

certain to involve changes in how our church is structured and how we can all work together in a missionary spirit.

Separately, Pope Francis has called a Synod in Rome in 2023 and has asked all diocese throughout the world to consult with people of faith on how the church can become more synodal in the years ahead. The word synod comes from two old Greek words “syn” means with and “odos” means a path. As the Dublin Diocese website explains: “It’s a path or a journey that the People of God take together with each other.” We will hear more about the Synod in our parishes over the coming weeks but if you want to find out more in the meantime have a look at diocese website www.dublindiocese.ie where there is a heading called Synod that gives plenty of additional information.

Back to our Gospel reading where we also have the familiar parable of the fig tree. Even in winter it begins to grow leaves which give a hint of the fruits to come. As the poet Shelley put it: *“If winter comes, can spring be far behind?”* Father Donal Neary makes the point that trees were important images for Jesus. He spoke many truths of his message pointing at trees: like mustard seeds which grew big, vines that withered and the fig tree which was common to his hearers.

Jesus also offers us his assurance that *“he is near, at the very gates.”* In other words, he is close to us despite our difficulties and uncertainties. The gate is very near to the door of our house, so Jesus is telling us that he is close at hand and that we should not be disturbed or upset when changes arise. He also encourages us by saying that he will be present to us: *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”*

Speaking at the Cop26 Summit this week, Former US President Barack Obama said *“We have not done enough to address this [climate] crisis. We are going to have to do more. We are nowhere near where we need to be at.”*

It’s a challenge for us all to address the signs of our times caused by Global warming as individuals and as a parish community. The message from today’s Gospel is broader than this. Jesus tell us that, even in these darker Autumn days, we can look forward with confidence to the future safe in the knowledge that Jesus will accompany and support us.

As church, we face many challenges in these uncertain times, but we can be sure that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we seek the way forward together.

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NEWSLETTER



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who may have no one to pray for them.

The COP26 Summit is currently taking place in Glasgow. We are being given dire warnings of what may happen to our climate if we don’t take action to reduce our carbon emissions now.

I was reminded of this when reading our Gospel today, Jesus speaks of the established order falling apart but the collapse of the old order opened the way for new possibilities.

Jesus says to his disciples: *“In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.”*

However, Jesus also offers us the certain hope of the resurrection, so important to remember during November. This month we specially remember the faithful departed who have gone before us to God. It’s often called the Month of the Holy Souls when we pray for family, friends and neighbours that we knew in this life. We also remember those

Many people choose to commemorate their deceased family and friends by adding their names to our parish Altar List of the Dead. It’s an important tradition to maintain every year as those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead are remembered regularly at masses in our church throughout the year. Please consider filling out the Altar List of the Dead in the coming days when you have time.

Father Kieran O’Mahony reflects on this Gospel reading as follows: *“Jesus proposes no clear time-scale for the events being foretold, so the final sentence is a call to alertness, to live the present to the full.”*

We are certainly living through times of uncertainty and change in our church. Our new Archbishop Dermot Farrell has appointed a Taskforce entitled “Building Hope” to plan for the future needs of our diocese. The report from this group will be published soon and is

Where does your donation go? First Collection, Christmas, Easter & Summer Dues – all go into the Common Fund at Archbishop’s House where they are redistributed to pay the salaries of all the priests working in the Diocese, to pay priests in non-income-earning appointments, priests on study leave, priests who are ill and our retired priests. Offerings for Funerals are divided between the priest, the parish and the diocese. Offerings for Baptism and Weddings are divided between the priest and the diocese. **Second collection – SHARE** – goes to a fund in Archbishop’s House to support diocesan services, pastoral projects and poorer parishes.

The Donate Button – on the Parish Website goes directly to Archbishop’s House.

The new Tap & Go donations – go directly to Archbishop’s House and are divided 60% to support priests and 40% to SHARE.

Weekly envelopes (Planned Giving), Standing Orders and Shrine Donations & the Parish Lotto funds remain here in the Parish and are our only source of income for Parish expenses and to cover heat and light, maintenance, staff salaries and on-going parish development projects. Donations and bequests given specifically for the support of the parish remain here in the parish.

If you wish to make a donation to the parish for any particular purpose, please put it into an envelope, indicating what it is for, and place the envelope in one of the safes at the Church doors.

We welcome in Baptism:

Rian Feeney
Finn Raymond O’Donnell
Jesse Gary Kelly

May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.



November Mass of Remembrance

This year with the safety of all in mind the parish will celebrate two Remembrance Masses. **Wednesday 17th Nov. at 7.00p.m.** in the Church of the Holy Child for all who died between Nov. 2020 – Apr. 2021 **Wednesday 24th Nov. 2021 at 7.00pm.** for all who died between May 2021 – Oct. 2021. Masses available via webcam.



Church Gate Collection - This weekend this Collection is for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** Please be as generous as you can.

Please take a copy of the Newsletter home with you. Please do not leave it on the seat or return it to the boxes at the doors. Thank you.

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers – Brother Oliver (Val) Coffey
Noel Whitehead, Patricia Lynch
Desmond Donoghue
Bridie Webb

May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



Month of November

We remember our own loved ones and friends who have gone to their rest in the Lord and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord



Please Support your Parish Lotto



The Parish Lotto will resume on **Tuesday, 23rd November 2021**

Draws will be held each Tuesday morning.

Lotto entry envelopes must be submitted by 9.45a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Results will be published in notices at Church entrances and in the Parish Newsletter.

1st Jackpot €15,000

2nd Jackpot €1,100

Envelopes available at the church doors and in the Parish Centre

W.A.R.A.

Next W.A.R.A. Coffee Morning Monday 22nd Nov. at 9.45a.m. in Parish Centre

Pilgrimage to Knock on Wednesday 8th December.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Coach from Church of Holy Child at 8.30a.m.

Return fare €25.

Contact Marie McAllister. 01 8425678 after 7.00p.m.

Recent Church Collections

Trocaire €4,770.00

Mission Sunday €1,960.00

Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Sat 13th Nov. 7.00p.m. Jimmy, Maureen & Esther Fay – Annivs.

Sean Cantwell, Peter McGorman, Carmel Fleming – Annivs.

Sun 14th Nov. 10.30a.m. Robert Power – Birthday Remembrance

12.30p.m. Christopher Byrne – 1st Anniversary

Billy & Marie Fenelon, Martin Lawlor his sons Michael & baby Philip & granddaughter Courtney – Annivs.

Thomas & Josephine Murran – Anniversaries

Mon. 15th, Tues. 16th & Wed. 17th Nov. Available for Intention

Thurs. 18th Nov. 9.15a.m. Mary Therese Farrell & Margaret Ward – R.I.P.

Fri. 19th Nov. 9.15a.m. Maureen Murray – Anniversary

Sat. 20th Nov. 7.00p.m. Raymond Maguire – Anniversary

Sean Maher – Anniversary

Sun. 21st Nov. 10.30a.m. Available for Intention

12.30p.m. Anna Rocca, Jude Conlan, Helen Whelan, - Annivs.

Mary & Michael Myler – Anniversaries

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Sun. 14th Nov. 10.00a.m. Jim Hayden – Anniversary

Bernadette Barrett – Anniversary

Wed. 17th Nov. 10.00a.m. Breda Maguire – Anniversary

Bridie Webb – Recently deceased

Sun. 21st Nov. 10.00a.m. Marie Flood (Anniversary)

Wed. 24th Nov. 10.00a.m. Robert McLoughlin – Anniversary

Sun. 28th Nov. 10.00a.m. Christy Smith – Month’s Mind