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Second Sunday - 19th January 2020

This Weekend January 18th/19th

7.00p.m No Intention.

11.00a.m Helen and Patrick Gilmartin, and Family.

The Manor - Sun 19th Jan - No Intention.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Wed Jan 22nd - People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: January 25th/25th

7.00p.m 1. Pat and Kate Ann Fulham

2. Eveline Barron

11.00a.m Peter, Margaret, Tommy and Patrick
Gallagher

The Manor - Sun 26th - No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sun Jan 19th - €1,400 - sincere thanks.

SVP - On behalf of the SVP Conference, Edgeworthstown, we would like to thank you for your very generous contributions. The money we receive is used to help people and families in need both in Edgeworthstown and the surrounding areas/towns. Your kindness enables us to help many in need. Our phone: 087 - 6788544 or 041 98 73331.

LONGFORD PRO LIFE - Longford Pro-Life meeting at the Family Centre, behind St. Mel's Cathedral, on Thurs 23rd Jan at 7.30pm. For enquiries call Edward on 089 4634558. A General Election is coming up, please get involved, we need your help.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Deep End • The Lamb of God

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to look at Jesus. He calls Jesus the 'lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. We say these words often at mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the lamb as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions.

When we look at the 'sins' of our world today - broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, 'look' where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today. 'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them' W.L. WALLACE - JaneMellett (INTERCOM)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. John is one who directs people to Jesus as the one who had a lifegiving message for them. Who have been the people in your life whose example or advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life? Who has helped you to appreciate the importance of Jesus and his message?
2. In the narrative, John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself had. John had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Who have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?
3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who, for you, continued this mission of Jesus and led you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you done this?
4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus? Who have been models of this for you?

- John Byrne (INTERCOM)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins, it calls to mind a great story by Anthony de Mello -

Jesus at the Football Match

Jesus Christ said he had never been to a football match. So we took him to one, my friends and I. It was a ferocious battle between the Protestant Punchers and the Catholic Crusaders. The Crusaders scored first. Jesus cheered wildly and threw his hat high up in the air. Then the Punchers scored. And Jesus cheered wildly and threw his hat high up in the air. This seemed to puzzle the man behind us. He tapped Jesus on the shoulder and asked, "Which side are you rooting for, my good man?"

"Me?" replied Jesus, visibly excited by the game. "Oh, I'm not rooting for either side. I'm just enjoying the game."

The questioner turned to his neighbour and sneered, "Hmm, an atheist!"

We took him up on this after the game. Was he in the habit of never taking sides? "I side with people rather than religions," said Jesus, "human beings rather than Sabbath."

EDGEWORTHSTOWN JUNIOR FOROIGE CLUB

- Looking to enhance your CV or just to give back to your local community? Edgeworthstown Junior Foróige Club are recruiting volunteers. Volunteer with 10 to 12 years for an hour and a half a week. Foróige juniors are all about fun and learning. Ideal opportunity for anyone who needs to gain experience working with young people. As a leader you will have the joy of introducing 10 to 12 year olds to the excitement and newness of a youth group but more importantly, you will be positively influencing young people's lives. Contact Cyril on 0866144832 or email cyril.reilly@foroige.ie if interested.

SCOIL BHRÍDE, GLEN - Enrolment forms for entry in September 2020 to Scoil Bhríde, Glen are now available for collection from the school or can be requested by calling 043 6671778 or email sbgleann@gmail.com.

MAGIC OF THE MUSICALS - Cnoc Mhuire, Granard proudly present their school show "Magic of the Musicals" on the 29th, 30th and 31st of January 2020. A host of talented dancers, singers and musicians, from all year groups will guarantee a great night's entertainment, showcasing to the community, the amazing talent that Cnoc Mhuire has to offer! Tickets €12.50 available from the office. ph 043 6686231.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell, Sarah Lee Greene

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Niamh Gogan, Sean Noonan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

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

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Colm O'Reilly, Siobhan Campbell

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

- Fr Tom Healy -