



**Sunday November 3rd 2024**

***“Death opens to life, to eternal life, which is not an infinite duplicate of the present time, but something completely new.”***

In November, we specially remember the faithful departed who have gone before us to God. It's often called the Month of the Holy Souls when we especially remember those we knew in 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.

Both Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have 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.”* Pope Francis recently took up the same theme as his predecessor when he was speaking in Rome at a General Audience he said: *“Paradise” is one of the final words pronounced by Jesus on the cross, addressed to the good thief.”* 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.”*

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. Pope John XXIII was once asked if he prayed for the dead. He replied: *“I often think of the departed, they keep me good company.”*

I think this is a very good way of looking at it as we know that those who have gone before us are also with us in spirit. Let us ask for the grace in the coming weeks to experience the consolation of God's presence as we reflect on the lives of those who have inspired and helped us in life and are now enjoying the rewards of their goodness with the Risen Lord in heaven.

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.

**Deacon Gerard**

## **WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Recently Deceased**

**Johnny Fitzgerald, Martello Court**

**Liam Staunton, The Dunes**

**Baby Fiadh Kate Farrell,**

**born on and sadly passed away on 21st October 2024.**

### **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**6.30p.m**

**Patricia McCreevy,[A];**

**Michael Sheahan,[1<sup>st</sup> A]; Christy Nevin,[A].**

### **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**10.30a.m.**

**Chris Conway, [Rec Dec];**

**Patrick Reilly,[10<sup>th</sup> A]; Joan Morris, [A];**

**Thomas & Josephine Murrans,[A].**

**12.00**

**Aidan Foley, [Rec Dec]; Doreen Leatham,[Rec Dec]**

**Bridget & Paddy Cronin, [A]; John Murtagh, [A];**

**Catherine & James Hurley,[A]; Kitty Murphy, [11<sup>th</sup>**

**A]; Una O'Farrell,[Rem]; John Syron, [A];**

**Baby Conor Hogan,[Anniv & B'day];**

**Carmel O'Farrell,[A]; Claire Farrell,[A];**

**Mai Curley Dowling,[A].**

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

**MONTHLY COLLECTION** will take place after all Masses this weekend: **Saturday, 6.30p.m.;** **Sunday, 10.30am and 12 noon.**

### **SHARE APPEAL SUNDAY**

Will take place at all Masses on **Saturday/Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> November**

### **A MASS TO GRIEVE, TO REMEMBER, TO GIVE THANKS, AND TO HOPE**

Will be celebrated in **St. Anne's Parish Church on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30p.m.**

The Mass will remember the people belonging to our Parish who have died during **2023/2024**

We hope you will be able to join us. Refreshments in the Parish Centre after the Mass. The Mass can be viewed on [www.portmarnockparish.ie](http://www.portmarnockparish.ie)

### **FAITH CLASS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:**

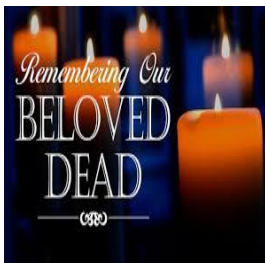
*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* teaches children about prayer and faith using Montessori principles. This is an exciting opportunity for young children to experience the joy of God's unique love for them in a creative, fun and prayerful environment. Level one class for ages 3-6. Time: 11:35am-12:35pm (after family mass), in the Parish Centre. Contact - Aoife 0861646971 for more information or to enrol.

### **AFTERNOON OF MERCY PRAYER**

for the **Holy Souls Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>** in Kilbarrack Church 2.30 to 4.30pm with Deacon Don Devaney, (Divine Mercy Conference) with Benediction/Healing Prayers/Music and refreshments in the Parish Centre

### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION IRELAND**

Fr Donagh O'Shea will lead a morning of meditation and reflection on **Saturday, 09 November 2024** from 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. at Balally Parish Centre (Eircode D16 E032). Donagh will speak to the theme '**Meditation: Falling Awake**'. All are welcome, no previous experience necessary. See [www.christianmeditationireland.ie](http://www.christianmeditationireland.ie)



### **NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD**

envelopes are available in the church and may be left in the Parish Office or in the church safes.

### **PORTMARNOCK CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

Portmarnock Charismatic Prayer Meeting takes place at 8.00pm, in Teallach Áine, Parish Centre. Please join us for an evening of music, prayer and Scripture. All are very welcome.

### **THE IRISH HOSPICE FOUNDATION**

provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. For more information Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie/g](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie/g)



Anam Cara - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting their penultimate **Online**

### **Bereavement Information Evening of 2024.**

The month of November, can be very difficult for bereaved parents and is the month of Remembrance. This **online** event will take place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of November** at 7pm. Our guest speaker will be **Diane Clabby**, Trauma Informed Psychotherapist, Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy. Further Information - 01 4045378 [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie)



### **ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE**

St Lawrence O'Toole's 800th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Rouen and Eu with Archbishop Farrell and Archbishop Jackson, **10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**: Booking is now open. Contact Marian Pilgrimages, Dublin, at 01 878 8159