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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am. Tues. 9.00am Thurs 9.00am Fri 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Mary & Peter Gallagher/ Tom McGarry (Month's mind)/ Pat Walker.* **10.30am:** *David Burkhill.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intension. 10.30am. Gerard McGrath and parents, Margaret and Murtagh McGrath.*

Last weekend Collection: €1236 .00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Clodagh McCann</i>	10.30am. <i>Patricia Keenan</i>
E.Ms.	Vigil: <i>Geraldine Halpin</i>
	10.30am. <i>Liam Belton</i>

Feast Days

Aug. 21st **St Pius X**

St Pius X was pope from 1903-1914.

Aug. 22nd **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

During the middle ages Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII established this feast day in the Marian Year, 1954

Aug. 24th **St Bartholomew (Apostle)**

His name appears only once in the gospels, in the list of the apostles.

Vigil Mass Time Change

It has been decided to change the time of the vigil Mass on Saturday Aug. 25th. Many people who attend that Mass will want to watch the Festival of Families celebrations in Croke Park which starts at 6.30pm. and continues to 9.00pm. The new time for the vigil Mass next Saturday evening will be 5.45pm.

Heaven on Earth

We invite people to our home and we place food and drink before them and we invite them to eat and drink. Today, Jesus invites us to his table and he puts himself before us as food and drink and invites us to eat and drink.

In language that is very daring, Jesus declares himself to be our food and drink, the one who can satisfy our deepest hungers and thirst for life. '**Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.**' We tend to think of 'Eternal Life' as a life that only begins after death. Yet, it is clear from the gospel that by 'eternal life' Jesus does not just mean a life that begins after this earthly life ends. He understands eternal life as a life that we can begin to experience in the midst of this earthly life.

Just as during his earthly life Jesus drew life from God, so during our earthly lives we can draw spiritual life from Jesus through our communion with him in the eucharist. The life that Jesus draws from God and we draw from Jesus is eternal; it is the life of God.

Here and now through our communion with Jesus in the eucharist we can enjoy a first taste of eternal life.

Martin Hogan

World Meeting of Families

The official opening of the **WMOF** in the diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnois will take place in St Mel's Cathedral, on **Tuesday August 21st at 7.30pm.** This celebration, which includes a solemn evening prayer, is taking place simultaneously **in all cathedrals in Ireland.**

There is an expectation that each parish will be represented at the ceremony; **the parish banners will be carried in procession.**

A diocesan led choir will lead the singing of the psalms and hymns.

Longford Marathon

The marathon will be passing through the village and other parts of the parish on Sunday. **The leader should be in the village around midday.** Watch out for the safety of the athletes who will be passing throughout the afternoon.