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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: *Anna & John Beattie, Peggy & Owen Dwyer & Pauline Maguire / Phyllis & John Clarke.* ***10.30am*** *Deceased members of the Russell family.* **Thursday:** *9.00am: Special intension.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Rosemary Barden / Aiden Leddy.* **Sun.** *10.30am. Jody Concannon.*

Last weekend Collection: €1,257 .00. **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil*: Geraldine McVeigh* **10.30am***: Anne O'Brien*
E.Ms. Vigil*: Geraldine Halpin* **10.30am***: Elizabeth Moore*

Feast Days

March 5th **St Kieran**

St Kieran is closely associated with the diocese of ***Ossory*** *(Co Kilkenny)*

March 7th **Sts Perpetua & Felicity**

St Perpetua*, a young upper-class married woman &* ***St Felicity****, a slave girl was martyred in* ***Carthage*** *(North Africa) in 203.*

March 8th **St John of God (**1495-1550**)**

St John of God devoted his life to the care of the poor and the sick.

Do This in Memory

We welcome the boys and girls to week seven of the ***Do This in Memory*** *Mass this Saturday.*

First Friday

Because of the weather disruption the calls will be done next Friday, March 9th at the usual time

Legion of Mary- Scripture Study: *Family Centre, Longford, Sat. March 10th at 8.30pm. All welcome.*

The Commandments

How many of us can recite the **Ten Commandments**? We have an outline of then from the **Book of Exodus** in our first reading today. They sound familiar and obvious to most of us, but they are out of step with much that is taken for granted in our society today. The **fifth commandment** insists on respect for life from conception to natural death. The **sixth** and **ninth** call for sexual responsibility and fidelity. The **first commandment** forbids the worship of idols- not statues, but money, possessions power and image. These commandments go directly against taken for granted values commonly held in society today. **Christians subscribe to a set of values that include self - denial, sacrifice, a sense of sin, healthy guilt, a rejection of greed and a striving towards integrity.**

We are sinners like everyone else, but we aspire to a better way of life. In our stumbling attempts to live up to these high ideals, we may look foolish to some, but as **St Paul** writes God has chosen the foolish ones of this world to confound the wise and prudent. **James D iGiacomo SJ**

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Dermot Doyle**, Garrowhill and **Aoife Ryan,** Cross, Ardagh, who were married in **St Brigid's Church**, Ardagh on Saturday. We wish the newly- weds every blessing.

Monster Indoor Jumble Sale.

Venue, Newtownforbes Sports Complex. Date, Sunday Mar. 10th Time, 12.00- 4.00pm. **Stall costs €20.** In aid of **Newtown F C,** junior football. Contact: 086 2113465 or 086 8242366.

Scoil Mhuire – Enrolment

Please contact the school for an application form. School phone number is **043 3345220**: email: newtownf.ias@eircom.net.

Longford College of further Education

Open Day, Battery Road, Wednesday March 8th from 10.00am-6.00pm

C A S A Thanks

C A S A's recent church gate collection came to €276. Thanks

Theology of the Body for Teens

See church notice board for further details.