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Twenty Seventh Sunday - 2nd Oct 2022

This Weekend October 1st / 2nd

7.00 p.m.

1. Madeline Kenny and her grandparents Christopher and Kathleen Kenny.
2. Molly Hussey (First Anniv), her husband Mickey and daughter Deirdre.

11.00 a.m.

1. Tommy and Margaret Gilchrist, Shantum.
2. Nora McGerr (First Anniv).
3. Paddy Kenny and deceased members of the Kenny family.
4. Deceased members of the McDermott and Daly families, Cam.

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

Wed Oct 5th People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: October 8th / 9th

7.00 p.m.

1. Mona Walsh (Third Anniv).
2. Deceased members of the Curran Family, Dublin Road.

11.00 a.m.

1. Rose Gilchrist (Third Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sun Sept 25th - €1,190 - sincere thanks.

First Friday - Fri Oct 7th - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday next.

'Coffee Morning' for Longford Hospice - The residents and staff of Our Lady's Manor would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone for helping us to raise over €1,000 for Longford Hospice and all who contributed the beautiful bakes.

Twenty - Seventh Sunday - Today's liturgy invites us to focus on forgiveness. The Gospel passage follows immediately on Jesus' urging his apostles to exercise unlimited forgiveness. He answers their objection by focussing on faith. Real faith will empower them to forgive to this degree.

First Reading - The prophet complains to God about the prevalence of injustice. God responds by promising to save those who trust in him.

Second Reading - Timothy is urged to accept his share of suffering for the Gospel, and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to bear these sufferings cheerfully as Paul did.

Gospel - A little faith, provided it be authentic, can do great things. The disciples are urged to serve God without any claim on a reward.

Edgeworthstown Children's Choir welcome new members. Practice is weekly on Thursdays with singing @ 11.00 Mass on the first Sunday of the month, along with other occasional performances. If interested, please text Noreen @ 087 - 4127248.

Tax Relief Scheme - Thank you to all who have returned tax forms. We would be grateful to receive any outstanding forms as this scheme greatly benefits parish finances.

- Fr Tom Healy -

Day for Life Message - Caring for the Older Person

The focus of the Day for Life this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing.

There are many challenges which we face; the way in which we provide care for older persons, its cost and the means of payment, the shortage of staff in care homes, the time and energy needed to help older people feel valued and wanted. Many feel they have become a burden or can feel treated as a burden, a

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life. They often feel vulnerable and worry, when they hear talk about and even concrete proposals for the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia. We share their concerns. In better valuing older persons, we need to find new ways of building bridges by our actions.

Pope Francis has recently offered a very different and more positive perspective. In his Catechesis on Old Age, he writes, 'The alliance between generations, which restores all ages of life to the human, is our lost gift and we have to get it back. It must be found, in this throwaway culture and in the culture of productivity.' [1] He invites us to listen to the dreams of older women and men and to learn from their wisdom (Joel 2:28). Older persons have a different rhythm to life from which we can learn. He continues, 'The arrogance of the time on the clock must be converted into the beauty of the rhythms of life.' [2]

We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities.

We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of older persons so that no-one feels like a burden in our society.

We challenge our politicians and healthcare system to provide accessible palliative care for all the dying.

We encourage people to learn from a closer accompaniment of the elderly that there is a real richness in the journey through old age, which offers a deeper meaning and a new rhythm to the whole of life; something which can be celebrated and lived with hope in eternal life. Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, pray for us.

Longford Text Alert (includes Edgeworthstown) - Launch of Text Alert app by Longford Co Co and An Garda Siochana in the Green, Edgeworthstown on Oct 5th @ 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sinead O'Ferrall.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Eze Ejikeme, Ikedike Eze-Ejikeme.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sandra Durkan, Mairead Fulham.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donoghue, Emma Reilly.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.