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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 10:00am Int of Julie

Tuesday 10:00am Int of Fr Jack

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 10.00am Grace for a good Lent

7.00pm John Sullivan RIP

Ashes will be distributed at both masses.

Day of fasting and abstinence.

Thursday 10:00am Kathleen Doherty RIP

Friday 10:00am Peace in the world

Saturday 6:00pm James Dermody RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT.

14.02.2021.

Sunday 8:30am People of the Parish

10:00am Harry & Teresa Logan RIP

12:00noon Those who died from Covid.

SCHOOL.

We are a year into lockdown now and things seem to be moving on at a pace. I would like to say a big thank you to Mr. D. O'Regan & Ms. J. Babb and their staff who continue to do a tremendous job of taking care of themselves and our children under very difficult circumstances.

I thank them on all our behalf's but you can always show your own personal appreciation.

I hope and pray that you and yours are all ok under God's protection. I pray for you every day at the altar. Spring is in the air, the days are getting longer, many are vaccinated and the kingdom of God is within us and among us.

Lent is on the horizon and again the call of the Gospel is, "REPENT." Mortification and penance are about being in charge of body and soul. The thing is, if I am eating too much chocolate, drinking too much alcohol, munching too many crisps, consuming, too many biscuits, feasting on too many cakes and sweet thing, not bothering about others and their wellbeing, just basically being self-centred, being lazy and careless with my prayer life, not bothering with mass/communion. Then you are not in charge of your life.

So repent, change your ways, get in control of your life, body and soul and be a divine person ruled by your head and God and not just following your basic instincts.

Love and prayers, Fr Jack.

If—

BY RUDYARD KIPLING

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your
master;

If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man/woman, my
son!

THANK YOU.

1. THE CRIB, Catholic Children's Collection which raised £267.
 2. RED BOXES, Missio £247.23. If you would like a Red Box for Lent please see me.
- And sincere thanks from me for your effort at this time.

SYMPATHY Sincere sympathy to the family of Anne-Marie Kallou-Harb RIP who died recently.