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<u>MASSES THIS WEEK</u> No weekday Mass <u>ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND</u>

Vigil: John & Lena Nolan & daughter Teresa 10.30am. Elizabeth Neary

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Tom Maguire 10.30am: Mary Carmel Barden

Rest in Peace

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Elizabeth Byrne**, Deanscurragh, Longford, whose funeral was on Tuesday. May She Rest in Peace

Last weekend Collection: €1,100. Thank you.

Next WeekendReaders—Vigil: Eugene O'Brien10.30am. Angela ReynoldsE.Ms. Vigil: James Quinn10.30am. Michelle Ghee

Feast Day

August 1stSt Ignatius od Loyola (1491-1556)

Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus, better known as the Jesuits.

August 4thSt John Vianney (1786-1859)

He is also known as the Cure of Ars (France), patron paint of priests.

Masses in August

The weekend Masses for the next 3 weekends will be celebrated by priests from the **Pastoral Area (Killoe & Drumlish)**, except the **10.30am** on Sunday **August 13th 15th & 20th** when the celebrant will be **Fr Ned O'Hara**.

First Friday: The next First Friday house calls will be done on Friday September 1st.

St Teresa of Calcutta

St Teresa of Calcutta, better known as **Mother Teresa** was born in 1910 in Skopje, Macedonia, to Albanian parents Anjeze and Gonxhe Bojaxhiu. She joined the **Loretta Religious Order** and she lived in **Ireland** for some time until she was sent to **India** in 1929. There she worked with the poor and destitute, a vocation that led her to found her own religious order, the **Missionaries Sister of Charity**, in 1950, in Calcutta (now **Kolkata**) By 2012, that congregation numbered **4,500** sisters working among the destitute and outcasts in **133** countries

She was regarded by many as a saint within her lifetime and Pope (now saint) **John Paul 11** waived the usual 5-year waiting protocol to begin the process of her canonization. St Teresa of Calcutta was canonized on the 4th of September 2016.

After her death, we learn that she lived through an incredible inner darkness for over fifty years. She once confided, **"If I ever become a saint, I will surely be one of darkness**" This gave her an affinity with all who struggle in any way with the darkness of depression or doubt.

We pray that the occasion of the visit of her relics to **St Mel's Cathedral** may be a moment of grace and blessing for all who visit the cathedral, especially those weighed down by the burdens of life.

The relics will arrive in **St Mel's Cathedral** on **Monday July 31**, before the **7.30pm Mass**, and be in the cathedral until Wednesday, **August 2nd** leaving after a **Prayer of Farewell**, at 1.00pm.

Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities

Would all those who have received forms to sign please do so and return them this week. If you signed within the last 5 years you would not have got a form to sign at this time.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Orla Daly**, Castlepark, and **Michael Walsh**, Redhills, Co. Cavan, who were married in **Newtownforbes** on Friday. We wish the newly- weds every blessing in the years ahead.

Famine Collection

Thanks to all who contributed to the collection. A sum of €3,260 has been forwarded to Trocaire. The response was very good.

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