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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: Jimmy, Brigid, Josephine, Willie, Liam and Gerry Casey.

10.30am: Deceased members of the Stapleton and O'Rourke families.

Fri.:9.00am. Joe Nannery.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Thomas and Beatrice Beirne. 10.30am. No Special Intension.

Last weekend Collection: €980.00. (including holyday). Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: Anne McCann 10.30am. Angela Reynolds

E.Ms. Vigil: Anne Duke 10.30am. P J Bennett

Feast Days

Sept. 3rd

St Gregory the Great (Pope)

Sept. 8th.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Gospels do not give an account of Mary's birth. The September 8th date helped determine the date of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th (nine months earlier).

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The pilgrimage to Knock is on this Sunday, September 2nd. Ceremonies begin with the anointing of the sick at 2.30pm. A bus leaves Heaton's, Ballymahon Street, Longford, at 11.20am. Tickets cost €10.

Clonmacnois

The diocesan pilgrimage to Clonmacnois is on next Sunday, September 9th. Ceremonies begin at 2.45pm.

Core Values

Etty Hillesum was a young Jewish Dutch woman living in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam during the Second World War. She died in Auschwitz at the age of twenty-nine. She wrote a diary while there and at one point she wrote, **“Every atom of hate we add to this world, makes it more inhospitable... and every act of love perfects it.”** She refused to hate those who had taken everything from her.

In the gospel, today, **Jesus** puts strong emphasis on the importance of the heart, the inner core of the person. If we can somehow get that right, everything will find its rightful place. In one of his beatitudes Jesus said, **‘Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.’** He declares blessed those whose hearts are given over to God, those who seek what God wants above all else.

Etty Hillesum was certainly among the pure in heart in that sense. In today's second reading **St James** speaks of a heart as an inner core, and it is from such a heart will flow what he understands to be **authentic religion**, namely, supporting those who are most vulnerable among us.

‘A pure heart create for me O Lord,

Put a steadfast spirit within me.’ Ps 50 (51)

Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Pastoral Council will be on **Tuesday October 2nd** at 8.00pm in the Parochial House.

Back to School

Scoil Mhuire reopens for all pupil on Monday Sept. 3rd. We give a special welcome to all the junior infants starting “big school” We hope that the coming school year is a happy one for pupils and staff.

There are **50 junior infants** starting on Monday bringing the total enrolment to **385**.

Active Retirement

The **Newtownforbes Active Retirement Group** resume their meetings after the summer break on Thursday, September 13th, in **Casey's Bar** at 2.00pm. As always new members are welcome.