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# Sunday 19th April 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

**Reflection**

**Steve Jobs last words will change your views on life**.

The billionaire passed away at the age of 56 of Pancreatic Cancer**. These are his last words:**

“I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In others’ eyes, my life is an epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy**.**

**In the end, wealth** is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to. At this moment, lying on the sick bed and recalling my whole life, I realise that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in, have paled and become meaningless in the face of impending death. You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you. But you can not have someone to bear the sickness for you.

Material things lost can be found. But there is one thing that can never be found when it is lost: **LIFE.**

When a person goes into the operating room, he will realise that there is one book, that he has yet to finish reading: **THE BOOK OF HEALTHY LIFE.**

Whichever stage in life, we are at right now, with time, *we will face the day when the curtain comes down.* **Treasure love** for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends…. Treat yourself well. Cherish others. As we grow older and hence wiser, we slowly realise that…

Wearing a €400 or €40 watch; *they both tell the same time*….

Whether we carry a €400 or €40 wallet/handbag; the amount of money *inside is the same*.

Whether we drive a €150,000 car or a €30,000 car; the road and distance are the same, and we get to the same destination.

Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3000 sq. ft; loneliness is the same.

You will realise, your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Whether you fly first class or economy class, if the plane goes down- you go down with it…. Therefore…. I hope you realise, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, who you chat with, laugh with, talk with, have sing songs with, talk about heaven and earth, that is, my friends-- *TRUE HAPPINESS.*

**FIVE UNDENIABLE FACTS OF LIFE:**

Don’t educate *your children to be rich.* **Educate them to be happy**. So, when they grow up, they will know the value of things, not the price.

Best awarded WORDS in London…” *Eat your food as your medicines*. Otherwise, you WILL have to eat ***medicines as your food.”***

The ones who love you, will never leave you for another because, even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.

There is a *big difference* ***between*** *a human being and being human*. Only a few really understand it.

You are loved when you are born… You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!

**SEVEN BEST DOCTORS IN THE WORLD…**

Sunlight. Rest. Exercise. Diet. Self-Confidence. Friends and Faith.

***Maintain them in all stages of Life and enjoy a healthy life***. GOD LOVES YOU THE WAY YOU ARE. Amen.

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**Recently Deceased: Padraig Banks,** Gortnacarkogue, who died on Friday 17th April. **Margaret Brady,** formerly of Boggaun, who died on Tuesday 14th April. **Brendan Kelly,** Virginia, brother of Fr Oliver, Manorhamilton, who died on Tuesday 14th April. **Tom White**, Kiltyclogher, father of Anne Caprani, Dromahair, who died on Wednesday 15th April. **Kathleen Reid,** England & Longford. Sister of Josephine Harvey, Drumlease. Funeral will take place in England on 23rd April.

***May they Rest in Peace.***

Link to Cavan Cathedral Webcam **-** [**https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral**](https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral)

Daily Mass is broadcast live at 10.00am & 6.30pm. The Rosary is recited at 4.00pm.

**Family Prayer Cards**

**Available in all three Churches. There are some lovely prayers and reflections to be used either in the Church, or to take home and pray as a family during these difficult times.**

**ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:**

1. **Mass**: **No Sunday or Weekday Mass** **until further notice.**

**CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:**

1. **Mass:** **No Sunday or Weekday Mass until further notice.**

**ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:**

1. **Mass:** **No Saturday (Vigil Mass) or Weekday Mass until further notice.**
2. **Eucharistic Adoration: Cancelled until further notice.**

A Sincere **‘Thank You’** to the Sacristans, Altar Societies and everyone who helped in any way to prepare and decorate our churches for Easter.

***Míle Buíochas agus Beanacht Dé!*** Fr Paul.

**Senior Help Line:** Any caller, concerned about Covid-19, will receive the most up to date guidance as recommended by Government sources. Good health practice is reinforced at all times. Information is updated daily as the situation changes and is available to each of our volunteers at the phones. **SeniorLine is a FREEPHONE service and our older callers can call free between 10am and 10pm every day of the year on 1800-80-45-91**

**A Message from Trócaire**: This time of year, we would usually get back tens of thousands of boxes but that will not be possible this year, at a time when the developing world needs our help the most. Please hold onto your boxes until further notice and they can be returned to your churches when it is safe for people to do so. You can also donate online or over the phone. Online donations can be made **at** [**https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation**](https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation)

**Offertory, Dues & Other Collections**

During this period of suspension of weekend Masses, some people mentioned to me about what *‘the Irish bishops have asked the faithful to continue their generous contributions to the upkeep of their parish.’*

In this regard, can I respectfully suggest that parishioners, continue to put their contributions aside in the collection envelopes provided - on an ongoing basis, as circumstances allow, and to bring the envelopes to the church, **but only when Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses resume.** Thanks for your continuing generosity and understanding. **Fr Paul.**

**Prayer to Our Lady of Knock**

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your Divine Son, remembering His promise, *“Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find”.*

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of

**PLEASE KEEP ALL OUR SICK, ELDERLY AND HOUSEBOUND IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

 Prayer is a powerful weapon, a strengthening comfort, a genuine act of love, for all in need. To know that others are praying for us is a healing love. To pray **“Walk with them O Lord, through the darkest night and brightest day. Keep them close to you. Give them the strength, courage, faith and hope to come through this time of darkness. Lay your healing hands gently upon them, and if it be your will, grant them healing and recovery. Amen”.**