



PARISH OF TEMPLEMICHAEL & BALLYMACORMACK.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 26th October to Sunday 1st November 2020.

Monday, 26th October.

8.00am: John and Thomas Carrig (A).

10.00am: Sheila Crossan (A).

Tuesday, 27th October.

8.00am: Willie O'Leary (A).

10.00am: Special Intention.

Wednesday, 28th October. Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles.

8.00am: Alfred Melvin (A).

10.00am: John Gibbons and deceased family members (A).

Thursday, 29th October. St. Colman.

8.00am: Patrick Kiernan (A).

10.00am: Jimmy Monaghan (A).

Friday, 30th October. St. Colman of Kilmacduagh.

8.00am: Special Intention

10.00am: Mary and John Chapman (A).

Saturday, 31st October. Blessed Dominic Collins.

8.00am: No Intention.

10.00am: Mary Willis (A).

Sunday, 1st November. 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. All Saints.

6.00pm: *(Vigil)* Teresa O'Neill (A).

7.30pm: *(Vigil)* Pat Hopkins and deceased family members (A).

8.00am: Special Intention.

10.00am: Deceased members of the Rodgers family (A).

11.30am: *Shared.* John and Peggy Kilemade (A).

Joe Williams (A).

1.00pm: Thomas Ward (A).

6.00pm: Oliver Warnock (A).

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank you for your contribution to last Sunday's Offertory Collection that amounted to €1,490.00. Thanks to all parishioners who have opted to contribute to our collections electronically. During these difficult times people are welcome to drop their envelopes into the Presbytery letter box or for anyone who may prefer to offer financial support electronically, the following are our banking details: BIC: IPBSIE2D; IBAN: IE48IPBS99073152096969. Sincere thanks also to everyone who has contributed so generously to the recent Mission Sunday collection, and that amounted to €2,395.00.

TAX RELIEF SCHEME: Thanks to all who have returned their tax relief forms. This is an important source of income for the Parish. Everyone who donates more than €250 in any year is eligible to sign the form by which the Parish can reclaim the tax paid. We would be delighted to receive any outstanding forms.

ANNIVERSARY MASS DIARY 2021: Bookings for Masses will commence on Monday 2nd November.

BAPTISM: Unfortunately all Baptism Ceremonies have to be postponed until after these current restrictions.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret Saunders (née Savage), late of St Mel's Road, who died recently in Liverpool. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

INDULGENCES: 1. From 12 noon on 1st Nov until midnight on 2nd Nov, all who have confessed and prayed for the pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed.

2. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1st to 8th Nov. The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

RCIA: We hope to begin a programme for adults who have a desire to enter the Catholic Church next Easter. The programme will begin in November. Please contact Presbytery for further information. 043-3346465.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: "ALONE" manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



SUMMER TIME ends this Sunday 25th October at 1am. Please remember to put your clock back an hour!

SERVICE TO DEDICATE NOVEMBER AS A MONTH OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE FOR THE DEAD AND THE BEREAVED

Next Sunday 1st November at 3pm Bishop Francis and the priests will lead a short service of prayer to dedicate the month of November to "Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved". We invite you to unite in this moment, reaching out as much as possible to those who cannot be physically present". The ceremony will be livestreamed on www.longfordparish.com and Cablecomm channel 84. Our Parish Remembrance Mass will be on Sunday 15th November at 6pm and there will be a ceremony on Saturday 7th November at 6pm to remember all who have died in St. Joseph's during the year.

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

The commandments of love

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK:

Creator God,
as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament
in the wearing of this cloth -
let it be "an outward sign
of an inward grace" -
a tangible and visible way of living
love for my neighbours,
as I love myself.

Christ, the Son,
since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
help me to speak clearly,
not only with my words,
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully -
and full of care -
to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth be
shield and banner,
and each breath that it holds,
be filled with your love.

In your Triune Name and
in that love,
I pray.

May it be so.
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