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Solemnity of All Saints

Today we celebrate the community of faith, being in communion with all the saints, a day of both thanksgiving and vision. Thanksgiving because of the example and inspiration of the saints, who have come to maturity, to the measure to the full stature of Christ (Ep 4:13). Vision because our Gospel today describes the path we must take to make the same journey home to God. If we wish to join the saints both now and in eternity, we must make our own the "mission statement" of Jesus, which is the Sermon on the Mount and especially the opening invitation to true happiness.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 1st November **All Saints** 10am Mass **Anniversary:** May and Peter Jones, Kilnamadoo – Pat, Agnes and Francie McHugh, Drumgamp – Owen and Rose Jones, Drumma - Rita McLoughlin and Deceased of the McLoughlin and Cassidy Families, Aghakeeran

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 1st November **All Saints** 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Molly Ward, Portnacloyduff – Patsy Duffy, Doagh **Anniversary:** Tommy and Agnes Leonard and Deceased of the Leonard Family Glenashaver – Ken Maguire, Caldum Road

Monday 2nd November **The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed** 10am Mass

Tuesday 3rd November Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 3rd November **St Malachy** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 4th November **St Charles Borromeo** 10am Novena Mass for the dead

Wednesday 4th November 12 noon Prayers and Interment of Ashes Irene McGrenra nee Dolan

Thursday 5th November **St Martin de Porres** 10am Novena Mass for the dead

Sunday 8th November 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Benny Haran, Lisdead – Francie McConnell, Birmingham/Derrygonnelly **Anniversary:** Joe Duffy and Deceased of the Duffy Family, Doagh – Packie and Bridie Flanagan and Deceased of the Flanagan Family, Knockmore

Sunday 8th November 3pm Memorial Service

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 8th November 10am Mass People of the parish



Lord God, whose days are without end
and whose mercies beyond counting,
keep us mindful that life is short
and the hour of death unknown.
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth
in the ways of holiness and justice
that we may serve you in union with the whole
Church, sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.
And when our earthly journey is ended,
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
where you live for ever and ever. Amen

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Susan McShea, Magheradunbar. May she rest in peace.

Altar Society November: Derrygonnelly – Morna Jones and Mary Carroll. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 8th November in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly. **Boho** – Patricia Jones and Ann Jones. Collector: Colm Jones. **Monea:** Aoibhinn McCabe and Una Bell Collector – Dermot Magee.

Envelope Collection: Week ending 25th October – Weekly offerings £1320.00. Development Fund £1260.00 and €11.50. Thank you for your generous support.

THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED ANONYMOUSLY.

From my own experience of having loved ones die, as well as from what others have shared with me, I have found that usually, after a time, we sense that our deceased loved ones no longer need us to pray for them. Now they just want us to connect with them. Prayer for the dead does that and even though our prayers might still have to be formulated as if we are praying for them we are now simply connecting with them and what was formerly a cold, cutting absence now becomes a warm, comforting presence.

Ron Rolheiser OMI

Annual Memorial Service: for all our dead will take place on **Sunday 8th November at 3pm** in St. Patrick's Church Derrygonnelly. All the dead will be remembered but in particular those who have died since November last year. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments afterwards in the community centre to which everyone is invited.

Remembering our Dead: we traditionally remember the faithful departed during November, the month of the Holy Souls. A novena of nine masses will be offered for the repose of all our deceased – families, relatives, friends, the anonymous dead whom no one remembers in St. Patrick's. Lists are available at the back of each church, on which you can record the name of those whom you want remembered and prayed for. **You are asked to put your lists in an envelope and place them in the basket provided on the sacred space at the front of the altar in St. Patrick's during mass times.**

Memory Tree: During the month of November the memory tree will be in St Patrick's Church, where you can place the name of your loved one on a labels provided.

Points to Ponder

Sometimes the Beatitudes seem like ideals which are just too hard, or we may think we know better. But today's feast calls to mind men and women – some who are known to us perhaps – who really embody these ideals, and who are taught by the Spirit to learn from the Wisdom of Christ.

This great multitude of Christians are strengthened each day to seek the face of Christ; strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Some do so despite persecution, and great tribulation. Many of our brothers and sisters in various parts of the world are still being killed and unjustly treated for their faith. And the witness of these saints gives us hope, and courage.

But there are also the little sacrifices offered each day for Christ; for truth, goodness, and love. Think, for example, of how often you might have had to be a peacemaker, or be merciful at home, or at work.

The path to holiness begins with an acknowledgement that we are sinners, and a longing for God's mercy and salvation. But the path winds through our kitchens and gardens, across our cars and schools, by our offices and homes, and into our hearts.

For it is ordinarily in these places that we hunger and thirst for righteousness... that we can seek God with a pure and undivided heart. And God's response is always to fill us with his blessing, giving us a share in the very life of the Blessed One, so that – if we persevere in friendship with God – we might ourselves become Blessed, and join the company of his saints.

Lawrence Lew OP,

Norms for Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls

From 12 o'clock 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 reciting 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 may 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.

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Enniskillen Vocations Society of St Joseph Branch: is holding a Holy Hour Devotion for Vocations on Friday **6th November** at 7pm in St Michaels. You are invited to pray with us in person or via <http://www.saintmichaels-parish.com/webcam.asp>

Give Blood: St Macartin's Hall, Church Hall Enniskillen on **Monday 2nd November** from **1pm - 8pm** and **Tuesday 3rd November** from **12.30pm to 7.30pm**. The link to book an appointment is: <https://nibts.hscni.net/online-booking-for-blood-donation-appointments/>

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3300. £20 Ann Maguire, Monea, Marie McGowan, Derrygonnelly and Ger O'Brien, c/o Bess. Draw in Old Pals tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports, promotes and supervises the Lotto each week.

Popes Intention for November: For the proper use of wealth - Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.