

Laragh Parish Newsletter

Sunday 10th May 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

I Am The Way

During World War II, a British prisoner of war in Malaya escaped from his prison camp and, with the help of a young Malayan guide, succeeded in making his way to freedom. The journey, which lasted several days, was fraught with danger. To avoid capture, they had to hack their way through dense forest, swim across rivers in spate, climb treacherous mountain passes, and be ever alert to the threat of wild animals. One day when the route was particularly challenging and they seemed to be making very little progress the escapee called out to his guide, 'Are you sure this is the way?' The young man looked back at him and in heavily accented English said, 'There is no way. I am the way. If you want to be free and go home, then you just have to follow me.'

Jesus says the same thing in the Gospel today. If we want to go home, we should be prepared to put up with the difficulties of life, follow Him and trust that He will bring us there.

I Am The Life

Back in 1924 Bill Havens, a member of the four-man American canoe team, was faced with a dilemma. He could travel to the Paris Olympics, where his team were favourites for the gold medal, or he could stay at home to be with his wife when she gave birth to their child. His wife encouraged him to go to Paris but Bill was having none of it. 'No, my place is here with you,' he said. In the event, the US team won the gold medal and *some time afterwards* Bill's wife gave birth to a son, Frank. Bill later learned that he could have won his medal and still made it home for his son's birth. But he never for one moment regretted his decision. Twenty-eight years later, in 1952, a telegram from Helsinki was delivered to the Havens home. It read: 'Dear Dad, thanks for waiting around for me to get born in 1924. I'm bringing home the gold medal you should have won. Your loving son, Frank'.

The purest gold we gain in life is not in our achievements but in the love that inspires them.

GENERAL NOTICES

- 1. Face Masks for All:** Laragh Community Alert are involved in the manufacture of free face masks for all the community and health care workers in particular. Thanks to our volunteers Christine Kelly, Marie Dowd, Patricia Gillick and Rita Rudden who are doing Trojan work in this regard. We have already supplied 75 masks to health care workers as well as a number to the community. If you or anybody you know needs a mask text or whatsapp us on 086 6044415 to be put on a list. Our aim is to provide masks for anyone who wants them, but priority will be given to health care workers. If you would like to donate material (i.e light curtain lining/coloured or plain (not white), duvet covers etc or round or quarter inch elastic, please contact 086 6044415. Also if you want to donate we have a Go Fund Me page [link below]
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/laragh-face-masks-for-all>
- 2. Masses, Rosary, Exposition in Cavan Cathedral:** There will be two Masses in the Cathedral each day during coming week at 10am and at 6.30pm. Rosary will be at 4pm each day. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4.30 to 5.30pm on Wednesday. All you need to do is to link in to www.cavantownparish.com and click on Webcam.
- 3. SOSAD:** Phone line 24 hours a day 049 4326339.
- 4. Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** has been cancelled for 2020. The pilgrimage will take place on 4th June 2021.
- 5. Cuan Cancer Support Centre:** based at 2 Keadue Lane, Cavan is open Mon, Wed and Fri from 10am – 1pm and from 2pm – 4pm for emails, landlines and mobile queries only. More info from 086 4556632 or 049 8511021.
- 6. St. Angela's College, Sligo:** is inviting applications for a Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) Course. The course is open to Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for Applications is Friday 15th May 2020. For further information contact Mary Kearns mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie

Your Prayers are requested for the soul of the late:

- **Kitty McChesney (nee O' Brien), Knockbride and late of Laragh House,** who died on Wednesday. We extend our sympathy to the Brady Family, Laragh.

May she and all those who have died Rest in Peace