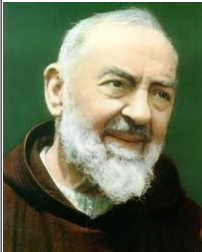


Month of November

As we approach the start of the month of November, we remember all those who have died in our community, our friends and loved ones - all sharing in common that they died into the arms of our loving God. We pray knowing that you, Lord have carved their names on the palm of your hand.

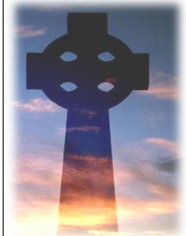


St. Padre Pio

The Padre Pio glove will be available for anyone who wishes to bless themselves after the 10.00a.m. Mass in the Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball on Wednesday, 2nd November 2022.

For more info please contact Marie McAllister at 086 3990998

Altar List of the Dead



Envelopes for the Altar List of the dead are now available on the tables at the door of the Church. Please complete and return before the end of the month.

Recently Deceased:

We remember our friends and loved ones who have recently died in Christ.
Imelda Macken

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



Parish Lotto

As the lotto Licence is up for renewal we will be pausing the draw until we receive the new licence. We would ask that you **do not send in any envelopes until further notice.**

Reluctant Missionary by Fr. Brendan Cooney

Fr. Brendan Cooney, our former assistant priest, has published a new book called Reluctant Missionary. It is now available in the Parish Shop at the introductory price of Euro €10.

Ministers of the Eucharist

The roster for November is now available on the table in the reception area of the Parish Centre



University Church

Weekly Taizé services have resumed at Newman University Church on Tuesdays at 6pm. The Taizé service includes about 40 minutes of song, prayer, and silence. The church is dimly lit, the Taizé cross is brought out as a focal point of prayer, and the congregation brings forward lit candles with their prayers. There is tea and biscuits after the service each Tuesday.

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Month of the Holy Souls

30th October 2022

During the month of November, which begins tomorrow, we especially remember the faithful departed who have gone before us to God. It's often called the Month of the Holy Souls when we especially remember those we knew in life and also those who may have no one to pray for them.

Many people choose to commemorate their deceased family and friends by adding their names to the 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 throughout the year.

Both Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have tried to explain the meaning of life after death within the limitations of our language and understanding. I hope that their reflections below will offer some consolation especially to those amongst us who may have lost a friend or family member in the past

We continue to keep in our prayers the people of Ukraine

year and are particularly feeling their absence around now.

When speaking about the next life

in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI said: *"Death opens to life, to eternal life, which is not an infinite duplicate of the present time, but something completely new."*

In a beautiful reflection, Pope Benedict goes on to explain that: *"Our hope, then, lies in the love of God that shines resplendent from the Cross of Christ who lets Jesus' words to the good thief: "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43) resound in our heart."*

He reassures us that: *"This is life in its fullness: life in God; a life of which we now have only a glimpse as one sees blue sky through fog."*

Pope Francis took up the same theme as his predecessor when he was speaking in Rome at a General

Audience he said:

"Paradise" is one of the final words pronounced by Jesus on the cross, addressed to the good thief."

In his poem "To Autumn", the poet John Keats called this time of the year the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". Autumn is time for the harvest when we gather the corps into barns. And so it is for our faithful departed as we gather to remember them during the month of November and pray for them as we offer the harvest of their lives back to God.

Saint John Henry Newman in his poem "The Dream of Gerontius" describes the soul, approaching heaven, as it sees something of the divine vision:

"A grand mysterious harmony: It floods me, like the deep and solemn sound of many waters."

Pope Francis has said:

"[Heaven] is the embrace of God, infinite Love, and we enter thanks to Jesus, who died on the cross for us. Where there is Jesus, there is mercy and happiness."

Pope Francis also assures us, as St Paul did, that always "love abides":

"In that instant, finally, we will no longer need anything, we will no longer see in a confused way. We will no longer weep pointlessly, because everything is passed; even the prophecies, even knowledge. But love no, that remains. Because "love abides" (cf 1 Cor 13: 8).

Let us continue to pray for and remember our faithful departed during the month of November and be assured that they are praying for us as well.

Pope John XXIII was once asked if he prayed for the dead. He replied: *"I often think of the departed, they keep me good company."*

I think this is a very good way of looking at it as we know that those who have gone before us are also with us in spirit. Let us ask for the grace in the coming weeks to experience the consolation of God's presence as we reflect on the lives of those who have inspired and helped us in life and are now enjoying the rewards of their goodness with the Risen Lord in heaven.

There is an unbroken chain of connection with our beloved dead, who continue to pray for us in the presence of God, and ourselves as we continue to pray for them. We can be especially close to them during when we celebrate mass when our deceased relatives and friends are always remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

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| Sat 29th Oct. | 7.00p.m. | Michael O'Prey – Recently Deceased Theresa McCarthy – Month's Mind Mary, Patrick & Nellie Mooney – R.I.P. Peg Fitzgibbon – Anniversary Tomás & Maureen Holt – Anniversaries |
| Sun 30th Oct | 10.30a.m. | Brendan O'Donoghue – 1st Anniversary Seamus & John Hyland – Anniversaries Mary & Daniel O'Dooley – Anniversaries Anne Gisby – Anniversary |
| | 12.30p.m. | Thomas Colgan – 1st Anniversary Kathleen Gibson – Anniversary |
| Mon 31st Oct | 10.00a.m. | Available for Intention |
| Tues 1st Nov | 9.15a.m. | All Saints Joel Boby – 1st Birthday Kuruvilla Varghese- Recently Deceased |
| | 11.15a.m. | Available for Intention |
| Wed 2nd Nov | 9.15a.m. | All Souls |
| Thurs 3rd Nov | 9.15a.m. | Available for Intention |
| Fri 4th Nov | 9.15a.m. | First Friday – Altar List of the Dead |
| Sat 5th Nov | 7.00p.m. | Eamonn Hughes – Anniversary Eamonn & Joan McCarton – Anniversaries |
| Sun 6th Nov | 10.30a.m. | Robert Power – Birthday Remembrance Aidan Phillips – Anniversary |
| | 12.30p.m. | Tommy & Josephine Murrán – Anniversaries Richard Butler – Anniversary |
| <u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u> | | |
| Sun 30th Oct | 10.00a.m. | Available for Intention |
| Mon 31st Oct | 10.00a.m. | Feast of All Saints |
| Wed 2nd Nov | 10.00a.m. | Feast of All Souls |
| Sun 6th Nov | 10.00a.m. | Available for Intention |

Michael O'Prey R.I.P.

The wife and family of the late Michael O'Prey would like to thank everyone who sympathised with them in any way on their recent and very sad loss of Michael.

A special word of thanks to all who took part in the funeral service and to Fr. John for the beautiful funeral Mass, Fr. Paul, prayers of accommodation, Fr Brendan Cooney and Canon Frank Moran concelebrating. Thank you also to Fr. Tom who administered the Sacrament of the Sick to Michael.

Mass will be offered for all your intentions.