

Parish of St. Mary's

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Presentation of the Lord - 2nd Feb 2020

This Weekend **February 1st/2nd**

- 7.00p.m 1. Ciara Conefrey (2nd Anniv.)
2. Michael Greene, Devine Crescent, and deceased members of the Greene family, St. Patrick's Terrace and Terry Ellis
- 11.00a.m 1. Peggy & Seamus Kearney and deceased members of the Kearney family, Lisnagrish.
2. Margaret Mahon (Month's Mind).

The Manor - Sun 2nd Feb - No Intention.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Wed Feb 5th - People of the Parish.

Thurs 6th Feb - Ciaran Duffy and deceased members of the Duffy family from Monadara & Rinnenny.

Sat 8th Feb - Noel Clyne and deceased members of Clyne & Grehan families.

Next Weekend: **February 8th/9th**

- 7.00p.m No Intention
- 11.00a.m 1. Paul & Kitty Mulhare and deceased members of Mulhare & Hughes families.
2. Mary Rooney (5th Anniv)

The Manor - Sun 9th Feb - No Intention

Offertory Collection: Sun Jan 25th - € 1,065 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Patrick Casey, Cloverwell who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescant in Pace.*

FIRST FRIDAY: Fri Feb 7th - Evening Mass @ 7.00pm. The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK - takes place in Our Lady's Manor on World Day of the Sick, Tues Feb 11th @ 11.00 a.m. Bishop Francis Duffy will lead us in the ceremony.

LOURDES SICK PILGRIMS FUND - Annual Collection will take place at Masses next weekend. This fund helps bring sick pilgrims on the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Your support would be greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to travel on the pilgrimage, please contact 086 - 3918577.

SEINN - is a new sacred music initiative in our diocese. A concert will take place in St Mel's Cathedral on Thurs 6th Feb @ 7.30 p.m. - it will involve 18 songs from 350 students from 9 schools. Admission is free.

A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE will be held on Wed 5th Feb at 3:00 pm in St. Loman's Hospital Chapel, Mullingar, in memory of deceased patients and people buried in St. Loman's Hospital Cemetery from 1907 to 1970. All are welcome. Mullingar Mental Health Association.

The Deep End • Unexpected moments

It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the newborn Messiah. Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child - that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way. *INTERCOM*

The Presentation of the Lord

1. It was a day that started without an expectation of anything unusual. Simeon and Anna set about making a visit to the Temple that had become part of their daily routine. Joseph and Mary were going to make the presentation of their child in the Temple, an optional but common practice of God-fearing parents. What started out as an ordinary day turned out to be a day with a meeting they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant meetings on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?

2. Simeon acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, or advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times?

3. Even within ourselves we can be aware of division, at times being open to the light of God and at other times resisting it. Have you known the pain of that struggle? What has helped you to keep seeking the light of God?

4. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person.

- John Byrne (*INTERCOM*)

CHIME - NATIONAL CHARITY FOR DEAFNESS AND

HEARING LOSS - Clinic in the Citizens Information Centre, Longford Shopping Centre on the First Tues of every month 10am/1pm, Feb clinic Tues 4th. Services include: Minor Hearing Aid Repair, Hearing Aid Batteries etc. Information on Lifetech Equipment, Deafness, Hard of Hearing and Tinnitus. For more details please contact: (057) 9351606 Fax: (057) 9326425 Videophone: (057) 9326421 Text: (057) 9326421 Email: tullamore@deafhear.ie

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mikie Doyle, Anna Coyle

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Mark Reynolds, Dolores Courtney.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sandra Durkin, Niamh Cassidy, Lauryn McKeon.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Mary Kelly McGrath, Yvonne Tuite, Anne Smith.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.