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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Joe Byrne. 10.30am: Arthur McKiernan.

Mon.: 7.00pm. John Gregg.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Lou Tormey. 10.30am No Special intention.

Last weekend Collection: €1337. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Sonia Flynn	10.30am: Sean Devlin
E.Ms. Vigil: Al Yorke	10.30am: Michelle Ghee

Feast Days

Feb 3rd

St Blaise

*Bishop Blaise was martyred in the city of **Sebastea**, Armenia in 316. Legend has it, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone. The **blessing of throats** will take place after the 7.00pm Mass this evening.*

Feb.5th

St Agatha

*She was arrested as a Christian and martyred in **Sicily** in 251.*

Feb.6th

St Paul Miki and Companions

*They are known as the Japanese martyrs. Twenty-six Japanese Christians were crucified on a hill near the city of **Nagasaki** in 1597.*

Feb. 7th

St Mel

*Mel is the patron of our diocese along with **St Ciaran**.*

First Friday

*Friday next is the **First Friday**. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.*

Unexpected Moments

When **Mary** and **Joseph** brought **Jesus** to the **Temple**, forty days after his birth, to present him to the Lord in thanksgiving, little did they expect that two elderly people would appear with a message for their child- that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this time that they realized life would never be the same again.?

The most important message can come from the most unexpected sources. **Anna** and **Simeon** were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This meeting was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives. But they were ready, willing and able to recognize its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News.

What is our call? The story of **Anna** and **Simeon** shows us the value of being open to an encounter with **Jesus**. Despite what we've been through or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognize the unexpected opportunities to encounter **God** that come our way.

Trina Doherty- Intercom Magazine.

Scoil Mhuire -Enrollment

Children intending to start school next September should be enrolled at this time. Parents/guardians should contact **Scoil Mhuire** at **043 33 45220**.

Active Aged

Meetings resume after the Christmas break, on **Thursday February 6th** from 2.00pm-4.00pm. in **Casey's** bar. New members are always welcome.

Mass of Remembrance

This Mass will be celebrated in **St Loman's Hospital Chapel**, Mullingar, on Wednesday **February 5th at 3.00pm** in memory of deceased patients and people who were buried in the hospital cemetery from **1907 – 1970**. All are welcome.

Seinn – Concert

9 Schools, 350 Students; 18 Songs. This unique event will take place in **St Mel's Cathedral** on Wed. Feb. 6th at 7.30pm.

