

November: A Time to Remember.

There's a time for remembering, a time to recall
the trials and the triumphs, the fears and the falls....
There's a road we have travelled where sunlight has kissed,
that carries us onwards when loved ones are missed.....
For wherever we gather in the light of God's grace,
And for all whom we remember, there will ever be a place.
(From Fr. Liam Lawton's: There is a Place.)

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.

**St. Mary's Parish Novena of Masses
for the Holy Souls, 2022.
November 22 – 30, 2022.**

St. Mary's Parish Dungarvan

November 2022



1st November 2022: Feast of All Saints

What is a saint? First of all, one who knows they are a sinner. A saint knows all the news, both the bad news of sin and the good news of salvation. A saint is a little Christ. Not only do we see Christ through His saints, as we see a light through a stained-glass window, but we also understand the saints only through Christ, as we understand eggs only through chickens.

The saints are our Family. We are one Body. They are our legs and we are theirs. That's why their feast is our feast. We become saints not by thinking about it, and not (certainly) by writing about it, but simply by doing it. There comes a time when the "how?" question stops and we just do it. If the one we love were at our door knocking to come in, would we wonder how the door lock works and how we could move our muscles to open it?

Francis of Assisi once told his monks that if they were in the midst of the Beatific Vision and a tramp knocked at their door asking for a cup of cold water, turning away from the heavenly vision to help the tramp would be the real heaven, and turning away from the tramp to keep the blissful vision would be turning from God's face.

A saint takes his hands off the steering wheel of his life and lets God steer. (*Peter Kreeft, National Catholic Register (Intercom November 2022 P.33)*)

Mass Times.

Monday, 31 October 2022: Bank Holiday, 11am Mass only.

Tuesday, 1 Nov. 2022: Feast of All Saints, Holyday.

No Vigil Masses as Monday, 31 Oct. is a Bank Holiday.

Nov. 1, St. Mary's; 11am and 7.30pm Masses.

Nov. 1, Ring and Old Parish: 7.30pm Mass in Ring only.

Nov. 1, Kilgobinet etc: 7.30pm Mass in Colligan only.

Nov. 2, St. Mary's: 9.30am and 7.30pm Mass

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

Today is a day of *memorial of the past, a day to remember those who walked before us, who also accompanied us, who gave us life. Remember, remember. Memory is what makes a people strong because it feels rooted in a journey, rooted in a history, rooted in a people. Memory makes us aware that we are not alone, we are a people: a people with a history, with a past, with a life. The memory of many who have shared a journey with us..today is a day of memory, the memory that takes us to the roots: to our roots, to roots of our people.*

And today is also a day of hope: the second reading made us see what awaits us. A new heaven, a new earth and the holy city of Jerusalem, new. It uses a beautiful image to make us understand what awaits us: "I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband" (Rev 21: 2). *Beauty awaits us... Memory and hope, the hope to meet each other, the hope of arriving where there is the Love that He has created for us, where there is the Love that awaits us: the love of the Father.*

Today we ask the Lord that we may treasure memories - memory of a person, memory of a family, memory of a people. That we may have hope and the lights to guide so that we arrive where we are awaited with so much love.

Pope Francis, 2/11/2018.

9.30 am and 7.30pm Masses in St. Mary's on Nov. 2.

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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.

I Believe in The Communion of Saints.

'The souls in heaven assist us with their prayers, while we assist the souls in purgatory by our good works, prayer and taking part in the Mass'.

Pope Francis.

Prayer when Visiting a Cemetery

May God bless all the company of souls here,
May God and Mary bless you.
You spent awhile here, just as we are now
And we too will join you soon.
May we all be adorned in the beauty of the bright King of heaven.

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.

22 November: Feast of St Cecilia.

St. Cecilia was a martyr of the early church. She is patron saint of church musicians and singers because she believed that singing psalms and other hymns gave great glory to God. Every time we come to Mass, we hear one of the psalms (after the first reading).

The Book of Psalms was the Hymn Book of the Jews. There are 150 psalms in all. The wonder of it is that Jesus often prayed the same psalms that we pray today. On the Cross he cried out: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' This is the first line of psalm 21, a long psalm which the Jews prayed in times of pain and difficulty.

Perhaps the psalm we know best is 'The Lord is my Shepherd.' St Cecilia often sang it. We all know how music, vocal or instrumental, adds something special to our liturgical celebrations.

St. Cecilia, pray for us.