



What Rules your Life If you're into reality TV, then you're probably familiar with I'm A Celebrity...Get me out of here. It's a game show series in which a dozen

or more celebrities live together in a jungle environment for a few weeks. They have no luxuries, and must do various tasks to win meals and privileges for their companions. These tasks put them face to face with insects and other creepy crawlies or with being required to eat extremely unappetising food. They end up having to do tasks that they – or we – would never normally choose to do. And why are they doing all this? They are competing to be king or queen of the jungle. A peculiar kind of royalty. The real kings and queens of today – the royal houses of Europe and beyond – may not have absolute power like in the past but they're still associated with privilege and nobility, and we're still fascinated with them. Think of all those who watched the royal weddings, or who get excited about a royal baby. Royalty fascinates us – whether king or queen of the jungle or queen of England. Today's feast is about a very different kind of royalty. We honour Jesus, the servant king. Pope Pius XI introduced this feast in 1926. Think back to the world of the 1920s. Mussolini was in power in Italy. Hitler was leading the Nazi party in Germany. Stalin was crushing his opponents in Russia; extremist movements offering messiah type leaders were on the rise. Pius XI wanted to make a statement. In creating this feast he was saying to the world that despite dictatorships and economic collapse, and the rise of ideologies of left and right, Jesus Christ was still King of the Universe. There is only one lord, one ruler, one king – Jesus of Nazareth, a king who washed people's feet and was nailed to a cross. The kingship of Jesus turns our notions of monarchy upside down. It's symbolised by his crown. The crown on his head was not made of gold or trimmed with diamonds, but of thorns. He didn't come to lead armies, or levy taxes, or occupy palaces. He doesn't rule by might or threats or Twitter. He doesn't sit on a gilded throne. His kingdom is not an earthly kingdom or something from Game of Thrones. It's about a new way of living, based not on control or power or war making, but on love and mercy and service of others. He is a king who

treats everyone equally, who is interested not in possessions or money or status but in people and compassion and justice. Jesus' authority comes from God and it's an authority that builds people up rather than diminishes them. All that matters to Jesus is God his Father, and to serve God means to serve all. To be a servant king. Two Challenges: Today's feast offers a couple of challenges. Pope Francis by his own example of simplicity and humility is trying to change that. Second, today's feast challenges us to think about who or what rules our lives – and to honour the only king that matters, Jesus Christ. Society today is a bit of a rat race. It's about wealth and status, celebrity and privilege. It's an element in each of us that wants to be number one. The feast of Christ the King reminds us of what our priorities must be; that, whatever our vocation in life, we must be at the service of others, and never lord it over anyone. Our model is Christ, the servant king

Our Sympathy to the families of Padraig O'Riordan Drombanna & UK, funeral Mass was Monday at Donoughmore 11.30am, Theresa Graham O'Loughlin, Clarina & Crecora & Vicky Phelan . May they rest in Peace.

Our Sacristan Terry wishes to thank everyone who were very generous to him in his recent collection, we are very appreciative of Terry's time and care he gives to the care of our churches and grounds.

Preparation- First Holy Comm. We Welcome the Children & Parents who join us this weekend for Mass

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims' with commemorations to remember the victims of road traffic crashes and their families taking place around the country. A renewed focus is on the victims of serious injuries and their families. 24,663* people have died on our roads since we began recording fatalities in 1959. Since 1977, when injury records began, 84,977* people have been seriously injured. The number of deaths is equivalent to the population of the town of Carlow and the number of serious injuries is equivalent to the population of Galway. Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Hildegard Naughton said: "World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims it is a time to honour the families and loved ones of the victims of road traffic crashes. It is also a time to thank our emergency services and healthcare workers who deal first-hand with the consequences of road traffic collisions.. "Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson of the Road Safety Authority said: "This year marks the 15th year that we have marked World Day of Remem-

Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat 19th Nov.	7pm	Edward Grimes Hugh Hurley
Mon. 21st	10m	
Tues 22nd	10am	No Mass
Fri 25th	10am	
Sat 26th	7pm	Joe & Josephine McCarthy
Knockea		
Sun 20th Nov.	11am	Teresa Keane, Tony & Mary Quilty
Wed.23rd	10am	Mons. Ray Mullins
Sun 27th Nov.	11am	Anne Kirke (4th) John & Peg Prendergast

brance for Road Traffic Victims in Ireland. It is our way of ensuring that those who have died or been seriously injured are not forgotten. Because behind the numbers are real people; somebody's father, brother, son, mother, sister or daughter.

Fr Joe Hayes-Holy Family Parish will be saying Mass next week from our Pastoral Unit of Parishes

Planned Giving-Family Envelope Box 2023, if you like to support the parish through envelope or online through the 'Donate' button on our parish website please let us know. New envelope boxes will be given out next couple of weeks to begin in Jan.2023, thanks for your continued generosity to the parish.

Of Limerick Saints and Seekers' book launch, Tuesday 22nd Nov. 7:30pm, Limerick Diocesan Centre.

For Your Diary 'A Christmas Spectacular' Parish Christmas concert Monday Dec.12th Ballyneety Golf club at 8pm , all welcome

DKR Comm. Assoc meeting Mon.21st Nov.8pm Court House

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Pastoral Area Donoughmore / Knockea/ Roxboro, Queen of Peace, Holy Family

Parish Posada Would you like your family to be part of our Parish posadas this year? Posadas (Spanish for inns) is an advent tradition revolving around the concept of hospitality. During Advent, a nativity set of Mary and Joseph travel, on a roster basis, around our parish visiting a different home every night. If you would like to welcome Mary and Joseph to your home, we could organize a Rota, By signing up to Posadas, you are agreeing to share your contact details with the person before and after you on the list.

Weekly Lotto €1,900 no winner winning No 4,5,19,22 Lucky dips 1.JP Kennedy 2.Tony & Brdget O'Callaghan 3.Angela Butler 4.Paul Butler 5.Eoin Fitzgerald 6.Margie Dooley Next Jackpot €2,100 Draw Tues 22nd Nov. Cat's Cradle 9.30pm

