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18th Sunday of the Year - 4th / 5th August 2018

This Weekend: August 4th/5th

7.00p.m. Thomas Victory and deceased members of the Victory family, Longfield.

10.00a.m. Maureen Doyle, Corclaragh.

12noon Patsy Murphy, Lacken.

The Manor – Sunday 5th Aug – Sean Foley.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend: August 11th/12th

7.00p.m. Michael Clyne, Devine Crescent.

10.00a.m. May & John Grimes, Marian Ave.

12noon Josephine Logan, Devine Crescent.

The Manor – Sunday 12th Aug – No Intention.

Offertory Collection: - €1,205.00 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Patrick (Paddy) Kiernan, Cam, who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescant in Pace.*

BAPTISM - We welcomed Jayla Josephine Nina Wenman, Kilbride Park; and Michael Dennis Stokes, Oakvale, Longford into our Christian community recently.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

'Le Céile le Chríost'

Solemn evening prayer to open the World Meeting of Families 2018

will take place in St Mel's Cathedral Longford on Tuesday 21 August at

7.30pm. Families from every Parish in the Diocese are warmly welcome.

Bishop Francis Duffy presiding.

MASSES on SUN AUG "6th – Many parishes are rescheduling Mass times on the Sunday of the Papal Visit to allow priests and people to attend Mass with Pope Francis in the Phoenix Park. Accordingly, there will be no 12.00 Mass on Aug 26th. Masses as usual on Sat evening (25th), 10.00 in Parish Church and 11.00 in Our Lady's Manor on Sun 26th.

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES will take place on Sat August 25th. Our parish has received 10 tickets for this event. It would be great to have the parish represented at this celebration particularly by a family if possible. If anyone is interested in having a ticket please contact the Parochial Hose.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK - takes place on Sun Sept 2nd. Anointing of the Sick @ 2.30 with Mass @ 3.00.

Bus leaves from outside Parker Carpets on Main Street @ 10.45 a.m. Return fare is €10. Please book at Parochial House or at Donnelly's, Granard.

MUSINGS

'Here too, we can ask: How do we keep our faith as a family? Do we keep it for ourselves, in our families, as a personal treasure like a bank account, or are we able to share it by our witness, by our acceptance of others, by our openness? We all know that families, especially young families, are often 'racing' from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this 'racing' could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families ... They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith! Keeping the faith in families and bringing to everyday things the salt and the leaven of faith.'

Pope Francis, homily at Mass in St Peter's Square, 27 October 2013 - INTERCOM

THE DEEP END: Under the bush

When a prophet sits under a bush, it's usually a sign that things are not going well! At a particularly low moment in his relationship with God, the prophet Jonah sits, in an angry sulk, under a bush. While there he encounters God and learns a valuable lesson about mercy.

In today's first reading, it is the prophet Elijah who sits under a bush. He is on his last legs, having escaped into the desert to avoid capture and death. At this low point, a day's journey into the wilderness, he has had enough. He finds himself begging God to take his life.

It is a moment that will speak to many of us, particularly those of us facing struggles. Things can get on top of us. We sometimes feel alone, that our road is all uphill, that we are in the wilderness and there is nothing to do but give up. Yet when Elijah is at his lowest point, even getting ready to die, he finds he is not alone. The comforting presence of God is with him, offering sustenance to help him on his journey.

Elijah's response to God is at first reluctant; he lies straight back down again. But with a second round of encouragement (and some more food) he is on his feet and able to continue his journey, replenished and renewed. At the moment he felt the most abandoned and alone, God was closer than ever. Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

SUNDAY REDAINGS: First Reading - God's chosen people frequently complained. When God was working wonders for them, they complained all the more! Let us guard against this.

Second Reading - St Paul makes it clear that our faith is to renew our minds, our thinking. The right outlook leads to the right way of living.

"God's purpose for today's event may not be seen until tomorrow"

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD – AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford, Mary Kelly McGrath.

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

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

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - AUGUST

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, Yvonne Tuite