



Mass Intentions for this week:

Sat 17th Oct Special Intention.
 Sun 18th Oct Special Intention.
 Mon 19th Oct Special Intention.
 Tues 20th Oct Special Intention.
 Wed 21st Oct Special Intention.
 Thurs 22nd Oct Special Intention.
 Fri 23rd Oct Paddy & Cissie Farrell & D.F.M. Carrowbeg.
 Sat 24th Oct Special Intention.
 Sun 25th Oct John & Eileen Mulvihill & D.F.M. Leab.

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday 3-9pm.

Month of The Holy Rosary I invite you to join with families all over Ireland this October in praying together the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, in your homes each day for God's protection during this time of Coronavirus.

Lotto draw held on Monday 12th October. No's drawn 4,14,17&28. No jackpot winner. €30 €5 envelopes to Brid Bannon; €30 to Paddy Donlon; €20 each to Luke O'Boyle and Marie Farrell. Next weeks draw will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 19th October at 9pm and the jackpot is €4,300. Thanks for your support.

Parish Facebook Page has been established - so we will be able to send out the newsletter and notices regarding Covid updates to parishioners - Special Thanks to Tom Dennigan and David Hanley.

November Remembrance Message from Bishop Francis Duffy

"This year, the month of November, in which we traditionally remember the dead and pray for the bereaved, will be particularly poignant. We sense a huge yearning for consolation and hope in the heart of our people. We are especially mindful in 2020 of those grieving families, who, because of restrictions, have been unable to experience the customary spiritual and community supports which are so much part of our Irish tradition. On 1 November at 3.00pm the bishops and priests of Ireland will lead a short service of prayer to dedicate the month of November to 'Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved'. We invite the whole country to unite in this moment which will be followed by parish liturgies throughout the month of November, reaching out as much as possible to those who cannot be physically present". I will lead a Service of Remembrance in Saint Mel's Cathedral on Sunday 1st November at 3.00pm. It will be live streamed on www.longfordparish.com

Please note From midnight on Tuesday 6th October - Level Three of the Government's 'Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with Cov19' involves the following implications for Church practice:

1. Public Masses cannot be celebrated from midnight 6th October 2020.
2. All other ceremonies cease for the duration of Level Three: First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance etc.

3. The following exceptions are allowed:

- (a) Funeral Masses with up to 25 mourners.
- (b) Marriages with up to 25 guests.

4. Churches may remain open for private prayer, with adequate sanitising measures.

The public health guidelines mention 25 mourners at funerals and 25 guests at marriages, these figures do not include the priest, sacristan, ushers etc. they are in addition to the twenty five persons allowed.

Reflection:

When Roger Lausier was four years old, he wandered away from his mother during a trip to the beach in 1965. He made his way alone into the water and tried to swim, but an undercurrent pulled him down. He would have died, but a stranger named Alice Blaise dived into the water and pulled him to shore, where she revived him and saved his life.

Nine years later, 13-year-old Roger was out on the same beach when he heard a woman scream, "My husband is drowning!" Roger didn't realize this was a woman he'd met before, but he rushed into action anyway. He jumped onto an inflatable raft, paddled out to the man, and pulled him on, saving his life.

Nobody there realized the strange coincidence that had just happened until the news reported on it the next day. It wasn't until then that Alice Blaise realized the young man who had saved her husband's life was the four-year-old boy whose life she'd once saved.

Moral:

LIFE IS AN ECHO

What you send out - comes back;

What you see in others - exists in you;

We should remember to be nice to people on the way up because we will quite likely meet them again on the way down;

What goes around, comes around - in other words:

- "How people treat you, is their future;

How you react will be yours."

Jesus version of the above - If you imitate me in this world - you will be rewarded with being *one with me* in the next world. This is Mission Sunday - the poem "Life is an Echo" reminds us that what we do to help others will come back in abundance to us in the end. And the greatest gift of all to give - is to be Jesus for others.