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MASSES THIS WEEK

Thurs 7.00pm. Fri. 7.00pm

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Jimmy, Brigid, Josephine, Willie, Liam & Gerry Casey*

10.30am: *David Burkhill* **Fri. 7.00pm:** *Gerard McGoldrick*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intension*

10.30am: *Peter Murphy / James & Elizabeth O'Neill*

Last weekend Collection: €1,182 **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Colleen McHale* **10.30am:** *Laura Hussey*

E.Ms. Vigil: *Deirdre Houlihan* **10.30am.** *Joanne Quinn*

Feast Day

Sept. 8th **Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Church has celebrated **Mary's** birthday since the sixth century.

Today the **Irish Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima** will be brought to St Mel's Cathedral

Sept. 9th **St Ciaran of Clonmacnois**

Clonmacnois

The annual **St Ciaran Mass and Pattern** will be celebrated on Sunday Sept. 10th starting at 3.00pm. It will mark the launch of the diocese one year preparation for the World Meeting of Families.

Parish Pastoral Council

The September meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will be on **Tuesday Sept. 12th** at 8.00pm. not Tuesday 5th.

Baptism: We welcomed **Oran Brendan McHugh**, Cahanagh into the Christian Community on Saturday. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his family.

Selfless Love

It is difficult to understand why anyone would willingly place a burden on themselves. We are bombarded daily with promises of a better, easier life. Magazines and life style gurus offer us a better work-life balance. New gadgets pledge to remove obstacles or irritations and make our lives less stressful It's all a bit of a contrast to the message of today's gospel, where Jesus says that his followers must take up their cross. Why would we deliberately suffer, or take on a burden. Surely, we should aim to make our lives as easy as possible.

Yet, we self- sacrifice all the time. Parents make sacrifices for their children, and many people tend lovingly to elderly parents or relatives. Friends give up their time to listen and support each other. Teachers go the extra mile for a vulnerable child, and nurses and doctors and care workers often go beyond the call of duty. It's all done out of love.

When Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to suffer grievously and be put to death, they naturally react with shock. But he is not doing it simply to make life difficult for himself. His sacrifice stems from his passionate love for us., just as we would sacrifice everything for someone we love dearly.

Pallottine Fathers

A representative from **The Society of the Catholic Apostolate** better known as the **Pallottine Fathers** (religious order) will speak at the Masses next weekend. The order was founded in Italy by St Vincent Pallotti in 1835. They have a number of houses in Ireland.

Newtownforbes-Longford CCE Branch: Registration for classes, (tin whistle, fiddle, mandolin & guitar) on **Thurs. Sept. 7th** at 7.00pm in the Ralph Room. More info. 086 891249 also Facebook.

Longford Marathon 2017

Thanks to all the stewards from the parish who helped with the stewarding of the marathon. Without the voluntary help of the stewards the event could not be held. Thanks again.

Congratulations

To **Darragh Greene**, Cartrons who finished 6th in the final of the **World University Games**, 50metres **Breaststroke** in **Taipei** (Capital of Taiwan)) He was just **.37** of a second behind the winner. That's a massive achievement. Congratulations.