

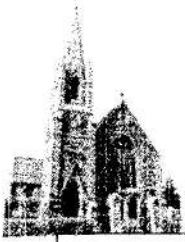
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**Fourth Sunday - 31st March 2019****This Weekend: April 6th/7th**

- 7.00p.m.** 1. Kathleen & Sean Logan
2. Yvonne Sheridan (12th Anniv), Camlisk
- 10.00a.m.** Josie Carroll (1st Anniv.) and deceased members of the Carroll family.
- 12noon** 1. Clare Reilly (née) McGuinness.
2. Tony & Harry Devine, Marian Ave.

The Manor - Sunday 7th April - Brigid & Ned Flood, Pound St.**Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.****Saturday 13th April - Bernard & Maureen Conway****Next Weekend: April 13th/14th**

- 7.00p.m.** James & Teresa McLoughlin, Granard St.,
Nora McLoughlin (1st Anniv.), and Louise Hanley.
- 10.00a.m.** Harry & Mary Burke, Barne
- 12noon** Ann Cahill (4th Anniv.), and Frank & Bridie Cahill, Tinenaire.

The Manor - Sunday 14th April - Peter & Catherine Adlum, Cranleymore**Offertory Collection:** Sun March 31st - €1,260.00 - sincere thanks.**FIRST CONFESSION** - will be celebrated for the young boys and girls of our parish on Wed evening next April 10th @ 7.00 p.m. *"The Lord is mercy and full of compassion."*

The Deep End • Don't look back

'No need to recall the past, No need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed...' (Isaiah 43: 18-19)
'All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead...' (Phil 3:13)

These poignant words taken from today's first and second readings provide the perfect preamble to our dramatic Gospel reading. Perhaps the line that is most often quoted from the story of the woman caught in adultery is Jesus' challenge to the crowd who bring her before them: 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' It is a challenge to all of us to look inward before we 'cast stones' to judge others.

But there is another equally powerful statement here by Jesus, this time to the woman herself. It is delivered quietly, when she is left alone with Jesus after all her accusers have drifted away: 'Neither do I condemn you. Go away, and don't sin any more.' We notice that Jesus doesn't rake over the woman's past. He doesn't ask her about the claims of her accusers. He does not condemn or criticise her. Instead he accepts her, loves her, treats her with the respect and dignity that was so lacking in the mob, and gently nudges her forward into a new way of living.

Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

1. Compassion for human frailty combined with a gentle challenge to a better life marked the response of Jesus. From whom have you experienced a compassionate challenge? What was that like for you? To whom have you given such a challenge?

2. The Pharisees and scribes self-righteously condemned the woman until Jesus brought them in touch with their own sinfulness. This was a conversion moment for them and they turned away from their quest for the death of the woman. Have there been times when your awareness of your own fragility and sinfulness has helped you to be less judgemental of others?

3. 'What do you say?' can be an embarrassing question. Jesus had the courage to voice an opinion, even though it was against the party line of the day. When you have seen that courage shown, by yourself, or by another? What was the result?

John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals but I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" - *Grand Blanc church of Christ*

*"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God" - Corrie ten Boom**"We are products of our past, but we don't have to be prisoners of it" - Rick Warren*

Join ACCORD as a Marriage Preparation Course

Facilitator - Accord Longford is recruiting Volunteer Facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church, if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, call Fr. Michael McGrath (043 3346465) or Fr. Pat Murphy (071 9631024) for further information, or see www.accord.ie

HAVE YOU A KEEN INTEREST IN HORTICULTURE?

NLN 2 year Fetac level 4 full time Horticulture programme has a limited number of places available this May and June. If you would like to learn more about this programme or how to apply please contact Alan Garvey on 087-9065521.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - APRIL

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell, Anna Coyle.**Sunday 10.00 a.m.:** Sean Noonan, Siobhan Campbell.**Sunday 12 noon:** Kate O'Donohoe, Niamh Cassidy.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - APRIL

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford, Marie Reilly, Mairead Fulham.**Sunday 10.00 a.m** Liz Brady, Orla Noonan, Ann Smith**Sunday 12 noon:** Kate O'Donoghue, Emma O'Reilly, Yvonne Tuite.*Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.*