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I was thinking !

Dear Fellow Traveller,

During the past week we had First Confession of Rang II 2017. We have a wonderful group of children gathering in excitement and prayer. They sang a few songs/hymns relating to "Confession" and they read some appropriate prayers, had a little drama about forgiveness and then in private (very important to an 8year old!), whispered their sins to the priest. Then there was a hug for Mammy and Daddy and chips in Supermacs. All very civilized, exciting and meaningful.

We each remember the occasion our First Confession.. I remember by own "First Confession" as a occasion when I felt special, I had private stuff that I told nobody but the priest about and he wouldn't tell anybody else—it was all grown-up stuff. Adults talked to me instead of patting me on the head and saying to my parents - "Isn't he getting very big". I anxiously approached the box, I checked with my good friend, Jimmy Brady as to how many times we would say we lied, cursed and fired stones at Ms Donnelly's chickens. We prayed to God that we wouldn't forget the formulae so that the priest would bot get "mad" and give us a "Huge" Penance. There was talk of the fear of Hell and there was more than adequate supply of "Guilt".

That was over 60 years and a lot has changed since then. First Confession is now seen as marking a stage in life when children are learning about being about responsible for their own actions and beginning to deal with the issue of what is my responsibility to my neighbour. The fact is that in life we sometimes we make wrong choices that have an adverse effect on myself and possibly on another aand we have to deal with the consequences. When "telling their sins" children begin with the words "*I did not show love* when I (didn't do as I was told, when I "pucked" my brother, and so on ... ". The emphasis is on the "Showing love" and "Forgiveness" rather than "washing Sins and Guilt.

The word "Sin" is derived from the Greek word which means "to fall short of the mark" I am capable of "Loving" God and my neighbour better ! Whether I am 8 years old or 80, we can all do better.

This week we will celebrate Valentines Day with great razzmatazz. Lorry loads of red roses will be given as a sing "I love You". We pray for God's help to show by our actions that we do care and love.

*Happy Valentines and remember that Jesus loved us so much
He gave his life for us!*

Think about it and have a good week .

- G.J.

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11am Patrick Devitt Mary Bleeker Florentine Hayden Tonly Lyons		11am Peadar O'Culain
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MASS TIMES.

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9:30am, 11am,
12:30pm, 6pm.

WEEKDAYS: 10am only.
Sat.: 10am & 5:30pm

The Parish Office:

Phone: (091) 523413
E-mail:
salthillparish@eircom.net

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30—4.30pm
(Lunch 1-2p.m)

Parish Co-Ordinator:

Frank Keane.

Parish Secretary

Yvonne Thornton (Mon-Wed).
Rhona Bolger (Thurs-Fri).

Parish Sister:

Sr. Breege Ruane

Music Director:

Jackie Lillis.

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Gerry Jennings 523 413
Fr. Michael Bailey 526006

Parish Deacon

Rev Declan Lohan 523413

Adoration

Mon - Fri: 10:30am — 7:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday after 10.am. Mass.

Morning Prayer

Mon 9:45am Week 2

READERS this Weekend

5.30 pm Whoriskey Family
9.30 am Parish Reader
11a.m. Fitzgerald Family
12.30pm Do this in Memory
6p.m. Anne Treacy

Flowers

Peigi Murphy
Muriel Silke

Linens this week
Maura O Halloran

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