

# Parish Newsletter

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## WIDOW'S MITE – INSIGHT INTO LOVE

The young students were given an examination. Among the questions to be answered was the following, 'The 1916 Proclamation was written chiefly by..... (fill in the blank)'. One student pencilled in 'Candlelight'.

I think even schoolteacher Padraig Pearse would see the funny side of that one. But maybe not, as on this day 100 years ago the guns fell silent on the Western Front – ending World War I –

the war to end all wars, so they said. For our tomorrows they gave their today. But do we truly remember, honour and give thanks for their sacrifice?

As a child, I remember meeting one Polish angler. Every year he came to our village. I gathered he was a veteran of Monte Cassino – scene of desperate fighting. He never talked about it. The silence spoke more than words about grief, dignity, courage, sadness, injury, victory, damage and death.

### Today's Readings



1 Kings 17:10-16  
Psalm 145:7-10  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

### Next Sunday's Readings



Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 15:5,8-11  
Hebrews 10:11-14,18  
Mark 13:24-32

King George V called in 1919 for 'reverent remembrance of our glorious dead'. There's precious little glory in losing life in war, but we honour those who gave all they had – even their very lives – for peace.

Remembrance is a complex thing; there will always be stories never told, witness and courage and hope and fear and love and loss that you can't describe in words, not even in a film or a book.

Our lives depend on the generosity of others. Some who, like the woman of the Gospel, fed us when we were too young to feed ourselves, who gave to their very last drop of blood and breath and thought nothing of it. Yes, there are some who seek headlines and glory –

who seek to make an impression – which is exactly the impression they make. People will always be in the worst of circumstances, but we could remember that every Church has a crucifix to remind us that Jesus gave all he had – even his very life. The unnamed widow did the same, giving not from her surplus funds (she had none) but of what she had. Strangely the poor are freer with what they have. So every time we gather at this altar we're reminded that Jesus took nothing with him to the Cross – except his love for each of us. And we're reminded that the food for our journey is as simple as it could possibly be:

*a morsel of Bread become*

*Christ's Body*

*and a sip from a Cup, a share in his Blood:*

*simple food, offered in simple ways to nourish us in depending only on what we truly need.*

– Tom Cox

## Reflection

In what ways do you resemble the scribes and the widow?

## Lesson

The widow's action is sincere and her offering to God is total.

## Prayer

Lord, mould us into the image of your Son, Jesus, who though independent became dependent, though rich became poor, though powerful became powerless. Amen.

## This Week (12-18 November)

- 12 Mon** St Josaphat, bishop and martyr
- 13 Tue** St Frances Xavier Cabrini, religious
- 14 Wed** St Laurence O'Toole, bishop
- 15 Thur** St Albert the Great, bishop and doctor
- 16 Fri** St Edmund of Abongdon, bishop
- 17 Sat** St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
- 18 Sun** 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**MASS TIMES & SERVICES (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)**

Saturday Evening at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)  
Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9.30am, 1pm & 7pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am  
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9.30am. Friday at 7.00pm.  
Wednesday: Communion Service discontinued until further notice (Day off)  
Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass at 7.00pm & Morning of Feast Day 09.30am  
Confessions: Before each Mass and By Arrangement.  
Baptisms: Saturdays at 4pm (3 weeks notice required)



## 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year B SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Mark 12:38-44

1. The scribes are presented as ostentatious and devious, acting more out of self-interest than the love of God or people. There can be an element of self-interest in each of us. Perhaps there have been times when you have been disturbed by glimpsing in yourself 'other motives' in your doing good. Recall when you were awakened to this fact. Where was the good news for you in that awakening?
2. In material terms, what the widow had to offer was very little. Recall when you felt yourself called to give, and gave even though you apparently had very little. Perhaps you have had the experience of finding that what you thought was little and insignificant meant a great deal to another person. Recall some of those moments.
3. The widow 'gave everything she had, all she had to live on'. In doing so she placed herself in a very vulnerable position, trusting that things would work out. Have you ever found that what seemed a generous but reckless giving of yourself proved life-giving for yourself and others?

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### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Patrick Lundy,  
Anniversaries: Rose McPhillips & William McPhillips, Mary Jane McGreevy & Carol McGreevy, Paul & Ita Hetherington, William Kane, James Murray (Mon 19th Nov at 9:30am)

### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sun 11th November

#### READERS:

Vigil Mass: Ann Flanagan & Shauna Mullen  
Morning Mass: Loretta Watson & Eileen Dunn

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Frank Doherty  
Morning Mass: Séamus Monaghan

Sun 18th November

#### READERS:

Vigil Mass: Maria Murphy & Phyllis McGrillen  
Morning Mass: Tracey Mallon & Margaret Woods

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Sean Rafferty  
Morning Mass: Louis Corscadden

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Monthly Stipend £507.36, Weekly Collection £53, Propagation of the Faith £1, Bishop's Commissions £5, Shrines £133.53.

### 5th National Collection for the World Meeting of Families: THIS WEEKEND



**Suspension of the Sign of Peace and other Hygiene suggestions.** The Diocese, having received advice from health authorities, requests that the practice of the 'sign of peace' during the celebration of Mass, be suspended with immediate effect and for the remainder of the winter flu season. Good hand hygiene is a very effective way of preventing the spread of colds and flus. It is encouraged that parishioners be encouraged to TAKE HOME THE COPY OF THE MISSALETTE AND/OR BULLETIN that they use during Mass, as the sharing or reuse of these could also provide a path for transmission of the cold/flu viruses. And finally it is encouraged the use of the hand gel sanitisers at the entrances of the church on entry and exit of the celebrations be used, to remind parishioners of good hand hygiene.

November Lists of Deceased and envelopes are available in the Porch. Please fill in, place in envelopes and leave in the collection baskets. These names will be remembered in Masses during November.

Annual Mass for Deceased on Friday 23rd Nov at the 7pm Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Parishioners are asked to bring a flower to remember their loved ones and place it in the garden of remembrance at the baptismal font.

Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni Easter 2019 (last remaining seats) with Papal Ceremonies in Saint Peter's Square in Rome for the 7 nights Ex Dublin €995 pps Payments can be made in instalments contact James Treacy on 061921470 or 0860572216.

St John's Winter Craft Fair at St John's Parish Hall, 444 Falls Road, Belfast, Saturday 17th November 2016 10.30am-4.30pm. Table Hire £15. If you are interested in hiring a table please contact Conor on 07835833039 or stjohnspevents@icloud.com.

Alcohol Awareness Week 19th-25th November. Alcohol misuse has been identified as a significant public health and social issue in Northern Ireland over many years. The latest statistics suggest 12,000 people are admitted to hospital each year with alcohol related problems in N.I. with 170,000 people drinking hazardously and 47,000 drinking harmfully. Al-Anon Family Groups is there for families and friends of Problem Drinkers. Our Information Office in Belfast is opened Monday - Friday 10am - 1.00pm. Contact number 02890682368 and our helpline is operated from 6pm - 11pm 365 days per year. Al-Anon Family Groups UK & Eire is launching a new campaign "The Untold Story" during Alcohol Awareness Week 19th - 25th November 2018 to encourage more people living with problem drinkers to find their local Al-Anon meetings which run weekly throughout Northern Ireland. Contact us on 02890682368 for a list of your nearest meeting or National Helpline 02074030888 email for more information al-anon@btconnect.com or visit our website www.al-anonuk.org.uk

St Vincent de Paul (St Bernadette's Conference) Christmas Cards. Saint Vincent de Paul are selling Christmas cards after both masses on the weekends of 18th and 25th of November. The packs of 10 cards will cost £3.50 per pack. The money will be needed for local households during the winter, a time of extra need.

Feast of families in Knock Shrine! Come to Knock on the 17th of November for a day filled with faith, food & fun! The celebration will include mass, individual talks for parents, young adults and children, games, adoration and individual blessing for each family. Knock is important for families as it is the place that Our Lady brought her family to bless the people of Ireland. The celebrant of the mass is Fr. Shane Sullivan & the speakers on the day are Fr. Mark Byrne (SOLT) & Pure in Heart. Bring a packed lunch. For more info contact Michelle on 0852032711 or michelletherese3@gmail.com

Anam Cara the national organisation that provides support services to bereaved parents, are hosting their monthly Bereavement Evening in Crowne Plaza Shaw's Bridge (on outer ring near M1) on Wednesday 14th November 2018 from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Anam Cara Parent evenings are facilitated by a bereavement professional and our volunteer parents. The core essence of our parent evenings is to give parents a safe and comfortable place where they can meet other bereaved parents who understand the intense grief and sense of loss experienced after the death of a child. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents.

The Joy of Love in Marriage. A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples (of all age ranges) private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next Weekend (residential) will be from 16 to 18 Nov 2018 at the beautifully situated Lake Hotel, Killarney. For info. and to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call 086-609 5168 or 064-664 4319.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon ex Dublin (last remaining seats) for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th/14th June 2019. Full Board €675 pps Single supplement €32 Contact James Treacy: 061921470.

Centenary Commemoration of the End of World War I "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. / At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them." Laurence Binyon



Parish Safeguarding. Can you please ensure that all Children and Vulnerable Adults are accompanied at all times when entering the Sacristy / Toilet facilities. If you have any queries regarding the Safeguarding Policy please contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee. Many Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.