MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

6th November –12th November 2023

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 6TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	**HOLY SOULS**
TUES 7TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BRIAN HADDLESEY RIP
WED 8TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS CHRISTINA TUKA
THURS 9TH	8.30AM	**9.00AM**	DICK HINDE RIP **DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**
FRI 10TH	10 TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
SAT 11TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	EMA FERNANDES RIP **CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS** **ST MARTIN OF TOURS**
SUN 12TH		**6 PM SAT** **9.30 AM** **12 NOON**	PATRICK O'ROURKE RIP JOHN KEANE RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY– VIGIL LAMP There is a new blue vigil lamp that burns by the statue of Our Lady continually, using special candles that burn for 7 days. From next Saturday, there will be the opportunity to donate the candle for the 7 days, in memory of a loved one or for the intentions of those in need of prayers. Their name will be put in the newsletter and a special card will be displayed by Our Lady. For any weeks that are not filled, it will burn for the people of the parish. Suggested minimum donation is £5 to cover costs. Please fill in the form at the back of church or contact the parish office to request a week.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST –MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS If you would like loved ones remembered during November, please complete a sheet with the name/names on and place in an envelope found at the back of church. Envelopes can be placed in the wooden box by the altar. Your offering can also be placed in the envelope. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid for your offering and complete the blue gift aid form too.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK To help make sure the lists are current, names that are added for our prayers in the newsletter and the bidding prayers at mass, will initially be included for a month. If you made the request, please let the parish office know at the beginning of each month if you would like them to be added again. This will start from December.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION If your child is in year 3 or above and you would like to enrol for the First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme for 2024, please complete both the application form and medical form found in the narthex or download them from the website. (found under Parish Life / Sacraments.) The closing date for applications is **30th November 2023.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 8th November** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

Foodbank Thank you for all the contributions. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 14th November.** They are currently seeking donations of noodles, jam, sugar, cooking sauces, juice, rice, toilet roll, fruit puddings. Thank you.

Sunday 26th November—Feast of Christ the King The 9.30am mass will be a children's mass. There will be no children's liturgy but there may be some crowns!

Save the date: Saturday 2nd December An evening of song for Christmas-led by the Folk Group 7.00 for 7.30pm start. Bring your own food and supplies. A sign up list can be found at the back of church.

SUNDAY 5th November 2023 +31st Sunday Ordinary Time+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

4TH/5TH NOVEMBER



06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)
MARY KELLY RIP

09:30AM INTS LAURA BYRNE

11.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS



SICK PARISHIONERS
Pauline Fitzgerald, Caroline Donnachie, Angela Fahy, Josie Butler, Lynn Larson, Harriet Moxon, Laura Swan, Mary Cullen, Audrey Farrell, Phyllis O'Brien, James Bradley, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Kundan Singhoraya and Sarah Dunning; and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Kitty Goldie, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce and Katie Loftus.

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon ,Norma Kolakowska, Yvonne Grasso and Hilda Minoli,
(Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list)

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME
Dick Hinde, Tom Cox and Tony Weeden

RECENTLY DEPARTED



Sydney Home Michael Herbert

Dear Parishioners,

"Anyone who humbles themselves will be exalted and anyone who exalts themselves will be humbled."

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear Jesus warning the crowds not to follow the example of the religious leaders of the time. His criticism of them rests on the fact that: "…they preach but they do not practice." The Scribes and the Pharisees spoke about the Law of God and taught it in a detailed way, but they did not truly practice God's Law as it was intended. Jesus goes on to give a list of the ways that these religious leaders failed in their charity and encouragement of others, doing everything for public praise and show, seeking honours and meaningless titles. At the heart of Jesus' criticism of the scribes and Pharisees was their tendency to exalt themselves in the eyes of others. Jesus corrects this tendency by saying that "the greatest among you must be your servant," and that "whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Therefore, if we wish to be truly great and if we wish to be exalted by God, we must serve others with humility. Humility begins by seeing ourselves in the light of truth of God. How does God see us? If we take on a false image of ourselves and look at our lives through a lens of self-righteousness, we often tend to quickly defend our actions, justifying ourselves and failing to acknowledge our weaknesses. Humility helps us to see our need for God's grace in order to change, to love, and to serve God and others. This sort of attitude is vital when accepting our need for the merciful love of God which has been made available through the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. Let us reflect, today, upon the humility that we need in order to truly love; both God and our neighbour. Let us seek to understand how, when our love for others flows out of our love for God, we discover a deeper desire to help others and be gentle and merciful to them. By doing this we are assured that we are helping others in the best way possible to help them discover the truth of God's love for them.

God bless

Fr Martin

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND There will be a collection after all the masses today. Please give what you can to support the retired clergy.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY There will be a meeting today **Sunday 5th November,** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am. All are welcome to come along to the meeting and to learn about the work of the SVP. They help individuals and families locally who are in need.

100 CLUB– The draw for October took place last weekend. **Winners:** Tessa Maude No 50, Mr and Mrs Ceri No 9 and Sheila Jones No39. Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy.

MASS TIME CHANGE **Sunday 12th November** Remembrance Sunday. The 11.30am mass will be start at the later time of 12 noon, to allow for those who wish to attend the Remembrance Day Service.

INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN-Ashes of the late Moira Bennett will be interred next Sunday, 12th November after the 9.30am mass. All are invited to attend.