

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

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.

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 Nov.

NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: Thursday 18th to Saturday 27th November. Rosary and novena prayers at 7pm each evening.

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.

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



A Blessing Prayer for Graves

Let us pray:

God of Abraham and God of Moses, Lord of the living, who visited Jesus within his grave And filled him with the fullness of eternal life, Hear our prayers this day as we come to this cemetery, this holy place of burial. With reverence, we visit here where the sacred bodies of our loved ones have been placed in the womb of the earth to await the final day of glory. We pause in silence to be united with our loved one.

Lord, we have come on this pilgrimage of prayer in order to keep the flame of love alive in our hearts. As we bless these graves with our prayers and with holy water and incense, we give thanks that the names of these loved ones buried here have been written for all ages in the palm of your hand. May the breath of creation that surrounds these holy graves – the trees, the grass, the birds, the wind, and the sun – join us today in prayer. May this pilgrimage remind us of what our faith teaches us – that our souls do not die, but rather are transformed into new life through Christ. Holy are these resting places. Holy is this earth that has held in gentle embrace the bodies of all who are buried in this cemetery.

Lord, with reverence, we leave our prayers and our love at these graves, and we remember in faith the reality of that earthen Easter morning when all the holy dead shall rise in the splendour of your glory. Until that day, eternal rest be to those whose graves we visit today, and to all the holy dead. We place this prayer before you through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Monday, 15th November. St Albert the Great, Bishop
 8.00am: Denis and Peggy Murphy (A)
 10.00am: Patrick and Kathleen Coffey (A)
 7.30pm: Noel Hanlon (A)

Tuesday, 16th November. St Margaret of Scotland
 8.00am: Kathleen and James Farrell (A)
 10.00am: Derek Draper (Intention) 7.30pm Rose Lennon (A)

Wednesday, 17th November. St. Elizabeth of Hungary
 8.00am: DM of the Cassells family. 10.00am: Maura Dolan (A)
 7.30pm: Libera Borza Macari (A).

Thursday, 18th November. The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul
 8.00am: Madge Landers (A) 10.00am: Vincent Farrell (Rec dec)
 7.30pm: Philip Greene (A) *Year of St Joseph (Joseph the family Man)*

Friday, 19th November.
 8.00am: Baby Molly Mongan (A)
 10.00am: Bridget Mollaghan (A) 7.30pm: Nan Geraghty (A)

Saturday, 20th November. Blessed Virgin Mary
 8.00am: Special Intention 10.00am: Jimmy & Monica Brady (A)

Sunday, 21st Nov. 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Christ the King
 6.00pm (*Vigil*): All who died in St. Joseph's Care Centre last year
 7.30pm (*Vigil*): Nanny McDonnell and Kathleen Carrig (A)
 8.00am: Holy Souls
 10.00am: John Halligan (A)
 11.30am: *Shared*: Deceased members of St. Mel's Cathedral Choir.
 Elizabeth Barry (A). Rosemary Kelly (A).
 1.00pm Michael and Mary Duke (A)
 6.00pm: William, Elizabeth and Mary O'Leary (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 €4,550.00.

TRÓCAIRE / EAST AFRICA SPECIAL COLLECTION amounted to €6,130.00.

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 Gracie - Mae Rose Connolly, Kayden Seán Kelly and Katie Kelly Glancy into the Christian Community.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of May Stokes (née O'Leary), St. Michael's Road, Aiden O'Halloran, Abbeycartron, Margaret Galvin (née Davies), Edgeworthstown and formerly Templemichael Terrace, Pat Higgins, London and formerly Battery Road and Eileen Kavanagh, Dún Darrach whose funerals took place during the week. For James (Jimmy) McKeown, Scotland and formerly Longford town whose funeral will take place next Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

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

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.

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 are unsure, please contact the Parish office at 043-3346465 or email: stmelscathedral@gmail.com

FORÓIGE'S BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER MENTORING PROGRAMME is currently looking for volunteers, adults aged 18 years and over in Longford town and county to sign up to our BigBrother BigSister mentoring programme. If you are interested in volunteering contact Mary Gaughan 86 047 1420 or email mary.gaughan@foroige.ie

LONGFORD MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISER FOR CHRISTMAS 2021: We are selling tickets as Christmas presents at a cost of €20 for 1 ticket or €50 for 3 tickets, 1st prize 2022 VW Golf Life 2.0 TDI Diesel. 2nd prize Lenova Computer, other prizes include €500.00 Center Parcs voucher, €150.00 voucher. Draw takes place on 1st Jan 2022. Tickets can be purchase on line <https://member.clubspot.app/club/marys-meals/fundraiser/tickets> Also, Louis Herterich, Ballymahon St., Longford, Carola's Barbers, Newtownforbes and Egan's Electrical Shop, Kenagh.