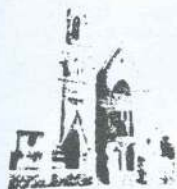


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Seventeenth Sunday - 24th July 2022

This Weekend July 23rd /24th

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. 1. Peter & Catherine Adlum, Cranleymore.
2. Margaret Kearney.

Weekday Masses: *Our Lady's Manor at 11.00 a.m.*

Wed 27th July People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: July 30th /31st

7.00 p.m. Thomas Victory, and deceased members of the Victory family.

11.00 a.m. Jimmy Shaughnessy (Month's Mind).

Offertory Collection: Sun July 17th - €1,165 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Liam Tuite, Bracklin Road, who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescant in Pace.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed Caragh Emily Murray, Coolarty, Fiachra Jack Flanagan, Mullingar and Ronan Paul Brogan, Mullingar, into our Christian community recently.



• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. In the prayer Jesus gave us a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'Your kingdom come'. That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us is our good. When have you found that it was good for you to take life as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?
2. It can be helpful at times to pray the Lord's Prayer with one eye on what you see lies ahead for you in the day. Spend a moment thinking of what you have to do and then take each phrase of the Lord's Prayer and see how that speaks to your agenda.
3. One of the points in the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in the case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of a friend to others.
4. In the culture of the Middle East hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of the reliability of God what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer. - (INTERCOM)

*"God does not ask us to tell him our needs
That he may learn about them,
But that we may be capable of receiving
What he is preparing to give"*

St Augustine

PRAYER

John Vianney was aged 3 when the French Revolution began. He became a shepherd boy in his village near Lyons in southern France. When he was 28 years old he was ordained a priest.

People began to discover that he was a good and holy person. Many came to hear him preach and particularly to go to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. People from all over France came to visit him and he would spend up to 18 hours a day hearing the confessions of people, sharing with them God's compassion and forgiveness. In this last year, over 100,000 pilgrims visited his small village of only 200 people.

It was in Aug 1859 that John Vianney died. As is the case with most saints, the date of his death is also his feastday because the day of death is considered the person's "birthday in Heaven."

John Vianney said:

We do not have to talk very much

In order to pray well.

We know that God is there....

Let us open our hearts to Him.

Let us rejoice in his presence.

This is the best prayer.

Seventeenth Sunday - The call to the Christian priesthood is a call to service. The gift of the priesthood is not given primarily to the individual but to the whole Church. Like the call to the religious life the one who is called to the priesthood is invited to affirm by his lifestyle the faith that he believes in.

First Reading - Abraham intercedes with God on behalf of Sodom, a city full of evil. We catch the flavour of the bargaining that might go on in an oriental bazaar with prices being ruthlessly slashed.

Second Reading - Through Baptism a Christian is inserted into Christ's death and resurrection; he dies to the old sinful way of life, and rises to live a new life.

Gospel - The apostles ask Christ to teach them how to pray. In reply Christ urges them to come to the Father, and with childlike trust, to pray to him for all their spiritual and temporal needs.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK, SUNDAY 4TH SEPT- Ceremonies begin @ 2.30pm with the Anointing of the Sick, followed by Mass @ 3.00pm. Donnelly's of Granard will run a bus (depending on demand) from Granard, through Edgeworthstown. Booking is essential, through Longford Presbytery on 043-3346465 or stmelscathedral@gmail.com. The return fare is €15. The times for the nearest pick-up point for Parishioners are: Granard (Greville Arms) at 10am, Edgeworthstown (Church) at 10.30am.

A little humour:

Moses was leading his people through the desert for 40 years. It seems, even in Biblical times men avoided asking the way.

My church welcomes all denominations. . . tens, twenties, fifties.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerard Greene.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ann Mulligan, Yvonne Tuite.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane, Mairead Fulham.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Emma Reilly, Ita Farrell.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Heafy -