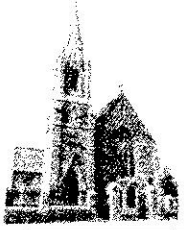


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Second Sunday - 20th January 2019

This Weekend: January 19th / 20th
7.00p.m. Mary - Alice, Michael and Margaret Murphy, Curry
10.00a.m. Tommy Nolan (Months Mind)
12noon Frank Whitney and his parents Frank and Mary and his brother Joe

The Manor - Sunday 20th Jan - No Intention.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend: January 26th / 27th
7.00p.m. 1. John Hynes, Ringowney
2. Michael & Catherine Flood and deceased members of the family, Garryandrew
3. Patrick & Kate Ann Fulham, Clonwhelan
10.00a.m. Peter, Margaret & Patrick Gallagher, Bracklin
12noon 1. Nicholas & Margaret Mallon and their son, and deceased family members.
2. Eveline Barron

The Manor - Sunday 27th January - No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sun Jan 13th - €1,400.00 - sincere thanks.

COLLECTORS / COUNTERS MEETING - A meeting for all collectors and counters of Parish collections will be held in the Parish Hall on Tues Jan 22nd @ 8.00 p.m.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Seamus Kiernan, Legan who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescat in Pace.*

DATES FOR SACRAMENTS - 2019

Apologies for the mistake in last week's Newsletter (!) - these are the correct dates for this year:

First Holy Communion

Enrolment Ceremony - Sat Feb 9th @ 7.00 p.m.
First Confession - Wed Apr 10th @ 7.00 p.m.
First Holy Communion - Sat May 11th @ 12.00 p.m.

Confirmation

Enrolment Ceremony - Sat Feb 2nd @ 7.00 p.m.
Service of Light - Sat Mar 2nd @ 7.00 p.m.
Sacrament of Confirmation - Fri Mar 29th @ 4.00 p.m.

NATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK have a variety of free courses suitable for people who are looking for a stepping stone to further education, training, or work or who may have challenges or disabilities and need to improve the quality of their lives. We have psychological and resource support and may have a course that will suit your needs. Contact Hilary at 0867839078 for further details.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY - Longford Branch will open their first ever Alzheimer Cafe in Longford Credit Union, Main St, Longford on Wed 30th Jan and on the last Wed of each month, from 7.8.30pm. All who are affected by dementia are welcome to come and the topic for January is 'Living with Dementia; It is a social evening with tea, coffee & scones being served. Free of charge; car parking rear of building. More information: Breda or Eileen on 043 / 3347221 or 3348402 before Mon Jan 28th.

MOSTRIM PLAYERS - Mostrim Players next production is The Shooting of More O'Ferrell in the Backstage on May 24 & 25. Come along to the Green on this Sunday 20th @ 2pm for the 1st reading. (Adult Production).

CNOC MHUIRE Church Gate Collection

The Parents Association is holding a church gate collection on January 27th / Jan 28th to raise funds for Cnoc Mhuire, Granard. Many thanks for your support.

CNOC MHUIRE Enrolment

There are limited places still available for anyone wishing to enrol from 6th class for Sept 2019. The Information Evening for incoming parents is Monday Feb 4th at 7pm.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

As many people will be aware, GDPR was introduced as new legislation in Europe last May. It requires that all bodies who hold data comply with high standards of storage, privacy and confidentiality. Accordingly Edgeworthstown Parish is obliged to maintain records to show that it is compliant. It is required that all parish volunteers sign a Consent Form to allow the parish to hold keep your name, address, phone number etc on file. Consent Forms are available near the Sacristy. We would be obliged if Parish Readers and Eucharistic Ministers would kindly sign one and place it in the box alongside - thank you.

THE DEEP END: 'The First of His Signs'

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term 'sign,' as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres!) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel - she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine. - Jane Mellett - (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.