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Sixth Sunday – 15th / 16th February 2020

This Weekend February 15th/16th

7.00p.m Sean, Lisa & Ellen Cullen.

11.00a.m 1. Joan Lynam.

2. The Morgan Family, Lisnagh.

The Manor - Sun 16th Feb – Sr. Elizabeth Brady (100th Birthday)

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Wed 19th Feb - People of the Parish

Sat 22nd Feb – Elizabeth Kelleher, Cullyvore

Next Weekend: February 22nd/23rd

7.00p.m Philip Sullivan.

11.00a.m Kay Quinn (1st Anniv.)

The Manor – Sun 23rd Feb – No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sun Feb 8th - €1,120 - sincere thanks.

Lourdes Sick Pilgrims Fund: Sun Feb 8th - €735 - sincere thanks.

CENTENARIAN - Congratulations to Sr Elizabeth Brady who reaches the wonderful age of 100 years on Mon Feb 17th. Sr Elizabeth is a native of Cloncoivd in the Parish of Mullahoran, Co. Cavan. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Ballymahon and in her ministry taught in Ballymahon, USA and Iceland. Sr Elizabeth has been enjoying her years of retirement at Shalom and in Our Lady's Manor in recent years where she joins the congregation for the daily celebration of the Eucharist. We congratulate her warmly on this wonderful milestone birthday and wish her God's Blessings for the future.

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AD MULTOS ANNOS!

ARDAGH & CLONMACNOIS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2020 – departure from Knock – 29 May – 03 June – 5 nights – Fully Inclusive Price €749. Please contact Joe Walsh Tours 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2 Tel: (01)2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Rt. Rev Monsignor Bernard Noonan P.P. Moate Co. West Meath, Tel: (090)6481180. Director Special Section for Sick/Assisted Pilgrims: V Rev Michael Scanlon P.P. Cloghan Co. Offaly, Tel: (090)6457122

NEW Fun Food & Health Project Coming This March To The Attic House - Foróige will be running a fun and interactive 6 week programme for young people aged 13+ years and will start on the 3rd Mar at 4.30pm-6.30pm. Cost is €30. Limited spaces. To register: Contact Cyril Reilly on 0860144832 or email Cyril.reilly@foroige.ie for more information

"Among us, who is above must be in service of the others. This doesn't mean we have to wash each other's feet every day, but we must help one another" – Pope Francis

The Deep End • The bare minimum

There are times when we try to get by with the bare minimum. Maybe we have scraped through an exam with the minimum of effort, or done a last-minute rush job to complete a work project. Plenty of us know what it's like to do just enough around the house to keep it from descending into total chaos!

Perhaps unconsciously, we sometimes take the same approach to our relationships – only phoning a parent once in a blue moon to 'check in,' or visiting a friend only when we are reminded. It can be easy to slip into a pattern of acting out of a sense of duty rather than love.

Of course, our faith can go the same way. Are there times when we approach the Eucharist with a niggling feeling that something is not quite right? If so, Jesus has some strong words for us in today's Gospel. If we believe that all we are expected to do is 'follow the rules,' we have missed something important. Jesus does not want us to merely follow the letter of the law. Where is the joy or the challenge in that? He tells us that our virtue must go deeper than simply doing the bare minimum. Not only must we not kill, we must not be angry with others. Not only must we not break a promise, we must be honest in all our dealings and in our speech. If we approach the altar without being on good terms with others, we are not in true communion with God. Obeying the rules is the bare minimum. The Gospel is calling us to a more radical way of living. *Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)*

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

1. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus proposes standards that go beyond external behaviour. He challenges our inner attitudes. When have you found that living out of inner conviction is more life-giving than keeping up appearances?
2. Jesus applies his teaching to feelings of anger and sexual desire. He suggests that if we do not keep an eye on our feelings and thoughts we will not be able to control our actions. Perhaps you have experienced the truth of this. What has helped you to integrate your feelings so that you were able to live in right relationship with yourself and others?
3. For Jesus, people with genuine authenticity do not need to swear an oath to be convincing. Their 'yes' or 'no' suffices. Recall people who had this kind of credibility for you. When have you found that your simple, direct and honest communication had a positive persuasive force?

- John Byrne (INTERCOM)

EACH OF US IS PRECIOUS TO GOD

When you meet someone new what kind of things do you tell them about yourself?. Perhaps you tell them about your hobbies, or about the things you like to do with your friends, or about the places you like to go. These are good conversation starters, but they don't really tell someone about the kind of person you really are. They have to spend time with you to know the real you. God knows the real you because God created you and gave you all the qualities and gifts that make you the unique person you are. You are God's masterpiece You are a gift from God to the world. It is easy for us to lose sight of this sometimes, and feel that there is nothing special or of any great value about us. In God's eyes, each of us is precious and unique. We don't have to prove our worth to anyone. God loves us just as we are.

- Grow in Love - Sixth Class Religion Book

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.