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Church of the Assumption Moyvane - Saturday 20th to Sunday 28th February - Radio

Sat 20 th	7.30pm	Ellen & Tom Culhane, Marian Place, Glin (Anni) (parents of Marian Quinn, Woodgrove)
Sun 21 st	11.00am	Henry & Bridie Stackpoole, Auhtrim (Anni) & deceased of the Stackpoole & Meade families
Mon 22 nd	7.30pm	Bernie Walsh, Moyvane North (Months Mind)
Tues 23 rd	7.30pm	Deceased members of the Gould family, Pilgrim Hill especially John, Julia & Ellen
Wed 24 th	7.30pm	Richie Brosnan, Coilagurteen (Anni)
Thurs 25 th	7.30pm	Mass of thanksgiving for family, neighbours & wide circle of friends who supported Dermot Gallagher on the sudden death of his loving wife Kathleen, Askeaton.
Fri 26 th	7.30pm	Bernadette O'Sullivan, Auhtrim (Anni) her parents Paddy & Bridget, her brother John Joe Hanrahan & James & Betty O'Sullivan
Sat 27 th	7.30pm	Jerry Brosnan, The Village (Anni)
Sun 28 th	11.00am	Mary Stack, Upper Auhtrim (Months Mind)

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure - Sunday 21st & Sunday 28th February - Tannoy

Sun 21 st	9.30am	Patrick & Mary Kennelly, Gortdromagouna (Anni)
Sun 28 th	9.30am	Hannah Keane, Kilmearney, Kilmorna (1 st Anni)

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Fr. Denis O'Mahony ☎ 087/6807197.

OFFERTORY & DUES: Offertory €1,351; Dues €450. Shrines Moyvane €296, Shrines

Knockanure €45. Very many thanks.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To the Stack Family, Upper Auhtrim & to Fr. Jim Finan and the Finan family, Carrowcorragh, Lavagh, Co.Sligo on the death of Fr. Joe Finan (brother to the late Mary Stack). Fr. Joe gave untiring and dedicated service in the Diocese of Leeds. Our prayerful support to both families at this time. May Fr. Joe rest in peace.

WHAT'S MISSING?

Have you ever experienced losing something you really valued. You never notice its missing until the moment comes to use it, wear it, display it or pass it onto someone else. Then comes the frustration of: DID I PUT IT SOMEWHERE FOR SAFEKEEPING? DID I LOAN IT TO SOMEONE? DID I CARELESSLY DISGUARD IT? WAS IT TAKEN FROM ME?

The Church is wise in offering us the Holy Season of Lent because it can be the very time we need to find what is missing in our lives. Lent can be a searching out and a restoration time and the means for renewed direction and perspective. I honestly think if we look closely into our hearts we will find that we have all lost something we value. We have lost our patience or our integrity: We have lost our tempers or our respect for self or others; we may have lost hope or our capacity to understand or respect; maybe we lost a friend or our desire to pray. Sometimes we are not even sure what we have lost, but something tells us we need to look. We sense something is not right. Perhaps it is a loss of our sense of direction or feeling that we are not sure if we have strayed from the Gospel path of Jesus. Lent is the season to ask:

- What do I cherish in my life?
- What is it that I hide from?
- What do I need to form my life more on the pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus?
- Who is it that I seek?
- Who is it that I hide from?
- How can I recover what I hold dear?

As we walk through this Lent, which is totally different to what we have ever experienced, may we be the ones who hunt in great earnest for the treasure hidden in the fields of our hearts. Let it be a time that we rediscover those spiritual values that are so essential in shaping one's life on the example of Jesus.

BASIC OPTION: TO LIVE FOR FALSE SELF OR TRUE SELF

We all have to face temptations. Lent provides us with a great opportunity to intensify our efforts to overcome them. It's true to say that Lent may not be taken as seriously as it once was. Even so, it still has a great pulling power for all those who are serious about living a spiritual life. It provides a great opportunity and a great grace. Yet one gets the impression that it doesn't achieve much. Perhaps our problem is that we don't really know how to use it. We don't know what to aim at. Lent recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the desert. He was about to embark on his real work in life - to bring GOOD NEWS to His sisters and brothers. Jesus went into the desert to fast, pray and reflect. Before setting out to help others He got Himself right first. In the desert He was confronted by the same basic temptation which confronts us all. Whether to serve the true self or the false self, whether to seek honour and glory for Himself or to seek honour and glory for God. In the desert He not only encountered God, He also encountered His true self. For Jesus the desert experience came at a crucial moment in His life and at a time of great awakening. It would be impossible to exaggerate its importance for Him. Later on, when people and events threatened to engulf Him, He would steal off to lonely places to recover Himself and rededicate Himself to His loving Father. As followers of Jesus we must strive at all times to seek our true selves. But often we live almost completely for the false self. We live superficially and unspiritually driven on by a multitude of senseless, stupid desires and habits. We are surrounded by noise and constant activity we have no priorities. We lose ourselves. We are unable or unwilling to be alone, to be silent, to be still. And we wonder why we aren't happy, why we didn't find it easy to get on with others and why we can't pray. We cannot find ourselves in the crowd or in the hurly burly of everyday occupations. We need to stand apart. In solitude we come face to face with the basic option: to live for the false self or to live for the true self. In solitude we begin to stand on our own feet before God and the world and accept full responsibility for our own lives.

A NOTE OF HOPE

The following is a delightful verse of Hope sent to us by a reader of the Newsletter.....

Today, I dared to let myself dream, That the world will one day open again.
That the locks will loosen, the walls will fall, The doors will fly open and reunite us all.
I dared to imagine the warmth of a cuddle, A group of my friends all locked in a huddle.
I felt all the heartbeats, drumming with mine, I heard all the laughter, I tasted the wine.
I thought of the feelings I've missed for long, The room full of music, united by song.
The freedom to roam, to plan and to meet, to hold someone's hand, to meet, to greet.
Just for a moment I dared to dream of, The flights I would board to the places I love.
The moment those eyes would meet mine at the gate, The feeling of joy after so long a wait.

Today, I dared to let myself dream, That the life we once had would happen again.
That we'd no longer fear the danger of air, That our lives would not depend on such care.
They say that we mustn't wish time away, But it's hard, my friend, when faced with a day,
So long in blank hours and so wiped of laughter, It's tempting to drift away to thereafter.
So yes, I dared to dream just a while, Of life coming back, it brought me a smile.
One day I know, this will be in the past, And hugs will be free again, at last.

NOTICES

SATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be aired on the Radio 99.9fm every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 4pm. The Stations are on the Radio only, so you can listen from your own homes.

NIARON LTD: will commence jointing works outside the Creamery in Moyvane village on Monday the 22nd of February. Works at this location will continue for approximately 4 weeks. A traffic light traffic management system will be in place for the duration of the works. The works are deemed essential by ESB. All works will be carried out in accordance HSE COVID 19 Guidelines. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience caused.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: for those who wish to take them are available in the Churches. If you wish to contribute directly to Trócaire, you can do so on www.trócaire.org

ONCE OFF MUGS: Through the sale and donations received from this fundraiser for both Churches in the Parish over the past week we have banked €2,175 bringing the total to date €4,075. Mugs are still available from Holly's, the Parish Office and after weekend Masses. Very many thanks for your great generosity.