day. For further Information/Booking Form Contact Annmarie on 086-6067747 or email: glenafterschool@gmail.com

IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION: Church Gate Collection will take place on Sat 28th & Sun 29th July. With your support IWA can continue to maintain vital services to people with disabilities in Co. Longford.

LONGFORD WOMEN'S LINK: Church Gate Collections for Co Longford this weekend July 21st & 22nd.

CO. LONGFORD CITIZENS INFORMATION SERVICE: is hosting a series of Free Pensions Advice Days. A state pension expert will be in attendance on Aug 13th, 14th & 15th @ 10:00am & 2:00pm to give a one hour presentation and to answer any questions you may have. To prepare, apply to DEASP for your "Social Insurance Record" today - this can be done online with your PPS No. at www.welfare.ie or call 01-4715898 to request this and bring your Social Insurance Record with you on the day. Contact our Local Office on 0761 07 5890 for more information and to book your place now!

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JULY

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

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

Sunday 12 noon: Gerard Greene, Anthony/Ciaran Garvey.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford, Sr. Dymrna Kelly, Maura Coyle.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Caoimhe Collins, Ita O'Farrell.

Sunday 12 noon: Kate O'Donoghue, Emma O'Reilly, Yvonne Tuite

Fr. Tom Hughes, P.P.