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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 8/11

11.00am Frances McPartlin (A)
Michael Watt (A)
Breda O'Sullivan (R/D)

Monday 9/11

10.00am John Mulhern R/D
Rose Taffe (R/D)
Patrick Kenny (A)
Ellie Kenny (A)

Wednesday 11/11

10.00am Mary Hanrahan

Reflection:

Many of us, particularly in the northern hemisphere, associate the month of November with darkness. With the change of hour at the October holiday weekend, we find ourselves facing shorter days, and longer evenings. This year is particularly challenging, as we struggle to get on top of the coronavirus pandemic and face the uncertainty around the outcome of Brexit negotiations. It is an anxious time, not only for healthcare workers and those who may be vulnerable for health reasons, but also for those whose livelihoods are at risk. Twice in the past few days one of the US presidential candidates has called for 'patience'. The parable in the Gospel talks of being alert, having our lamps lit. Maybe that begins with recognising the daily signs of light and hope: the bright November sunshine, the beautiful, lingering autumnal colours, a walk in the Botanic gardens or local park, sharing a socially distanced cup of coffee outdoors, an unexpected gesture of kindness, the indications that people's observing of the current restrictions are having a positive effect on the infection rate, saying a prayer of thanksgiving at the end of the day. It also involves bearing the light of hope and joy to others through a prayer, a phone call, a card, a thoughtful gift left at the door. However extraordinary the present circumstances, everything we do, every outreach in thought or deed, is an opportunity to encounter the Lord, who journeys with us. As the First Reading reminds us: 'Wisdom herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them'.

Mass is celebrated on Sunday at 11.00am. If parishioners are unable to participate at the Mass via webcam live at 11.00am, they can view the Mass later in the day, as it is recorded. Mass will continue to be celebrated each weekday (except Thursday) and to be available to parishioners via webcam, which can be accessed via the parish website. The church will remain open each day from about 11.00am to 5.00pm so that parishioners may call into the church to say a prayer, find a quiet space or light a candle.

Each **Thursday** at a weekly Zoom meeting 7.30pm-8.15pm we read and discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to contact the parish office or email Fr. Richard (richardesheehy@gmail.com) for the meeting ID and password.

From the parish website, parishioners can directly access our Facebook page where a 'thought for the day' based on the daily readings is put up each day. You do not have to have a Facebook account in order to access the parish Facebook page.

If you know of a parishioner who is in hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please let us know, and we can arrange for the resident hospital chaplain to call. Equally, we ask you to let us know if you are aware of a parishioner who has been discharged from hospital and who would like one of the parish clergy to make contact.

Although parishioners cannot attend Mass in person for the time being, it is still possible to have an intention prayed for at any of our weekday or Sunday Masses. Although both the parish office and the sacristy are closed to the public for the time being, parishioners are welcome to phone the sacristy any weekday morning at Tel. 01/797 9153 if you have a Mass intention, or phone the parish office at 01/8379445 for other enquiries.

During the month of November, we will have a number of **trees of remembrance** in the church. As in previous years we will write the names of deceased family members and friends of parishioners whom you would like prayed for. If you write the name of someone on the sheet provided beside the tree, our sacristy team will place a tag on the tree with the person's name on it.

Parishioners who would like to contribute to the work of our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** local conference may leave an offering in an envelope marked SVP and place it in the safe at the back of the church. We will ensure that it gets to them quickly.

The **Annual Mass** for parishioners who died during the past year will take place online on **Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm**. We regret that we are unable to invite the families of those parishioners who died during the past year, and parishioners who wish to remember a deceased loved one, to attend the Mass in person. However, all are invited to be present at the Mass via the webcam. As their names are called out, a candle will be lit at the Mass for each parishioner who died during the past year. The names will also be written into our parish **Book of Remembrance** which will be on display in the church throughout the month of November. Parishioners are invited to participate in the Mass of Remembrance via webcam and to light a candle at home in memory of their deceased loved ones.

November List envelopes and sheets of paper are available at the back of the church. Parishioners are invited to take these and to return them at your convenience with the names of those whom you wish to add to the Altar List of the Dead. They can be left in the large safe at the back of the church or handed in to the sacristy any weekday morning. Many thanks to volunteers who assisted with delivering envelopes around the parish. All whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead will be remembered at Mass each day throughout the month of November and on each First Friday of the month during the coming year.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

We thank parishioners who have been kind enough to drop in their contributions to the **First and Second Collections** and to the **Family Offering** each week. It is greatly appreciated. We also draw parishioners attention to the 'Donate' button, which some parishioners may find an easier way to make their regular contributions, especially during this time of lockdown.