"There is an unbroken chain of connection with our beloved dead, who continue to pray for us."

In November, we specially remember the faithful departed who have gone before us to God. It is often called the Month of the Holy Souls when we recall people we knew in this life and also those who may have no one to pray for them. Many people choose to commemorate their deceased family and friends by adding their names to the parish Altar List of the Dead. It's an important tradition to maintain every year as those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead are remembered regularly at masses throughout the year. Our gospel today is the Beatitudes which can be described as a charter for Christian living which perfectly describe her life. Reading it today, it appears to be counter cultural as it turns many of today's values on their head. They go to the very centre of our lives as Christians and invite us to follow a way of life that may not come naturally to us. However, the very words that Jesus uses here "gentle", "merciful", "pure in heart", "peacemaker" are an appropriate description of Kay's good and generous life. Jesus also challenges us by referring to those who hunger and thirst for what is right". Pope Benedict tried to explain the meaning of life after death within the limitations of our language and understanding. I hope that their reflections below will offer some consolation especially to those amongst us who may have lost a friend or family member in the past year and are particularly feeling their absence around now. When speaking about the next life in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI said: "Death opens to life, to eternal life, which is not an infinite duplicate of the present time, but something completely new." In a beautiful reflection, Pope Benedict goes on to explain that: "Our hope, then, lies in the love of God that shines resplendent from the Cross of Christ who lets Jesus' words to the good thief: "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43) resound in our heart."
Saint John Henry Newman in his poem "The Dream of Gerontius" describes the soul, approaching heaven, as it sees something of the divine vision: "A grand mysterious harmony: It floods me, like the deep and solemn sound of many waters." Pope John XXIII, now a Saint, was once asked if he prayed for the dead. He replied: "I often think of the departed, they keep me good company." There is an unbroken chain of connection with our beloved dead, who continue to pray for us in the presence of God, and ourselves as we continue to pray for them. We can be especially close to them during when we celebrate mass when our deceased relatives and friends are always remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer. May they rest in peace. Amen. Let us continue to pray for and remember our faithful departed during the month of November and be assured that they are praying for us as well. May we reflect on the lives of people who have inspired and helped us and are now enjoying the rewards of their goodness with the Risen Lord in heaven. Deacon Gerard.

Monday, 2nd November

we commemorate all the faithful departed. Mass in St. Anne's will be at 10a.m.

REMEMBRANCE MASS – 7.30pm 18th November 2026

Remembering the parishioners of Portmarnock who have died during the past twelve months.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Brendan Davey - Brother of Gerry Davey

Saturday, 31st October – 6.30pm
Patrick Reilly,[12th A].Patricia McCreevy,[A]; Eugene Furlong,[A]; Teresa Lappin,[20th A];
Baby Conor Hogan,[A & Bth Rem]
Gerald & Mary Keogh,[A],

Sunday, 1st November - 10.30am
John & Nellie Costello,[A];

12 Noon
Mary Smith,[1st A]; David Walsh,[4th A];
Baby Conor Hogan, [A & Bth Rem];
Mauricea Sena Ferreira,[RD Brazil];
Michael Sheahan,[A]; Kitty Murphy,[13th A];
Diarmuid Moore,[34th A];
Margaret O'Flynn,[16th A].

COLLECTIONS

Common Fund	€ 1,177
Share	€ 905

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OUR PARISH REQUIEM CHOIR

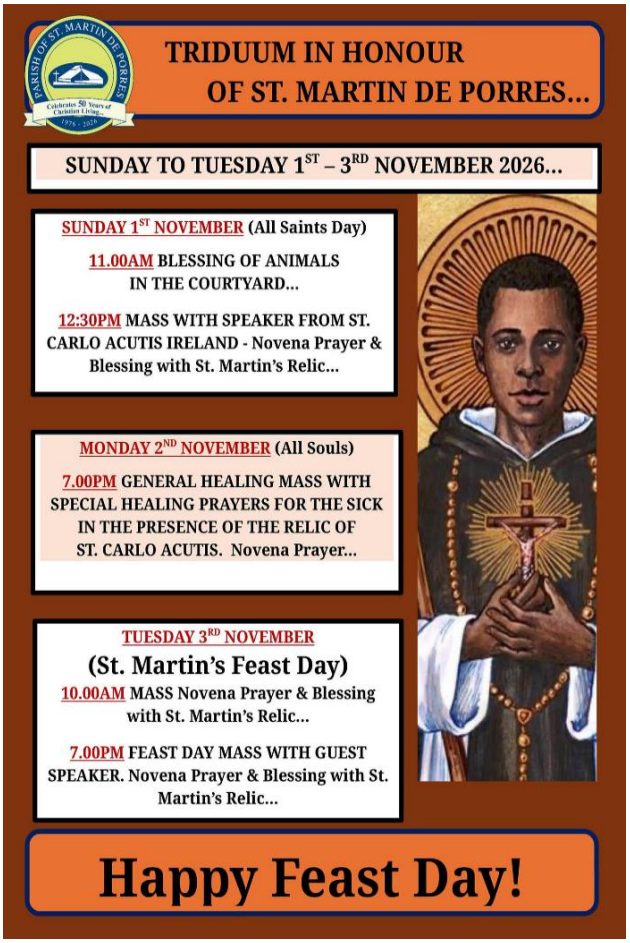
supports bereaved Families by singing at Funerals as a volunteer ministry of the Parish. At a time of bereavement Families may request the services of the Choir through the undertaker and the Funeral Team.
Contact : Tony O'Dwyer – 089 4822172

AFTERNOON OF MERCY PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

With Deacon Don Devaney,
Sunday November 1st, Kilbarrack Church, 2.30 to 5pm
with light refreshments about 4pm in the Parish Centre.
Contact : What's App 0852548244.
www.paulwickham.com

PORTMARNOCK INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Main Hall of the PSLC on
Tuesday morning from 11.00am – 12.30pm
Friday night from 8.00pm – 9.30pm.
Bowling is one of the few sports that can be enjoyed by any age. New members are always welcome. All ages and levels of experience catered for. Free coaching and equipment is provided. Come and try it. Contact: - Nuala 087 9435397

€40 Per Team & Raffle : To register contact us at team@portmarnocklionsclub

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