

Parish of St. Mary's

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17th Sunday – 27th/28th July 2019

This Weekend July 27th/28th

7.00p.m. Sean Nolan (1st Anniv.) & his wife Eileen (18th Anniv.), Devine Crescent

10.00a.m. 1. Deceased members of the Mulryan & Brady family, Lisnagrish
2. Christine Dunne (nee Gorman)

12noon Ned & Katie Flood and son Paddy.

The Manor – Sunday 28th July –Pearse & Jenny Tuite.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend: August 3rd/4th

7.00p.m. 1. Thomas Victory and deceased members of the Victory family, Longfield.

2. Patrick Kiernan, Cam

10.00a.m. Maureen Doyle, late of Corclaragh.

12noon Sean & Josie Logan (2nd Anniv.), Devine Crescent.

Offertory Collection: Sun July 21st - €1,145 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Christina (Chrissie) Flood, St. Patrick's Terrace, who died during the week. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescat in Pace.*

FIRST FRIDAY: Fri 2nd Aug - Evening Mass @ 7.00pm. Communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Fri 16th at the usual times.

THE IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION Church Gate Collection will take place this Sat 27th & Sun 28th July. With your support IWA can continue to maintain vital services to people with disabilities in Co Longford.

THE RSA'S 'CHECK IT FITS' SERVICE IS COMING TO LONGFORD! This August the RSA's Check it Fits service in partnership with Toyota will be visiting County Longford. Did you know it's the law that all children under 150cms or 36kgs must use a child car seat appropriate to their weight and height. In Ireland as many as 4 out of 5 child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can lead to serious injury or even death in a collision. **The Check it Fits service is quick, it's easy, it's free.** On the day our experts will advise on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries participants might have. Our experts aim to put parent's, grandparent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car. We will be visiting the following location in Longford: Davis SuperValu, Hazelwood Shopping Centre, Longford on Wednesday 14th August from 10.00am – 5.30pm.

COMPUTER CLASSES AGE ACTION Age Action is a charity which promotes positive ageing and better policies and

services for older people. Working with, and on behalf of, older people we aim to make Ireland the best place in the world in which to grow older. We are promoting our free Computer/IT classes in Longford library and some of your members may be interested in availing of them. Classes are available in the Longford area for the over 55's. Should you require more information please don't hesitate to contact Age Action Galway. Tel: 091 527831

The Deep End

When asked how we should pray, Jesus teaches the Our Father

'Lord teach us to pray.' If someone asked this today of a faith leader, we might get a long list of possibilities based on different tastes, cultures and trends. Millions of books have been written on prayer, how to pray, what method, where, when, how to sit, what to wear, what attitude one should have, and so on. Yet here, Jesus gives his disciples a very direct response, actual words in a formula, that they should recite. In Jesus' time there were many rabbis who would have certain prayers for their followers to say, almost as a way of identifying their group. The Lord's prayer is the prayer of Jesus' disciples, so it is our prayer too. It is among the first prayers we learn as children. It is a prayer of identity for Christians. When we are in a moment of crisis, when all other words fail us, it is often the 'go-to' prayer. After teaching the Lord's prayer, Jesus tells a story about a man whose friend goes to him at midnight looking for bread for another friend. It might appear to be a confusing story, but the emphasis is on the power of praying for another's need. In the early church and today, this is seen as the work of the people of God, the baptised: to pray for the world and the needs of others. Then we go beyond ourselves and our own interests, reaching out and opening up, rather than being closed in on ourselves. Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Jane Mellett (INTERCOM)

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS - Luke 11:1-13

1. In the prayer Jesus gave us as a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'Your kingdom come.' That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us is our good. When have you found that it was good for you to take life as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?
2. One of the points in the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in the case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of a friend to others.
3. In the culture of the Middle East, hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of the reliability of God, what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer?

John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD – AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford, Anna Coyle.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Siobhan Campbell, Sean Noonan.

Sunday 12 noon: Dolores Courtney, Anthony Garvey.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sr. Maureen Brennan, Sandra Durkan, Margaret Kelly.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Orla Noonan, Anne Smith, Siobhan Campbell

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

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.