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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 7.00pm. Tues. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am. Fri. 7.00pm

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Mary & Paul Henry. 10.30am: No special intention.

Fri.: John Hopkins (Months memory)

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: No special intention. 10.30am: No special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €1100.00. Thank you.

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Bridie Farrell, Curry Lodge. Funeral was in Tippereay and burial in Ballymacormack. Longford. May she Rest in Peace.***

Next Weekend	
Readers—Vigil:	10.30am:
E.Ms. Vigil:	10.30am:

Feast Days

Aug. 17th

St Bartholomew

One of the apostles, his name only occurs in the list of the apostles.

Aug. 27th

St Monica (332-387)

*She is the mother of **St Augustine**, whose feast day we celebrate tomorrow. She prayed for her son's conversion. In his youth he lived a very immoral life.*

Aug. 28th

St Augustine (354-430)

*He became bishop of **Hippo** (North Africa). He was a renown theologian.*

Aug. 29th

The Passion of St John the Baptist

He was a 'voice crying in the wilderness'. He did not hesitate to accuse the guilty and did not hesitate to speak the truth.

Workers for The Kingdom

The role that **Jesus** gave to **Peter** in today's gospel reading is, in a sense unique to him. Nowhere else in the gospel does **Jesus** say to someone, 'You are the rock on which I will build my church and to you I give the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Yet, we all have a role to play in unlocking the riches of the kingdom of heaven for each other. The last words of the risen Lord in Matthew's gospel were not addressed to **Peter** but to the disciples as a group who represent us all, 'Go, there, and make disciples of all nations.' The risen Lord commissions us to bring others, each other, into an experience of the kingdom of heaven in the here and now.

The Lord, who is present with us, his church, until the end of time, wants to work through each of us for the fuller coming of God's kingdom on earth, 'a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace' We are all workers for the kingdom.

Fr Martin Hogan

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian community, **Julia Madeline Cronin**, McArt Park, on Sunday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and on her parents.

Confirmation 2020

We had **48** candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation this year. The celebration with was due to be held on **Tuesday May19th** but was cancelled for obvious reasons. The ceremony was held on **Friday**.

Because of the restricted numbers there were **3** celebrations. First was at **12.00noon**, followed by one at **2.00pm** and **4.00pm**. Thanks to all who helped in the preparations for the ceremonies, especially our teacher, Maria. 'Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of the faithful'

Thanks

Thanks to all the parishoners who have been returning their weekly, **Easter** dues and **Pentecost** dues envelopes over the last number of weeks.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings take place every **Tues.** and **Thurs.** at 1.00pm and each **Sunday** at **11.30am.** in the **Family Centre, St Mel's Road, Longford.** Anyone who feels the need to attend is most welcome.

