



## St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 8th November 2020

In this Sunday's Gospel the lamp is the light of love and hope, and at its centre is the light of Christ. The light is given to us in many ways in our lives, it shines within as an eternal joy, and outwards to many others. The oil is prayer and our relationship with Jesus. This is the essence of the Christian life. Our Christian life is following a real, loving person, it is an invitation to get to know Jesus, and to find ourselves drawn from our hearts to follow him. All of God's action in our lives is his gift, but it needs our openness and welcome. Prayer builds up our 'supply of oil', which can give light and fragrance to the rest of our lives.

As we form habits of prayer and of kindness Jesus guides us in what we should do. He enters our lives, not just in the planned moments of prayer and worship, but also in the needs of our neighbour. God, who created us, waits to welcome us in the Kingdom of Heaven and to see what we have done with the opportunities he has given us all through our lives.

*We pray that, like the wise bridesmaids in today's parable, we keep the light of the gospel forever burning so that we and those who come after us will see the true light and follow Jesus into the Lord's banquet in Heaven. Amen*



We pray for all those who are enduring mental stress and hardship due to Covid -19 restrictions and lockdown, that in their darkest moments the love and care of friends and neighbours may bring them relief and peace of mind.

**Lord grant us peace.**

We pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God may give us peace. We pray for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by God.

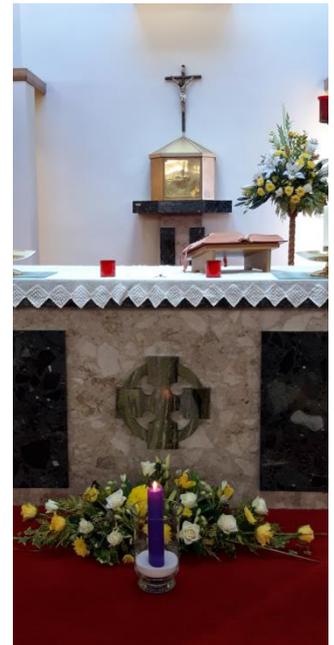
**Lord grant us peace.**

We pray for those who mourn the death of a loved one and whose grieving has been more difficult on account of restrictions. We pray for healthcare workers and all those who work in essential services who have died as a result of their selfless service during the pandemic.

**Lord grant us peace.**



<b>Masses with no congregation</b>			
<b>32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
8	Sunday		Joseph & Marie Roe, Kay Tolley, Harold Roe.
9	Monday	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Sr Lucy Brydon
10	Tuesday	<i>St Leo the Great</i>	
11	Wednesday	<i>St Martin of Tours</i>	Michael Nertney (First Anniversary)
12	Thursday	<i>St Josaphat</i>	
13	Friday		Holy Souls
14	Saturday		Speedy Recovery
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>			
15	Sunday		People of the Parishes
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Norman Hogarth, Michael Nertney	
		Riska Okninski Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd. Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick	



May we live our lives  
treasuring the memories  
of those special people we  
have known and loved  
and may you help us,  
Lord, to bring light and  
hope to others. Amen.

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Wisdom 6:12-16**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 62:2-8**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
- **Gospel ~ Matthew 25:1-13**
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**PRIVATE PRAYER IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH . . . Canon Cooper will say Masses during the month of November with no congregation.** The Bishop of England and Wales, under the authority of the Government, has said that church can be open for private prayer. This will continue until further notice and any changes will be notified on the bulletin. Church will be open for private prayer at the following times:

- ✠ Monday 9.15am – 10.00am
- ✠ Wednesday 7.00pm – 7.45pm

- Friday 9.15am – 10.00am
- Saturday 9.15am – 10.00am

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** . . . Today we remember the victims of war and all those who have died to help bring freedom and to help make the world a better place to live in. On this day people across the nation pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave service men and women. We think of those who fought and gave their lives in a spirit of patriotism and duty; those who went reluctantly to a war not of their own making. We think of those who did not return, or those who returned injured or scarred in body or mind,

*Lord, You sent Your Son to lead us into the peace of Your Kingdom. Look with kindness on all who have served the cause of peace in our armed forces. Send Your comfort and healing to their families, and to all who suffer due to war and conflict. May Your Son's Gospel message of peace burn ever more brightly in our hearts, our words and our actions, and lead all to fullness of life in You. We make this prayer to you through this same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



**Fr Adrian Dixon has produced a short reflection for Remembrance Day.** You can watch on the You Tube Channel by visiting the Diocesan website.

*Thank You*

**Your SVP conference would like to thank for your continued support.** We have received many donations to help us to supply small Christmas gifts and cards to those we visit. Because of your generosity we will be able to help those who are in need during this difficult time of the pandemic. We are still very limited to visits, mainly on their doorstep or only to care home reception offices. If you know of anyone who may need our support you can let us know through the Church Office in a sealed envelope for our attention, this will maintain confidentiality. Many thanks for your support and may God keep you all safe. (The Brothers and Sisters of your SVP)

**DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA ~ 9th NOVEMBER . . .** The 'Basilica of Our Most Holy Saviour', as it was originally known, was the first church publicly consecrated in the calm following the early years of Christian persecutions. The Emperor Constantine was responsible for the Basilica, constructed on land of the Laterani family and the anniversary of its consecration on 9th November has been celebrated since at least the 12th century. At first the feast was kept only in the City of Rome but then, in honour of the Basilica which is called the Mother and Head of all Churches of the City and the World, it was extended to the whole of the Roman Rite as a sign of unity and respect towards the Holy See. Eventually the two famous Saint Johns, the Baptist and the Evangelist, came to be co-patrons of the Basilica, and their statues flank that of the Redeemer on the imposing Baroque façade of the church. The church is the seat of power of the Pope as Bishop of Rome.

*Father, may we learn from this dedication day the importance of preserving not only sacred buildings but our holy traditions. We thank you for Your many blessings. Help us not to take them for granted, but to always treasure and venerate Your holy gifts. Amen*



**NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE ~.** If you would like to add names of deceased to the bulletin please email them to the parish email: [stpatricks.fairfield@btinternet.com](mailto:stpatricks.fairfield@btinternet.com) or leave a message on the parish office phone 01642 580171.

*Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited once more in your heavenly Kingdom. Amen*

## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

**Fr. Michael Hussey**  
**The Malone Family**  
**The Samuel and Hodgson Families.**  
**Hilda & Len Wheldon**  
**Frederick Brett Hardy**  
**Baby Sophia Hardy**  
**Olive and John D'Ambrosio**  
**May and Gerry Crolla**  
**Peter Flounders**  
**Leo & Irene Mulholland**  
**Bernadette Mulholland**  
**Harry & Elizabeth Joynes**  
**Jim Joynes**  
**Josie Willis**  
**Ellen Wood**  
**Maureen & Dora McWilliams**  
**Maureen Mills**  
**Clare & James McVeigh**  
**John & Audrey Gooding**  
**Edward & Eileen Lyons**  
**Richard Lyons**

**Sheila Walker**  
**Denis & Edith Casey**  
**Charlie & Mary Boyle**  
**Cath Rossinelli**  
**Alan Smith**  
**McGuinness Family**  
**Michael Flynn**  
**Maureen & Tom Mitchell**  
**Ian Mitchell**  
**Lydia & Bernard Garside**  
**Pam & Allen Currah**  
**Betty & Leon Glinkowski**  
**Douglas Thompson**  
**John Hughes**  
**Maurice & Ena Edwards**  
**Maureen Lucey**  
**Alan Taylor**  
**Margaret Bentley**  
**Kathleen Lumsden**  
**Joan Kent**  
**Geoff Fletcher**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen**





## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

**Ann Harbron**  
**Stanley Emanuel Harbron**  
**James Patrick Burke**  
**Elsie Burke**  
**Harold Norris**  
**Ivy Povey**  
**Albert & Patricia Boyce**  
**Vivienne Boyce**  
**Clarice & Paul McCloskey**  
**Pam Walker**  
**Harold & Jeanie Wood**  
**George & Margaret Leishman**  
**Pearl Steward**  
**Archie Easton**  
**Poole Family**  
**Chapman Family**  
**Stephens Family**  
**Speight Family**  
**Josie Murphy**  
**Denise Ball**  
**Keane Family**  
**Wrigley Family**  
**McKenna Family**  
**Robert Love**  
**Mary & Ken Bolton**  
**Hanley Family**  
**Frederick Davis**  
**Margaret, Albert & Louisa Farnes**  
**Davis & Sweeney Family**

**Harvey Family**  
**Sankey Family**  
**McGee Family**  
**Wesson Family**  
**Wilson Family**  
**Jim Faley**  
**Edward & Isabella Welsh & Family**  
**All Welsh Family & Partners**  
**Geoffrey Moore & Friend Bernard**  
**Thomas & Rita Cooper**  
**Rev Fr Denis Kennedy**  
**Rev Fr James Hughes**  
**Rev Fr Lawrence Thompson**  
**Norman & Mabel Brown**  
**Desmond Stephenson**  
**Guy, Bella & Brian Million**  
**George Williams**  
**Ron Bailey**  
**David Murray Forster**  
**John & Mollie Cawood**  
**John Brydon**  
**Members of Dorian Singers**  
**John & Maureen Dowd**  
**Lindo Family**  
**Carter Family**

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**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November: Artificial Intelligence**

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

**Please pass on the following if you know of anybody who may be interested.**

**Newly Received to the Faith ~ Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.** An open invitation to those received into the Church this year. Please register to join the online Welcome Meeting at 7pm. [Adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:Adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

**THANK YOU** to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

**Please forward any prayers,** thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and I will include them on the bulletin. Thank you.

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