

ALL THE SAINTS OF IRELAND

Pope Benedict XV beatified Oliver Plunkett in 1920 and during his papacy also (1914-22) the Feast of All the Saints of Ireland was instituted. Oliver was canonised in 1975, thus becoming the first new Irish saint for almost seven hundred years. It recalls especially the seventeen Irish Martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries who were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992 and many others who died as a result of persecution during what in Ireland are known as the "Penal Times".

Only four saints, St Malachy (1094-1148), St Lawrence O'Toole (1128-80) and St Charles of Mount Argus (1821-93), have been officially canonised. All the other Irish saints, such as Ss Patrick, Brigid, and Colmcille, are saints, as it were, by acclamation of the local Church, before the official papal canonisation process was established. Recently we have quite a few beatifications.

Canonisation "Canonisation" as a process can be said to have begun when the name of a martyr was included in the diptychs (or prayer lists) proclaimed by the deacon during Mass. This process would have been

overseen by the local Church authority, especially the bishop. Later the names of holy people who were not martyrs, such as Saints Hilarion and Ephrem the Syrian in the East, and Saints Martin of Tours and Hilary of Poitiers in the West, were included. But it was only in 1170 that Alexander III issued a decree arrogating to the Pope alone the right to declare a person a saint as regards the Church of the West. This was confirmed in 1200 by a bull of Pope Innocent III.

The scope of this feast, while it includes canonised saints, is wider. It also includes those who had a reputation for holiness and whose causes for canonisation have not yet been completed, such as Blessed Thaddeus MacCarthy (1455-92), the seventeen Irish martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice (1762-1844), Blessed Columba Marmion (1858-1923) and the Servant of God Matt Talbot (1856-1925) and people like Legion of Mary envoys Edel Quinn and Alfie Lamb, whose causes have already been introduced. But it also includes those whose lives of sanctity were known only to their families, friends or members of their parish diocese or religious community.

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Saints of the Week

Mon 2nd	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Tues 3rd	St Malachy, bishop
Wed 4th	St Charles Borromeo, bishop
Thurs 5th	St Martin de Porres, religious
Fri 6th	ALL THE SAINTS OF IRELAND
Sat 7th	St Willibrord, bishop and missionary

What is good has been explained to you, man; this is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6.8



FOXROCK PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

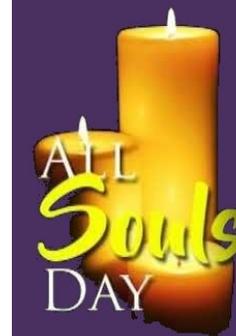
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"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."
- Mt 5:12a

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MON 2nd NOV

7.30 pm
Mass remembering all the deceased in the past year

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MASS INTENTIONS

6pm Vigil Sat 31st October:-
Sadie Walsh Recently Deceased
Alphonsus & Elizabeth Harte (Anvs)
Breda Bourke 1st Anniversary
Robert Freeman (Anv)

11.30 am Mass Sunday 1st November:-
Bernie Mc Carthy Recently Deceased
Rita Rocca Recently Deceased

Months Minds for September:-
Kay (Kathleen) Murphy
Conor Quinn Ann O' Dea
Juliet O' Donoghue Peter Cassidy
Marie Therese Schuster Anne Corbett
Pat Burke Breda (Bridget) O' Dwyer

Other intentions
Recently Deceased:-
Eugene Griffin Louis Dixon

Anniversaries:-
Gerry Coulter Hubert & Patricia Hackett
James Taylor Harvey May Thompson
John Clarke Rose Dunne
Roger Mc Mahon Cormac Clancy
Rita Finn

Recently deceased
Liam Dunne
Bridie Murphy
May they rest in peace





**November 1,
2020
All Saints**

I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identify those who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. They are ordinary people who in their “extraordinary ordinariness” capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly.

These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single-minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the “more” of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us

of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them.

All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbours and ordinary people we meet every day. Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us.

Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone. Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith.

**ALL SAINTS
FIRST READING**

I John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God.
(Apoc 7:2-4.9-14)

PSALM

The Lord's is the Earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
(Ps 23:1-6)

SECOND READING

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

(1Jn 3:1-3)

GOSPEL

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.
(Mt 5:1-12)

**FOXROCK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
REPORT - OCTOBER 2020**

The Parish Pastoral Council met by Zoom on Tuesday 20th October 2020. Fr. Kieran chaired the meeting and welcomed the members; he updated them on the present situation in the Church. Since September, the Covid Level 3 restrictions, first, and then the present Level 5 lockdown, have curtailed Parish ceremonies and liturgy yet again. However, there is great appreciation for the celebration of Mass and other Parish activities on webcam. The Family Mass group have been particularly active in updating their use of technology in the celebration of Mass. Fr. Kieran expressed his gratitude to those involved in the preparation and presentation of the Mass for young parishioners, keeping so many involved even from their homes, giving a new meaning to the words ‘Domestic Church’.

The *Do This in Memory* programme continues on Zoom, as do other parish activities such as *Lectio Divina*. So much is happening technologically that Fr. Kieran is meeting a technical expert shortly to advise on increasing technical capability in the Church to enable further activity. The postponement, again, of the First Holy Communion celebrations was a disappointment, but all are ready to go ahead whenever public Masses can be celebrated. Enrolment for next year's First

Communion has taken place and preparations have begun. Maeve Davidson plans to use Zoom to communicate with the primary school classes, helping to provide lessons on their catechetical programme, starting with 5th and 6th classes.

The work of the Baptism and Funeral teams continues – as far as this is possible. The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* programme hopes to start its catechesis through Zoom shortly.

The Parish Youth Club is enlisting new members, and two groups are working on Ecology Projects – the Blackrock TY group, and last year's prize-winning group are continuing their research on the Coin Project. They have been registered for the coming year's ecology competition. It is proposed to start online meetings after the mid-term break.

Fr. Kieran received many messages of appreciation after his recent Penitential celebration on webcam. It is great that those working on communication can do so much to keep the parish united through technology, and many have expressed their gratitude.

It is time to reconstitute the Parish Pastoral Council and more about this in the months ahead.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on the 17th November. Meanwhile we hope you all keep safe and well.

Volunteer Drivers Irish Cancer Society

Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. Drivers with a free weekday availability and who can commit to driving twice a month. Please email Gail at gflinter@irishcancer.ie or call 01 2310 566 for an application form. Due to the impact of the Coronavirus we are seeking drivers under the age of 70 years.