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Twenty Third Sunday - 8th September 2019

This Weekend Sept 7th/8th
7.00p.m Elizabeth & Ben Flood, Marian Avenue & Tom Flood, late of Manchester.
10.00a.m No Intention.
12noon Michael & Bridie Heavey, Pound St.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.
Sat Sept 14th
1. John Grimes (First Anniv),
2. Kathleen McKeon, nee Devine, Cullyvore & London.

Next Weekend: Sept 14th / 15th
7.00p.m Seamus Masterson and his children Patrick and Corina; and Patrick and Mary Heavey.
10.00a.m Ned and Anna McGerr.
12noon Mary Greene.

Offertory Collection: Aug 25th - €1,265 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Sean Duffy, Monadara and London, who died during the week. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescat in Pace.*

LONGFORD PRO LIFE - "Longford Pro-Life meeting at John Brownes Pub, Market Square, Longford town on Thursday, 19th of September at 8.30pm. For enquiries call Edward on 089 4634558. Please get involved, we need your help".

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE weekend 18-20 October for people who have lost a spouse through death divorce or separation Esker Retreat Centre Athenry further information Maureen 0876646896 or Josie 0879881143!!

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY on SEPT 10th - To mark World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10th Midlands Living Links support group will be hosting a vigil at the Tree of Hope in the memorial garden across from the County Council Buildings in Water St. Longford on Tuesday 10th September at 7pm. If you have been bereaved by suicide or wish to remember a loved one please come along. Members of Midlands Living Links will be present. This service provides support and a listening service for those bereaved by suicide. The support coordinator can be reached at 086 1600641.

EDGEWORTHSTOWN TIDY TOWNS - Judging for this year's Best Kept Business Premises competition will take place between now and September 20th. We encourage business owners and their staff to present their premises, inside and outside, in the brightest and neatest way possible, not just for the judging but for your customers.

MOSTRIM PLAYERS - Congrats to all associated with Mostrim Players for their wonderful production of 'The Shooting of More O'Ferrall' in Backstage Theatre during the week. It was a powerful presentation of a local historical event dramatised with great energy, humour and talent - well done to all on such a community initiative.

The Deep End • Rethinking our attachments

The Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? We are being invited to think about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we must move on from the comfortable, let go of the familiar. That can often be painful. During the month of September, we are celebrating the Season of Creation. We know that our world is currently suffering from a catastrophic loss of biodiversity, largely caused by a consumerist culture. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. Insects, mammals, trees, plants and creatures are becoming extinct. We pray that this decline may end, and we acknowledge that we are part of a complex, delicate and interdependent web of life, created by God. Today's Gospel invites us to let go of the attachments in our lives which contribute to this destruction. Let us try to live more simply and sustainably, and to encourage others to do the same. We are called to examine our relationship with material things and walk more gently on the earth.

'It is not enough to think of different species merely as potential 'resources' to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves ... Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right' (Laudato Si', 33).

Suggestion for the week: Can you remove single-use plastics from your life? Buy a reusable water bottle and reusable coffee cup. Say no to plastic straws and food wrapping. - Jane Mellett (INTERCOM)

When What We've Lost is the Run of Ourselves: A Prayer to St Anthony - We pray to St Anthony to find things that we've lost - keys, lottery tickets, mobile phones ... the list is endless. Let us ask St Anthony to help us find our lost faith, our lost enthusiasm, our lost hope, the loss of innocence in children, the lost centrality of prayer, the lost respect for life, the lost graces we resist, our lost sense of the need of God, our lost opportunities to forgive and to receive forgiveness.

May St Anthony help us to recover our lost Fruits of the Holy Spirit: our lost love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness and self-control. May he help us also to find our lost Gifts of the Holy Spirit: our lost wisdom, understanding, courage, knowledge, right judgement, wonder and awe in God's presence.

Let us pray also for people who are missing. May God be with them and with their families in their unspeakable anguish.

We pray for families who have lost a child in infancy, through stillbirth or miscarriage. May they find peace.

May the intercession of St Anthony prevent us from losing the run of ourselves through the pretence, nonsense, illusion and shallow superficiality that offer empty promises of passing happiness.

- Fr John Cullen Sacred Heart Parish, Roscommon

PRIEST'S DUES COLLECTIONS - Thank you to all who contribute to the Priests Dues Collection. These collections take place six times a year and provide an income for your priest. These are six envelopes in the boxes of envelopes that are distributed annually to parish homes. For parishioners who do not use the envelope boxes, an envelope will be made available at the church doors to offer the opportunity to contribute to the priest's income collection. Harvest Dues fall due on Sept 14th/15th - thank you sincerely for your kind support.

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.