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Twenty First Sunday – 25th August 2019

This Weekend August 24th/25th

7.00p.m No Intention

10.00a.m Christina (Chrissie) Flood (Months Mind)

12noon Ned Hogan (11th Anniv.)

*The Manor - Sunday 25th August – James & Josephine
Donlon, Main Street.*

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend: Aug 31st/Sept 1st

7.00p.m Jimmy & Moira Mulryan, Barne

10.00a.m No Intention

12noon 1. Joe Kenney & daughter Mary Gallagher

2. Msgr Albert McCabe

Offertory Collection: Feast of the Assumption Thursday 15th & Sunday August 18th - €1,845 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Ita Doyle, Ringowney, who died during the week. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescat in Pace.*

BAPTISMS - We welcomed

- Nadia Mularczuk, Abhainn Glas,
- Seán Gerard Victory, Bracklin,
into our Christian community recently.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place this year on Sun 1st Sept. The ceremonies will begin with the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm, followed by Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Francis Duffy as chief celebrant. The ceremonies will conclude with the Rosary procession and Benediction. A bus is being organised, leaving from outside Parker Carpets, Edgeworthstown at 10.45. The return fare is €10.00.

MOSTRIM PLAYERS are delighted to announce that due to unprecedented demand we are returning to the Backstage Theatre with our hugely popular production of "The Shooting of More O'Ferrall" for two further nights, Sept 5th & 6th next. It is the first time we have ever had a second run of a show and this is testament to it's popularity. Tickets on sale now at Backstage.

EDGEWORTHSTOWN DEVELOPMENT Heritage Walk Sunday 25th August leaving from St. Mary's Church at 3.00p.m. Free events. All welcome.

CANCER SUPPORT SANCTUARY - LARCC Church Gate Collection Sat/Sun 24th & 25th August in aid of Cancer Support Sanctuary – LARCC at Multyfarnham which provides counselling and support for people diagnosed with cancer.

GLEN AFTER SCHOOL re-opening on 2nd September. Places available contact us on glenafterschool@gmail.com

The Deep End

Curiouser and Curiouser

'Alice opened the door and found that it led into a small passage, not much larger than a rat-hole: she knelt down and looked along the passage into the loveliest garden you ever saw. How she longed to get out of that dark hall, and wander about among those beds of bright flowers and those cool fountains, but she could not even get her head through the doorway.' (Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland)

In the opening chapter of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Alice is having a bit of bother with doors. She finds herself in a hall in which the doors are all locked. When she finds a key, it doesn't fit the locks. When she manages to find a door to match the key, she herself won't fit through; the doorway is too narrow. How frustrating!

The parable in today's Gospel also features a narrow door and a locked door, as well as an unsympathetic doorkeeper – it's almost as if the master wants to keep everyone out! People knock on the door and expect to be admitted, but it's not that simple. The master turns them away, claiming not to know them, despite protestations that they are acquainted.

Jesus is trying to teach his followers about discipleship. What does he mean when he says we must 'enter by the narrow door'? Is it almost impossible to enter the kingdom of God? One thing is sure: a passing acquaintance with Jesus will not be enough. The plea of 'We once ate and drank in your company' is feeble. It is not enough to know Jesus only on the surface – to attend Mass every Sunday or to turn to him only when we are in need. To really know Jesus, one must walk the narrow path of the Gospel.

Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

FREE CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS for the ELDERLY and VULNERABLE - Muintir na Tire have secured funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development to supply "Free Carbon Monoxide Alarms" to Community Alert Groups to instal in the homes of elderly and vulnerable persons, where needed in their community. This programme is aimed at persons who do not have existing alarms and who do not have the resources to install alarms themselves.

It will be rolled out through Muintir Community Alert Groups and Community Councils. These groups will apply for alarms for residents in their areas and will install them on a voluntary basis.

They are battery powered alarms so installation is straightforward by way of an adhesive pad which is included. Application forms are available from the Post Office and completed forms are to be returned to John Farrell's.

IRISH HEART FOUNDATION Annual Church Gate Collection on 31st August & 1st September 2019

"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." Pope Benedict XVI

"Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You." St. Augustine of Hippo

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD – SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sarah Doyle, Matt Farrell.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Mark Reynolds, Niamh Gogan.

Sunday 12 noon: Kate O'Donoghue, Noreen Grant.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Angela Kelly, Marie Reilly, Mairead Fulham.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Ita O'Farrell, Liz Brady.

Sunday 12 noon: Colm O'Reilly, Mary Kelly McGrath, Angela Dockery.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.