

**St. Mary's Parish Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls 2024.  
22 November – 30 November 2024.**

**The 9 Masses will be celebrated as follows:**

Friday, 22 November: 9.30am.  
 Saturday, 23 November: 7.30pm.  
 Sunday, 24 November: 10am.  
 Monday, 25 November – Thursday, 28 November: 9.30am.  
**Friday, 29 November: 7.30pm. – Mass of Remembrance**  
 Saturday, 30 November: 7.30pm.

At the 7.30pm Mass on Friday, 29 November, **the names of those whose funerals and/or burials took place in St. Mary's Parish** in the past year, that is, 1 November 2023 – 31 October 2024 will be read out. **Please note that we may not have contact details for relatives of all of those. If not contacted, please contact the parish office and give the required details.**

Also, at that Mass, names of people, including parishioners whose funerals took place elsewhere in the past year, that is 1 November 2023 – 31 October 2024, will be read out. As always, we rely on you to give the names to the parish office of relatives or friends whose funerals took place elsewhere during the past year.

On that night (Friday 29 November), a candle with the name of the deceased on it will be lighted for each one of them.

After that Mass on 29 November each family is invited to take home the candle in remembrance of their loved one.

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**Weekend Masses in Our Parishes.**

**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  
 12 noon: St. Mary's Parish Church

**St. Mary's Parish Dungarvan  
November 2024**



**November: Month of the Holy Souls**

**Friday, November 1st: Feast of All Saints.**  
**Vigil Mass: Thursday, October 31st 6:15pm—The Friary.**  
**No Vigil Mass—St. Mary's.**  
**Friday, November 1st: 11am & 7:30pm—St. Mary's**  
**10am—The Friary.**  
**Saturday, November 2nd: The Commemoration of All Faithful**  
**Departed (All Souls Day): Mass at 10am—The Friary;**  
**11am—St. Mary's.**  
**Sunday, November 3rd: Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time:**  
**Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses at usual times.**

**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.**

## Friday, 1 November, All Saints.

The feast of All Saints begins the month of November. It is a month when we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died. The 'saints' referred to in the title of today's feast are all those women and men who have reached that ultimate goal of eternal life for which God has created us. They are those who have lived in a way that was in keeping with that final destiny. These 'saints' are also those who are still with us in this earthly life and who are now living in the way that leads to life eternal. In that sense, the group we call 'all saints' embraces both those who are with God in heaven, the 'huge number' spoken of in the first reading, and people who are all around us. All three of the readings for this feast speak of our ultimate destiny in different ways. In the second reading Saint John declares, 'what we are to be in the future has not been yet revealed'. In other words, there is a necessary 'not knowing' when it comes to life beyond this earthly life.

In that second reading, having declared what we *don't* know about this life beyond earthly life, Saint John states what we *do* know, 'all we know is, that ... we shall be like God, for we shall see him as he really is'.

It is ultimately God's work in our lives, the work of Holy Spirit, with which we cooperate. At the beginning of that second reading, Saint John calls on us to 'think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children'. As we think of God the Father's lavish love for us, as we open our hearts to that love, we are empowered to become more loving, more alive with God's life of love, the life of the Spirit. The

Beatitudes in the gospel reading are Jesus' portrait of this loving person, the disciple who is on the way to becoming as loving as God. Such a person will have something of the gentleness of Christ, will reflect his merciful love to others, will mourn over our broken world and will work to bring God's justice and peace to that world, even if it means being persecuted in the process. Such a person will do all this out of poverty of spirit and a purity of heart, recognising their dependence on God for everything, and seeking God's glory in all things rather their own glory. This is Jesus'

portrait of the living saint. We might recognise such saints among us; we might even occasionally catch a glimpse of such a one when we look into the mirror!

(Excerpts from Fr. Martin Hogan's: The Word is Near You, pp262 – 264)



## Saturday, 2 November,

### Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed/ All Souls' Day .

On the third day, these women went to the tomb of Jesus to dignify his body with aromatic oils. Yet, to their amazement, where death was to be expected, life reigned: 'You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he is risen, he is not here.' It is as if the young man was saying to the women, 'If you want to meet Jesus, don't come to his tomb.' God had brought Jesus through death into a new and more powerful life over which death has no power. The risen Jesus would meet his disciples in Galilee, where he first called them, and, thereafter, 'the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it' (Mark 16:20). The life that Jesus now enjoys is the ultimate destiny of all who believe in him. Earlier in Mark's Gospel, Jesus declared that those who follow him 'will receive a hundredfold now in this age ... and in the age to come eternal life' (Mark 10:30). This is the hope that the Gospel gives us and, as Saint Paul says in our second reading, 'Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.' The Holy Spirit gives us the assurance of God's love, a love that, in the words of Paul's first letter to the Corinthian, 'never ends', remaining faithful to us beyond death. Although 'now we see in a mirror dimly... then we will see face to face' (1 Corinthians 13:8,12).

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#### 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 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.

#### Prayer when Visiting a Cemetery.

May God bless the company of souls here. May God and Mary bless you. You spent a while 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 the time of 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 Liturgies)