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Feast of the Holy Family - 29th/30th Dec 2018

This Weekend: December 29th/30th

7.00p.m. No Intention.

10.00a.m. David Nolan, St. Patrick's Terrace.

12noon Dolan Family, Shantum.

The Manor - Sunday 30th Dec - No Intention.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend: January 5th / 6th

7.00p.m. John Sweeney and Tom McCormack,
Liscahill.

10.00a.m. No Intention

12noon Joe Reilly (First Anniversary).

The Manor - Sunday 6th January - No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sun Dec 23rd - €1,440; Christmas Day - €2,680 - sincere thanks. Thank you for your support of the Offertory Collection throughout the year which meets the expenses of the parish. Thank you too for your contributions to the six Dues Collections which provide an income for your priest.

THANK YOU to the many people who assisted with our Christmas ceremonies - special thanks to all who provided music at all the weekend Masses.

BAPTISM - We welcomed Noel Edward McKenna, Cranleymore into our Christian community recently.



FIRST FRIDAY - the usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Fri Jan 4th. **Evening Mass** in St. Mary's Church @ 7.00 p.m.

PARISH ENVELOPES - are being distributed around this time. Some extra boxes are available - if you would like to use one please contact us at the Sacristy or Parochial House.

ST PAUL SUNDAY MISSAL'S: for 2019 are available at the rear of the Parish Church. All Parish Readers are invited to take one home for the coming year. If anyone else would like a copy, we'd be glad of a contribution of €5.00.

New Year Wishes:

"New journey, New beginning, same God"

"God desires daily commitments not yearly resolutions"

"May all your troubles be as short as your New Year's resolutions"

**Happy New Year and God's Blessings
to all Parishioners**

SEEING YOUR LIFE

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 2:41-52

1. Luke's skill as a storyteller comes through in the details of the story in a way that many people can identify with: the loss of a child, the frantic search, the seemingly offhand speech of the teenager. Let the drama of the story speak to you. Where do you find good news in it?

2. In Luke's Gospel this story serves to give a glimpse of the future greatness of Jesus, the teacher of his people. Sometimes we can look back over our own life, or the lives of others, and with hindsight can see in childhood or teenage years a glimpse of gifts and talents that were later to blossom. Where have you seen this?

3. 'Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?' This seemingly insensitive reply by Jesus to Mary serves to highlight that in his life the mission given him by God would take precedence over family ties, painful though this would be. Perhaps you have known situations in your own life where there was pain for family members as you followed your own destiny? Where in the midst of the pain was the good news?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

THE DEEP END - When Jesus was small

In primary school we used to sing a song about Jesus' childhood. I don't recall the exact words, but the chorus went something like this:

*Jesus was a happy child
When he was small like me
He used to laugh and run around
And sometimes climb a tree
Running here, running there
Having fun like you and me.*

There was a verse about his mother bringing him to school on his first day. The aim was clearly to remind us that Jesus was a real child who did all the things that other children do. In theological terms, it impressed on our young minds the humanity of Jesus, even as we heard the stories of the healings and miracles that expressed his divinity.

This hymn came to mind as I reflected on today's Gospel. The story of the finding in the Temple is the only one we have from Jesus' childhood, so it takes on greater significance. It is both an ordinary and extraordinary family story, highlighting a typical family incident while also setting the scene for Jesus' future mission. What parent hasn't felt the panic of discovering their child is missing, and then been overcome with relief when they were found? But the story ends with the realisation that Jesus is far from ordinary. His parents don't understand his cryptic reference to 'my Father's affairs', but Mary stores up 'all these things' in her heart, accepting the mysterious workings of God.

We are left, with Mary and Joseph, to ponder who this child really is.
- Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mikie Doyle, Monica Coyle.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Betty Mulhaire, Ruth McKeon.

Sunday 12 noon: Cora Murphy, Sarah Jane Murphy.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford, Sr Dymphna Kelly,
Mairead Fulham.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Ita Farrell, John Cahill,

Sunday 12 noon: Kate O'Donoghue, Emma O'Reilly,
Siobhan Campbell.