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Mass Intentions:

Sunday 15/11/2020

11.00am Ange & Paddy Geraghty (A)
Elsie, Paddy
Special Intention

Monday 16/11

10.00am Veronica Best (R/D)

Wednesday 18/11

10.00am The Intentions of all who sympathised with The Devlin Family on the death of their brother, Brendan.

During the month of November, we have a number of trees of remembrance in the church. If you contact our sacristy team they will place a tag on the tree with the names of deceased family members and friends whom you would like prayed for.



Our Lady of Dolours Christmas Novena Mass cards are now available from the sacristy (Ph: 7979153). Names will be written in a book placed at the Altar for inclusion in daily masses from 17/12 - 24/12 incl.

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) at 10.00am 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 Zoom link and meeting ID.

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 at present, 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. **Christmas Novena Mass cards** are also available from the sacristy.

November List envelopes and sheets of paper are available at the back of the church. Parishioners and visitors 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. Those 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.

The **Annual Mass** for parishioners who died during the past year will take place online next **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. All 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.

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.

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.

Candles with the names of those included in the **Annual Remembrance Mass on 19/11** can be collected from the Sacrist (Ph: 7979153) on Thursday 26/11 and Thursday 3/12 between 9.00am and 12.00 noon.

Reflection:

Since the guns fell silent across the western front at 11.00am on the 11th day of the 11th month 1918, it has become customary to remember the fallen dead of all wars around that anniversary each year. Containing the elements of silence, haunting music, the laying of a wreath, a simple prayer service or reciting of a poem, the ceremonies are generally dignified. November is also the month when Christians remember and pray for their deceased loved ones, the Holy Souls. Next Thursday evening we will hold our annual Mass in memory of those parishioners who died during the past year. It will be different this year for two reasons. The first is that several of the parishioners died since March when Covid 19 became a reality of life here. It meant that sometimes people died in a hospital or nursing home setting, where because of restrictions their loved ones had very limited opportunity to visit and say goodbye. This only added to the pain of their loss. The second is that because of the same restrictions we are unable to invite the families of our deceased parishioners to attend the Mass in person, at the very time when we so want to reach out to them and show them our support. Nevertheless we are planning a lovely liturgy, which we hope these families can participate in online and hear their loved one's name called out and see a candle lit in their memory. We also invite all our parishioners to follow the Mass at 7.30pm on our webcam and to light your own candle at home in prayerful memory of your deceased loved ones. May they all live in the eternal light of God's love, the Communion of saints! May they rest in peace.