

ECUMENICAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICE takes place tonight Sunday 19th September 2021 at 7pm in St John's, Church of Ireland, Longford. As we emerge from the shadow of Covid as a community we all are conscious of how grieving processes have been interrupted, and for others who in the stillness of life recognised how their hearts still grieve.



SUNDAY GOSPEL MARK 9:30-37

'The Son of Man will be delivered.

If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.'

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in



SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021, 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH FROM LAUDATO SI'

All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards
your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen.



Monday, 20th September. Ss Andrew Kim & Paul Chong & companions

8.00am: Julia & Michael Hegarty (A)

10.00am: Pauline Donohoe (A)

Tuesday, 21st September. St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8.00am: Josef Surmaj & family

10.00am: Baby Tommy Stokes (A)

Wednesday, 22nd September.

8.00am: Thady & Margaret Gleeson (A)

10.00am: James, Bridget, Timothy & Colette Gleeson (A)

Thursday, 23rd September. St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

8.00am: Bernard, Mary, Brendan, Sean & Hugh Murtagh (A)

10.00am: Mary-Elizabeth, James and Seamus Costello (A)

Friday, 24th September.

8.00am: Sean & Mary Hayes (A)

10.00am: Michael & Kathleen Gleeson (A)

Saturday, 25th September. St Finbar

8.00am: John & Josephine O'Donoghue (A)

10.00am: Rose Hanlon (A)

Sunday, 26th September. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm (Vigil): Jimmy Kane (A)

7.30pm (Vigil): Seamus & Eileen Doyle (A)

8.00am: Kevin, Kitty & Colm Costello (A)

10.00am: Bernard Murray (1st A)

11.30am: Shared: Michael Farrell (A); Edward Sheridan (A)

1.00pm: Tony & Elizabeth Murphy & daughter Ann McGrath (A)

6.00pm: Michael Lally (A)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank each one of you most sincerely for your continued generous contributions to our weekly collections. This money is used for the up-keep of the Cathedral and for daily supplies that are needed. The amount received in the Offertory Collection last week was **€3,750.00**

HARVEST DUES for the priests of the parish are due this weekend. Please use striped envelope from the box or one of the envelopes in the Cathedral porch or any envelope with your name and address. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

BAPTISM: With joy, we recently welcomed Ruby Rose Doran, Mercedes Marie Therese Stokes and Martin Anthony McDonagh into the Christian Community.

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Anthony Gilchrist, Park Road whose funeral took place during the week.

CONFIRMATION: This week we begin the celebration of Confirmation. The following are the dates: **Tuesday 21st September @ 6pm - St Michael's. Wednesday 22nd @ 6pm - Stonepark. Thursday 23rd @ 6pm Melview.** Tuesday 28th September @ 6pm - Gaelscoil. Wednesday 29th @ 6pm-St Joseph's. On Tuesday 5th October @ 6pm St Eimear's. Each ceremony will be limited to the Confirmation candidate and 3 adults (i.e. parents and sponsor) only.

MASS ATTENDANCE: With the easing of restrictions, the capacity for people attending Mass in St Mel's will increase to about 460 people. For that reason people attending Mass will no longer require tickets, but we do ask that all people attending religious ceremony in the Cathedral would wear a mask, sanitise their hands on entry and exit, sanitise the seats with the wipes provided, would maintain 2 metre social distance; would continue to receive Holy Communion on the hand and refrain from offering the sign of peace. Holy Water will not be available in the font.

RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS is a faith-formation process which prepares and supports adults who wish to be received into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Expressions of interest are currently being invited. If interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish Office by Monday, Sept. 13th. To learn more about RCIA visit <https://faithmag.com/what-rcia>

LONGFORD HOSPICE HOMECARE: We are unable to have our usual coffee morning this year in the Family Centre due to Government restrictions. However, if anyone would like to make a donation towards Longford Hospice Homecare, please ring 086-4622391.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings every week in the Family Centre, behind the Cathedral on Tuesday at 1pm; Wednesday at 8pm; Thursday at 1pm; and Sunday at 11.30am