

St. Mary's Parish Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls, 2021.

November 22 – 30, 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.

Trocaire's East Africa Special Appeal, 6/7 November 2021.

The Irish Bishops are asking parishes throughout Ireland to take up a special Church collection on 6/7 November to support Trócaire in its work to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in East Africa **where up to 30 million people in Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, Kenya, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo are currently face life-threatening food shortages.**

Bishops noted with deep concern the increase in the number of people worldwide threatened by humanitarian crises, which are driven by the triple threat of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict and climate change.

Bishops also discussed that in the countries where Trócaire works, less than 5% of the population have been vaccinated for Covid and infection rates are up to 50%. An additional 200 million people have fallen into poverty globally as a result of the Covid crisis. Bishops highlighted that wealthier countries, while protecting their most vulnerable citizens, also have a moral responsibility to ensure that the populations of developing countries have equal, rapid and effective access to Covid vaccine coverage.

For more on Trócaire's East Africa appeal see www.trocaire.org.

St. Mary's Parish Dungarvan

November 2021



A Litany of Remembrance.

In the rising of the sun and in its going down.

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter.

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer.

We remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn.

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends.

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart.

We remember them.

When we have joys, we yearn to share.

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live.

We will remember them.



1 November: Feast of All Saints.

On this solemn Feast of All Saints, the Church invites us to reflect on the great hope, the great hope that is based on Christ's resurrection: Christ is risen and we will also be with Him, we will be with Him. The Saints and Blesseds are the most authoritative witnesses of Christian hope, because they lived it fully in their lives, amidst joys and sufferings, putting into practice the Beatitudes that Jesus preached and which resound in the Liturgy (see Mt 5:1-12a).

Today's solemnity that honours All Saints reminds us of the personal and universal vocation to holiness and proposes sure models for this journey that each person walks in a unique way, an unrepeatable way. This immense family of faithful disciples of Christ has a Mother, the Virgin Mary. We venerate her under the title Queen of All Saints; but she is first of all the Mother who teaches everyone how to welcome and follow her children. May she help us nourish the desire for holiness, walking the way of the Beatitudes.

Pope Francis, All Saints 2020.

**2 November: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed:
All Souls' Day.**

Job, at the end of his life due to illness, nearly at the point of death, has a certitude and he states it: "I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth" (*Jb19:25*). *At the moment in which Job is at his very lowest, there is that embrace of light and warmth that reassures him: I will see the Redeemer. I will see him with these eyes. "I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another" (19:26-27).*

This certainty, precisely at nearly the final moment of life, is Christian hope. *It is a hope that is a dream: we cannot have it. It is a gift we must ask for: 'Lord, give me hope'. There are many bad things that lead us to despair, to believe that all will be a definitive loss, that after death there will be nothing... And Job's voice returns; it returns: "I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth... I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side", with these eyes. "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), Paul told us. **Hope draws us and gives meaning to our life.** I do not see the afterlife, but hope is God's gift that draws us toward life, toward eternal joy. **Hope is an anchor that we have from the other side, and we, grasping the rope, sustain ourselves** (cf. Heb. 6:18-19). 'I know that my Redeemer lives, and I shall see him'. **This is the aim of hope: to go to Jesus.** And "him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me" (*Jn 6:37-38*).*

Pope Francis: All Souls' Day 2020.

2nd November

Norms for Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls

From 12 noon on 1st November until midnight on 2nd November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion, 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 praying one Our Father and the Apostles Creed.

This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1st November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1st November to 8th November.

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

Holy Souls Novena, November 22 – 30, 2021.

A novena is nine consecutive days of prayer for a special intention which may be said in public or in private.

The nine days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday which the apostles and Our Lady spent in continuous prayer in the Upper Room in Jerusalem before the coming of the Holy Spirit is regarded as the first Christian novena. We read in the Acts of the Apostles: 'All these (the apostles) joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary, the Mother of Jesus.' Acts 1:12 – 2:5.

The Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls is nine days of consecutive prayer for all those who have died and whose journey to God is not yet complete, but whose place in heaven is assured. We can assist them with our prayers. We continue to be members of the one family of God, the living and the dead, **the Communion of Saints**, family members united in love and in prayer. 'Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.'
(St John Chrysostom 349/350 – 407)

'We offer Mass for them, we pray for them, we give to others, we do good deeds; we apply indulgences to them. All of these the Church calls suffrages – which are the urgent prayer (supplication) to God to have mercy on the souls of the dead, to purify them by the fire of His charity, and to bring them to His kingdom of light and life.'
(From the Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy)

'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.'