

Errigal Parish News – 1st November 2020

Nine Novena Masses for the Dead

Beginning the Vigil of All Saints (Saturday), a Novena of Masses for the Dead will take place as we begin the month of November. They will conclude on Sunday 8th November. (Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Sunday this year). ALL WEEKDAY MASSES OF THE NOVENA – will take place in St. Mary's Church at 7pm. (access available via the webcam).

Annual Masses for the Commemoration of the Dead

Will take place in - St. Mary's Church on Sunday 1st November at 10am. and St. Joseph's Church at 11.30am.

A 'candle ceremony' will take place, during the Mass. This year due to social distancing one person will light each of the candles on the altar, (candles provided) which they can collect in the sacristy after Mass. The names of the deceased in our parish since the ceremony last year will be displayed in each church during the month of November.

Plenary Indulgence

Is applicable for the duration of the month of November, for the faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased and the Holy Souls. It is extended due to the pandemic.

November Month for the Deceased

November is traditionally the month when we remember and celebrate: 'the lives of those for whom life has changed and the door of death has closed behind them.' In each of our churches in the parish during November there will be a basket placed in the Sanctuary for parishioners to place sealed envelopes of the names of the dead of their loved ones/family circle/relatives/friends. During November we are invited to remember in a special way, our departed loved ones. The donations offered will be forwarded to charity.

Remembrance Reflection

“This year, the month of November, in which we traditionally remember the dead and pray for the bereaved, will be particularly poignant. We sense a huge yearning for consolation and hope in the heart of our people. We are especially mindful in 2020 of those grieving families, who, because of restrictions, have been unable to experience the customary spiritual and community supports which are so much part of our Irish tradition. Today the 1st November at 3pm the bishops and priests of Ireland 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 the whole country to unite in this moment which will be followed by parish liturgies throughout the month of November, reaching out as much as possible to those who cannot be physically present” This pandemic, unfortunately, has not gone away and will most likely be with us for the foreseeable future. With faith, hope and love, we are called to support one another so that we will emerge stronger and more resilient from this testing time. In difficult

times of the past our ancestors looked to their faith in Christ for light in the darkness, for hope against despair. We do so again, confident that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and that God brings comfort to those who are anxious, healing to the sick and eternal rest and peace to the dead. (Statement of the Autumn 2020 General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference)

The Service of Intercession can be viewed from St. Eugene's Cathedral at 3pm. A Cross and/or a lit candle might be our focus of prayer and meditation.
(www.derrydiocese.org) In this parish our two Sunday morning Masses will be our Annual Commemoration for the deceased of our family circle.

November Prayer for our Deceased - 'Death is the Gateway to Eternal Life'

Death is just another step, along life's changing way. No more than just a gateway, to a new and better day. And parting from our loved ones, is much easier to bear. When we know that they are waiting, for us to join them there. So death is just a natural thing, like the closing of a door. As we start upon a journey, undirected or alone. For God promised us safe passage, to this vast and great unknown. So let your grief be softened, and yield not to despair. You have only placed your loved one, in the loving Father's care.

Errigal Finance Committee

The next meeting will take place in the Errigal Hall (respecting social distancing) on Thursday 5th November at 7.30pm.

St. Mary's Church - Avenue Bollard

Following requests from parishioners to restrict driving into the new cemetery, we have installed a bollard to limit access. Issues arose regarding car-tyre tracks over graves and driving over the lawn grass particularly noticeable when it is wet.

Diocesan Mass for deceased children and young people

The Annual Mass will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, on Sunday 8th November at 7pm. You can join this Mass live on the St Eugene's Cathedral webcam. If you would like to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass, please email the name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or telephone 7126 4087.

Sick Visitation

Fr. Crowley will attend the sick in his care on Thursday in the morning in Glenullin and the afternoon in Ballerin/Garvagh.

Month's Mind Mass

For Annie McLaughlin, 175 Gelvin Road on Sunday 1st November in St. Joseph's Church at 11.30am.

First Anniversary Mass

For Annie O'Kane in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 8th November at 10am.

Parish Collections - Thank you.

340 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink/129 White/94)

St. Mary's - Parish: £745 Renovation £360

St. Joseph's - Parish £365 Renovation £345

Thanks to those in recent months who continued to contribute to the parish finances by cheque/parish envelopes. Please note that collection baskets circulating during Mass are suspended presently. There is a collection box at the back of each church at the weekend Masses. If you wish to contribute to the parish by standing order - forms can be forwarded upon request by sending an email to - errigalparish@gmail.com

Baptism Dates

Due to the uncertainty of the prevailing situation going forward, it is difficult to give advance notice of future Baptisms. Hence we offer these **provisional dates** for Baptism in November. St. Mary's Church - 7th November at 5pm and St. Joseph's Church 15th November at 12.30pm.

St. Mary's Church

Readers - 7th/8th Nov

Vigil 6pm. - Anne O'Neill

Sunday 10am. - Madison McGilligan

Eucharistic Ministers - 7th/8th Nov

Vigil 6pm. - Siobhan McIntyre & Orla Doherty

Sunday 10am. - Amanda Ferris & Kate Lagan.

St. Joseph's Church

Readers - 7th/8th Nov

Vigil 7.30pm. - Nadine McNicholl

Sunday 11.30am. - Kerrie Mullan

Eucharistic Ministers - 7th/8th Nov

Vigil 7.30pm. -

Sunday 11.30am. -

Face Coverings/Numbers at Services

From this weekend the wearing of face coverings **are now mandatory** upon entering and leaving the church. Some people are exempt from the wearing of face coverings, even in situations which would otherwise be mandatory. Please continue to observe social distancing, to use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving each of our churches. Also effective from this weekend the number of people who can attend funerals and weddings are restricted to twenty-five people.

Feasts during the Week

Monday - Commemoration of All Souls

Wednesday - St. Charles Borromeo former Archbishop of Milan. Drafted the catechism of the Council of Trent.

Thursday - St. Martin de Porres: A Dominican lay brother, spent endless hours in prayer and the care of the sick and the poor.

Friday - All the Saints of Ireland: 'In the communion of Saints (of Ireland), many and varied spiritualities have been developed through the history of the Irish Church.

Ballerin GAA

There was no winner of the Lotto the Nos were 12, 14, 16, 19 J/P was £10,000 2nd J/P £10,000 3rd J/P £3,700. £50 winner Willie Henry.