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Second Sunday of the Year - 14th Jan 2024

This Weekend Jan 13th / 14th

7.00 p.m. Peter, Margaret, Tommy and Patrick Gallagher.

11.00 a.m. 1. Patrick and Helen Gilmartin and deceased members of the Gilmartin Family (Anniv).
2. Robbie Mulleady (Anniv).

Weekday Masses:

Wed Jan 17th 11.00 a.m. - *Our Lady's Manor*
People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Jan 20th / 21st

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. 1. Frank Whitney, his parents Frank and Mary and Kathleen, Joe and Marie Whitney.
2. Tom Nugent, Eamon Maguire and deceased Members of the Nugent and Maguire families.
3. Sean Kearney (Months Mind), Margaret (Peggy) Kearney and deceased members of the Kearney Family, Lisnagrish.

Offertory Collection: Feast of the Epiphany & Sun Jan 7th
- €1,470 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Grainne Hussey, Devine Crescent who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Requesce in pace.



• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them, e.g., leaving home, changing jobs, etc.

2. Where do you live? Jesus did not respond to the question by giving the disciples his address. He invited them to come and experience where and how he lived. Discipleship is a lived experience. What experiences have helped you to learn how Jesus lived, and what he was looking for in life? How has this attracted you to follow him?

3. What is your experience of gathering in small groups to learn to live like Jesus by listening to the gospel together? Where two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there with them. What group experiences have helped your faith to grow?

4. Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Pioneer National Ball - An evening of celebration and fun on Sat April 6th 2024. Mass @ 6pm in Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel. Extra activities on Fri night and Sat & Sun afternoons. For details/tickets contact Dermot Egan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087- 6544626

Sunday Scriptures

First Reading - This reading gives the story of the call of the boy Samuel to be a prophet. We see the persistence of that call and Samuel's ready response to it.

Second Reading - Paul tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and we must use them not for sin but for the glory of God.

Gospel - This gives us John's account of the call of Andrew and his brother Peter and of their first encounter with Jesus.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2024 We Are One With You

O God, we are one with you. You have made us one with you. You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us.

Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts. Help us to realise that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection.

O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with our whole being, because our being is your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit. Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and which makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love. Love has overcome. Love is victorious. - Thomas Merton

Sunday Reflection - The Sundays of the year outside the various seasons are occasions for celebrating the resurrection of the Lord and for considering one or more of the aspects of the mysteries of Christ. In a three year cycle the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are read on a yearly basis. Occasionally the sequence is interrupted as it is today for instance when the gospel is proclaimed by John.
- St Paul 's Sunday Missal

Love

Learn to love tenderly,

to love wisely,

to love courageously;

tenderly so we are not lured away,

wisely so we do not stumble away,

courageously, so we are not pushed away

from the love of the Lord. - St Bernard of Clairvaux

"We must make no important decisions without opening our hearts to love" - Anon

St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises for Men - Led by Fr Stephen Kennedy, IVE, Fri Feb 2nd to Mon Feb 5th (bank holiday) in De La Salle retreat centre, Castletown, Laois, R32N6D8. Cost €200 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call Sr. Constance 089 - 2152307.

Training Course starting on Wed 17th Jan 2024. Would you like to learn some new skills for 2024? Here is a chance to improve your Excel Spreadsheet skills free of charge in Edgeworthstown. 8 week Excel Training course starting on Wed 17th Jan from 6-8pm in Edgeworthstown. Course is free of charge. Light refreshments will be provided. There are still a few places left. If you have any questions or if you would like to register please contact Mary Mulvey, at 086-8536455 or mmulvey@lcrf.ie

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerry Greene.

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

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Margaret Kelly, Angela Kelly.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donoghue, Orla Noonan.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -