

# Parish of St. Mary's

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18<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### This Weekend *August 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>*

- 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.), Devine Crescent.

*Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.*

### Next Weekend: *August 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>*

- 7.00p.m. No Intention
- 10.00a.m. May & John Grimes, Marian Avenue
- 12noon Helen Maguire (Anniv.)

*The Manor - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August – No Intention*

**Offertory Collection:** Sun July 29<sup>th</sup> - €1,260 - sincere thanks.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - will be celebrated on Wed Aug 14<sup>th</sup> during 11.00 a.m. Mass.

**FIRST FRIDAY CALLS** - Communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on **Fri 16<sup>th</sup>** at the usual times.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

## Living the Dream

Some of us may hear today's Gospel reading and think: 'Well, what is so wrong with that?' In a lot of ways, the actions of the man in the parable make sense. He has had a good harvest (presumably a result of his own hard work) and is making provisions for the future – building bigger barns to store his crops, ensuring he has enough to live on for the coming years, allowing himself to enjoy the fruits of his labour. He is living the dream! He is a good businessman, he has achieved security in life, so why shouldn't he 'eat, drink, have a good time'?

Yet God brands him a 'fool.' Why? As it turns out, the man is to die very soon. He certainly can't take all his treasure with him. He has not thought beyond his own enjoyment. He is living only for this life, without any thought for the bigger picture. As Jesus warns: 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Furthermore, there is no indication that the considered sharing his wealth with anyone else. His focus is 'me, me, me.' He comes across as selfish and greedy. What does he have to show for his life? Yes, he had a good time, but has he helped anyone else, or left the world a better place?

We do not need to renounce all our worldly possessions or stop planning for the future, but we do need to keep things in their proper perspective.

"If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next." – CS Lewis

*Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)*

### SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

1. 'One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions,' says Jesus. What have you found to be more important in life than possessions? What brought this home to you?

2. Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.' Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life, and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?

3. The message of the parable could be summed up as: 'If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans.' Life takes many unanticipated twists and turns. When have you found that have had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times?

*John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)*

### The Pope's Monthly Intentions

**August:** Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly 'schools of true human growth.'

### 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.*

- Fr. Tom Healy P.P. -