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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: *No special intention. 10.30am: Michael and Eva McCann.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Jimmy, Brigid, Josephine, Willie, Liam & Gerry Casey.*
10.30am: *John & Elizabeth Stapleton, Tim & Bridie O'Rourke & deceased family members*

Last weekend Collection: €1724 (Including holyday) **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Eugene O'Brien</i>	10.30am: <i>Anne O'Brien.</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Al Yorke</i>	10.30am: <i>Liam Belton</i>

Feast Days

Aug. 27th St Monica

Monica is the mother of St Augustine whose feast day we celebrate tomorrow.

Aug. 28th St Augustine (353-430)

After his conversion to Catholicism he eventually became bishop of Hippo (North Africa). He was also an influential theologian.

Aug. 29th Passion of St John the Baptist

John suffered a martyr's death by being beheaded by Herod.

Aug. 31st St Enda of Lindisfarne

He was invited by the king of Northumberland to convert his people.

Mission Appeal

Fr Colm Reidy of the Holy Ghost Fathers is visiting the parish this weekend. He will be speaking at the Masses about the missionary work of the Holy Ghost Fathers through the world.

Human Freedom

The parable in today's gospel features a narrow door and a locked door. As well it has a very unwelcoming doorman- its almost as if the master of the house wants to keep everyone out. People knock at the door and expect to be admitted, but it's not that simple. The master of the house turns them away, claiming not to know them despite protestations that they are acquainted.

In this story Jesus is trying to teach his listeners what it takes to be a follower. Jesus says that on the day of judgement there are going to be some surprises. People we never expected to meet in heaven will be there. Some who thought they had reserved seats will be turned away at the door.

Jesus is not saying these things to scare us. **He is just reminding us that love of God and neighbor is a serious business. It includes a lot more than just keeping the rules and staying out of trouble.** The door into heaven may be narrow, and sometimes it's a tight squeeze. But he is with us, always by our side, assuring us of his grace when we need it.

Longford Alzheimer Café

The café resumes after the summer break on Wednesday at 7.00pm. in the back room of the Credit Union building. The guest speaker is Annemarie Keogh. Her topic is **'Speech and Language Therapy for Dementia'** Further information 085 8724475.

Knock Pilgrimage

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on **Sunday next, September 1st**. Ceremonies start at 2.30pm with the **Anointing of the Sick**. A bus will leave from Ballymahon St. Longford at 11.00am. The fare is €10.

Marathon Sunday

The **Abbott Longford Marathon** is on this Sunday. The runners set off from Main Street, Longford at **9.00am**. This means the leaders should be passing through **Newtownforbes at around 11.00am**, about the time that Mass is ending. **Watch out for the runners as they pass through the parish on their way back to Longford.** The safety of each runner is vitally important.

