

DATES FOR NOVEMBER: DAILY MASSES AT 8AM, 10AM AND 7.30PM (MON - FRI).

Sunday 7th Nov, Bereavement Mass for all who died in the Parish at 6pm.
Thursday 11th Nov, Year of St. Joseph "Joseph the Worker". 7.30pm
Thursday 18th Nov, Year of St. Joseph "Joseph the Family Man". 7.30pm
Nov 18th - 26th, Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. 7.00pm
Saturday 21st Nov, St. Josephs Bereavement ceremony 6pm in St Mel's
Thursday 25th Nov, Year of St. Joseph, "Joseph the Dreamer". 7.30pm
Sunday 28th Nov, 1st Sunday of Advent.

ENROLEMENT CEREMONIES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN:

Sat 27th Nov, 6.00pm Mass - St Joseph's N.S.
Sat 27th Nov, 7.30pm Mass - Stonepark N.S.
Sun 28th Nov, 10.00am Mass - Melview N.S.
Sun 28th Nov, 11.30am Mass - St Eimear's N.S.
Sun 28th Nov, 1.00pm Mass - St Michael's N.S.
Sun 28th Nov, 6.00pm Mass - Gaelscoil Longfoirt.

TRÓCAIRE'S SPECIAL APPEAL: A special collection will be held this weekend 6th and 7th Nov to support its work to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in East Africa. Across East Africa, families face a dire threat of famine. Trócaire is currently addressing this and many other crises worldwide. Please give generously.

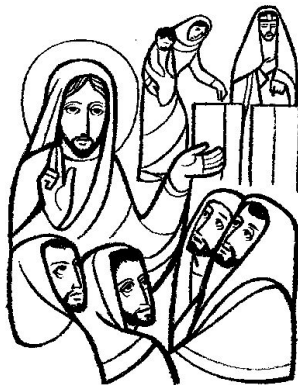
ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: Rosary and prayers for the Holy Souls will be recited each Sunday in Ballymacormack cemetery at 3pm for the month of November at the church ruins.

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put in more than all

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



Autumnal Wood Wisdom.

Brother Richard Hendrick Ofm Cap

Enter slowly, and with reverence, the golden autumnal woods,
and then, stopping beneath its vaulted sylvan sanctuary,
allow its burnished beauty of bronzed leaf,
polished nut, and, shining fruit to reflect deep
eternal richness of Divine generosity,
always gifting grace in each moment,
of Heaven's harvesting, to breathe its blessing through you.
Then, accepting its annual invitation to stillness,
you will hear the slowing heartbeat of the earth
as she moves towards her
yearned for yearly time of maternal meditation,
and feel her ever deepening breaths appear as mother-mists,
exhaled between branches slowly releasing leaf's attachment
into wind's wildness,
beckoning you into the stillness that bears always
the slow fruiting berry of prayer,
whose sweet taste is wisdom.

A Prayer of Remembrance

God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we are remembering in a special way during the month of November. We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of grief and loneliness. We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief. Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage. May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and help us to bring light and hope to others. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Monday, 8th November.
8.00am: DM of Michal Makula family. DM of Mikula family. Santiago, Sofia, Olga and Kristina Makulova.
10.00am: Gertrude & James Marsden & their son Pat (A)
7.30pm: Patrick & Annie McKeon, son P.J & daughter Patricia (A)

Tuesday, 9th November. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
8.00am: Deceased members of the Balazova family.
10.00am: Nicholas Hennigan (A). 7.30pm Tommy & Chris Devlin (A)

Wednesday, 10th November. Saint Leo the Great
8.00am: Nelson Andrade (1st A). 10.00am: Michael Gannon (A)
7.30pm: Maksymilian Lenandowski (A).

Thursday, 11th November. St Martin of Tours, Bishop
8.00am: Bessie O'Hara (A) 10.00am: Special Intention
7.30pm: Andy Byrne (A) *Year of St Joseph (Joseph the Worker)*

Friday, 12th November. St Josaphat, Bishop
8.00am: Special Intention
10.00am: Rosemarie Kenny (*Month's Mind*) 7.30pm: Chris Brennan (A)

Saturday, 13th November.
8.00am: Kevin and Leo Farrell (A) 10.00am: Tom Cronin (A)

Sunday, 14th Nov. 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. World day of the Poor
6.00pm (*Vigil*): Maria Pirkova and Jan Pirkov
7.30pm (*Vigil*): Lena Carrig (A)
8.00am: Patrick McGoey (A)
10.00am: Pat McGowan and Thomas & Elizabeth Kelly (A)
11.30am: *Shared*: Matt Harte (1st A).
Damien Deely (A). Joe McDonagh (A).
1.00pm Alice Briody. (A) 6.00pm: Rose and Patrick O'Brien (A)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank each one of you most sincerely for your continued generous contributions to our weekly collections. The amount received in the **Offertory Collection** last weekend was €3,810.00. **All Saints day €1,570.**

NOVEMBER DUES: In support of the Bishop and the priests of the parish are now due and may be handed in at any time.

BAPTISM: With joy, we recently welcomed John James Clabby into the Christian Community.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of Thomas Murtagh, Templemichael Glebe whose funeral took place on Saturday. For Pat Higgins, London and formerly Battery Road whose funeral will take place next Fri at 11am in the Cathedral with burial of ashes afterwards in Ballymacormack cemetery. For Aiden O'Halloran, Woodlands, Abbeycartron. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11am followed by burial in Ardagh cemetery.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: We will celebrate Mass at 7.30pm each weekday during the month of November.

ANNIVERSARY MASS DIARY 2022: The Mass Diary for next year has now opened.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE: If you would like to be involved in your Parish we would like to hear from you. We are looking for volunteers to be part of the various Ministries in the parish. Please contact the parish office.

LONGFORD ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Longford active retirement have resumed their meetings in the Family Centre. We would be delighted to have you as a member to join us on our various activities, outings etc. Contact 087 6620494.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): We hope to begin a programme for adults who have a desire to enter the Catholic Church next Easter. The programme will begin on Thursday 2nd December at 7.30pm. Please contact the Presbytery for further information. 043-3346465.

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD AND THE BEREAVED: Our Parish Bereavement Mass will take place this Sunday 7th Nov at 6pm it will be livestreamed on www.longfordparish.com and Cablecomm channel 84.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Ciara Kearney and David Cassidy, Cahanagh, who were married in the Cathedral on Sunday 24th October.

CATHEDRAL CIRCLE IS BACK !! Weekly draws will recommence on Monday 6th Dec. Lines are €1 and are available from your local promoter.

PARISH REGISTRATION: We are currently updating our census in the Parish office. We would like to have every household registered and to ensure that each home receives their box of envelopes. If you are not registered or unsure, please contact the Parish office at 043-3346465 or email: stmelscathedral@gmail.com