

- Mass on Saturday (Vigil), 8.00 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Monday, 8.00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. (Wedding Mass).
- Mass for the Intentions of the People of the Parish, Missa pro Populo, on Tuesday 24th, at 9.30 a.m., and on Sunday 29th, at 10.30 a.m.
- ✤ Sunday 22nd, is the Feast of St. John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, and St. Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England; both martyred under Henry VIII in 1535.
  - Tuesday 24th is **The Birthday of St. John the Baptist**. The name John means 'the Lord has shown favour'. It is appropriate since his parents Zechariah and Elizabeth were advanced in years.

Thursday 26th, St. Josemaría Escrivá, 1902-1975, founded Opus Dei to promote the spread of the word of God throughout the world; canonised in 2002.

Friday 27th, **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**, a celebration of the immense love of God for us, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Friday 27th, St. Cyril of Alexandria, 370-444, Patriarch of Alexandria, defended the teaching that Mary is the Mother of God.

Saturday 28th, The Immaculate Heart of Mary. This feast celebrates Mary's instinctive, maternal relationship with her Son in his work of salvation.

Saturday 28th, St. Irenæus, 130-200, martyr, Bishop of Lyons in France, defended the faith against the Gnostics who proclaimed the dominance of evil.

Sunday 29th June, is the Feast of **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**. On the day traditionally observed in pagan Rome as its foundation day by Romulus and Remus we celebrate the feast of the twin founders of the Church in Rome. St. Peter died by crucifixion and St. Paul, a Roman citizen, was beheaded between 64 and 67.

- ★ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Wednesdays, 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m., in the South Transept (Women's Aisle).
- ✤ The Newsletter takes a break after next weekend's issue. Items for the month of July by midday on Thursday 26th June, please.
- ✤ Congratulations to Sinéad Gilmore and Declan O'Rafferty who were married on Saturday, 14th June.



✤ St. Mary's National School. Congratulations to the school on being awarded the 5th Green Flag for their achievements in the "Biodiversity" project. The Flag Raising Ceremony will take place at the school on Tuesday 24th at 9.30 a.m. All are welcome.



Well done also to the Quiz team who won the County Schools' Quiz competition for the second year running. Induction for new pupils will take place on Friday 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30. The school welcomes 14 junior infants and 1 pupil to 2nd class. St. Mary's bids farewell to 12 sixth class pupils and wishes them every success at second level. The School closes for Summer Holidays on Friday 27th, at 12:30 p.m. We

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✤ Congratulations to Christina Farrell, Clonmee, who celebrated her 90th birthday recently. We wish her and Paddy Joe many more years of health and happiness.



- ✤ Tracing Roots? Compiling a Family Tree? Longford Roots, Longford Genealogy and Heritage Centre, First Floor, 17 Dublin Street, Longford, Ireland. Research service. Computerised Church Records. For appointment, contact, 086 151 3152. E-mail, longroot@iol.ie Website, www.longfordroots.com Parishioners who have visitors from abroad, particularly from the United States, are asked to inform them of the availability of this facility.
- ✤ Tidy Towns. Full marks to the people who have done so much to present the Village to best advantage. All are asked to be vigilant with regard to litter disposal and control. In 2013 adjudication took place on 26th June. The judges are due any day now!
- ✤ The Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (V.T.O.S.) is for persons aged 21 or over, who for six months fulfil the following conditions:-
  - The person or their spouse have been in receipt of social welfare payments,
  - or have been signing for credits, or the applicant is a lone parent. Contact: The Adult Education Office, Longford and Westmeath Education and Training Board, Battery Road, Longford, 🕾 043 334 5474.
- ♥ Contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection next weekend, please.
- ✤ Thank you for last Sunday's collection €410.00.

## ✤ Masses for the Dead:-

Saturday 21st, 8.00 p.m., Brigid Killian, Cornaguillagh. Sunday 22nd, 10.30 a.m., Fr. Harry Greene, Greenhall Lower. Monday 23rd, 8.00 p.m., Michael Healy, Pollagh. Saturday 28th, 8.00 p.m., Elizabeth Bawle and

deceased members of the Bawle Family, Portanure.

**P**lease pray for Peter Hopkins, Leixlip and Drumnee, who died on Wednesday, 11th June.