

21st November: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Christ the King.

From childhood, we are taught that kindness should be met with gratitude. We are taught to respect those in authority, and that respect is earned. However, we see evidence of a culture and an attitude of questioning and reacting to authority and kindness with disdain and even hostility. To be sure, there are seasons when respect for authority reaches a low; and moments when it seems there is respect only for authority or kindness we can manipulate or exploit for our own selfish ends. But must respect earned still be demanded? Should kindness be treated with mocking scorn?

Jesus, wearing a crown of thorns, hung on the cross between two criminals. Above his head was written; 'This is the King of the Jews.' Mocked by all, in kindness he prayed that the mocking crowd and all sinners should receive the Father's forgiveness. Subsequently, the two criminals bared their souls. One was arrogant and aggressive. A slave to his past. Ignoring his guilt, he scorned the kindness of the King. The other, repentant, accepting his guilt, said, 'Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'This day you shall be with me in paradise.' (Luke 23:42-43)

All hail the King – King Jesus! Respect him or reject him. The choice is yours. But choices have consequences. The Lord rewards those who diligently seek him. (Hebrews 11:6, Jeremiah 29:13).

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Vigil Masses on Saturdays:

6pm: An Rinn,
6.15pm: The Friary.
7.30pm: St. Mary's Parish Church.
7.30pm: Colligan or Kilbrien on alternate Saturdays,

Sunday Masses:

9am: The Friary.
10am: St. Mary's Parish Church.
10.30am: Old Parish.
11am: The Friary.
11.30am: Kilgobinet.
12noon: St. Mary's Parish Church.

Times of Holyday Masses will be announced in advance.

Usually, 2 in St. Mary's and 1 in each of the country parishes.

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St. Mary's Parish Dungarvan

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We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them to new life.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November.

Prayer for Those Suffering with Depression.

Lord, You know the darkness that envelops me.

This cloud descends on me and, when it does, I seem to lose all perspective. It seems like it will never lift. I know I have pulled out of it before, but when it starts again, it clouds everything.

Help me to trust in You in this difficult time.

I know that after the rain, the sun shines again and that above the clouds, the sun is always shining.

But please impress this conviction in my heart, so that Your gift of hope will carry me through.

I believe that You can heal me and so I entrust myself to You.

Give me the graces I need to 'hang in there' until Your healing love, which I know is constantly working on me, finally penetrates and gives me the relief that I need. Amen.

Out of His infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong.

Ephesians 3:16

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Prayer during November

God of all who ever lived,
We bless you in the month of November – it is time of all saints, the time of all souls, the time of remembering.
We place all who have died in your loving care.

May we share eternal life with all those we love.

(Bernadette Sweetman: Resources for the Family Sunday Liturgy).

The Home Above

We feel so sad when those we love are called to live in the home above.

But they have but gone to prepare the way and we'll meet them again some happy day.

For God has told us that nothing can ever sever, a life He created to live forever – So let God's promise soften our sorrow and give new strength for a brighter tomorrow.

6th November: All The Saints of Ireland

Four saints who have been officially canonised by the Church are included in the Liturgical Calendar for Ireland. Three of them Irish (St. Malachy, St. Laurence O'Toole, St. Oliver Plunkett), and a fourth, a Dutch Passionist priest (St. Charles of Mount Argus).

St. Malachy (104 – 1148), Archbishop of Armagh was canonised by Pope Clement III in 1190. The first Irish-born person to be declared a saint by a pope. His feast day is November 3rd.

St. Laurence O'Toole (1128 – 1180), Archbishop of Dublin was canonised by Pope Honorius in 1225. His feast day is November 14th.

St. Oliver Plunkett (1625 – 1681), Archbishop of Armagh was canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1975. His feast day is July 1st.

St. Charles of Mount Argus, Dublin (1821 – 1893), a Dutch Passionist priest who spent most of his life as a priest in Ireland. Canonised by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007. His feast day is January 5th.

All the other Irish saints, such as **Saints Patrick, Brigid, and Colmcille**, are saints, as it were, by acclamation of the local Church. The scope of this feast, while it includes canonised saints, is wider. It also includes those who had a reputation for holiness and whose causes for canonisation have not yet been completed, such as Blessed Thaddeus McCarthy (1455-92), the seventeen Irish martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice (1762-1844), Blessed Columba Marmion (1858-1923) and the Servant of God Matt Talbot (1856-1925), Venerable Catherine Elizabeth McAuley (1778-1841), Venerable Nano Nagle (1718-1784) and people like Legion of Mary envoys Edel Quinn and Alfie Lamb, whose causes have already been introduced. The Feast of All Saints also includes those whose lives of holiness were known only to their families, friends or members of their parish, diocese or religious community.

All the Saints of Ireland, pray for us.

On this lovely feast, we give thanks for the saints of the Church, we renew our belief in their ability to help us and we pray that having shared their faith on earth we may also know their peace in heaven.

'Who are these like stars appearing... Now in God's most holy place, blest they stand before his face.'

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Holy Souls Novena of Masses in Saint Mary's Parish Church

22nd – 30th November 2021

The 9 Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Mon – Fri, Nov. 22nd – 26th: 9. 30am.

Sat, Nov. 27th: 7. 30pm.

Sun, Nov. 28th: 12noon.

Mon & Tue, Nov. 29th & 30th: 9.30am.

At the first Mass of the novena on Monday, 22nd November at 9.30am, all the names of those whose funerals and/or burials took place in St. Mary's Parish in the past year, that is, November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021, will be read out. A candle will be lighted for each one of them throughout the novena. After the novena, each family is welcome to take the candle home in remembrance of their loved ones. The rows of candles should correspond to the rows of crosses for the dead on the display stand.

At the second Mass of the novena on Tuesday, 23rd November at 9.30am, names of people who died elsewhere in the past year, that is, November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021, will be read out. As always, we invite people to give in names to the parish office of relatives or friends who died elsewhere during the past year. A candle will be lighted for each one of them on that night and for the remaining days of the novena. After the novena, whoever submitted the name to be included in the list of those who died during the past year is welcome to take the candle home in remembrance of their loved ones. The candles will be on a table to the side of the display stand with the crosses.