

The Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

The month of **November** is with us. Dark cold nights short cold days. The old Celtic feast of Samhain started the month. The ancient tribes saw this as the completion of harvest time and the start of winter. Herds were brought down from the summer pastures and kept nearer to home to provide protection and shelter. It was also a time when the idea of '**thin places**' came into people's consciousness. The spirits and fairies could pass from the other world into our world and torment the sons and daughters of Adam. With the arrival of Christianity the night of Samhain was called **Hallowe'en**: the eve of All Hallows (All Saints) and as if to provide an extraordinary contrast the feast of All Hallows (All Saints) was celebrated. For Christians (especially Catholics) November is the month for **remembering our dead** and having prayers and Masses offered for them. Catholic Tradition emphasises the role of Purgatory. We pray for and to the Souls in Purgatory that 'they may be released from their sins'. **Please remember your Dead Lists.**

After our **Sunday morning** Mass there will be refreshments served in the hall. **Everyone is very welcome to attend.**

This **weekend** the Diocese will take the annual **Mass count** from all Masses. The general trend might suggest that less people are attending Masses in every parish in all western countries. There are many reasons for this and each of us has our suggestions. However, while quantity is helpful to gauge the relative success of a parish, it is important that the **quality of worship** is of the highest possible standard especially when the community assemble for the Sunday Eucharist. It is worth asking questions. Is our Church kept beautiful as befits a house of God? Do our Lectors and Ministers conduct their ministry in a manner that is worthy of the work of God? Is our music of the highest quality? Do our parishioners display an enthusiasm for the things of God that the Letter to the Hebrews talks about? Are our churches places of welcome, places where it is possible to have an experience of God, good liturgy a caring supportive community? Is our church a place where the priests try to inspire, nourish and sanctify? **These and other questions are worth asking.**

At the start of November the parish paid its insurance for all four of its buildings. The cost was **£3,096.83**

The annual service at **St Patrick's cemetery** will take place on Sunday 17th November at 2.00 pm

On **Monday Fr Bernadine** will be arriving in the parish to begin his ministry at St Teresa's parish. **Fr Bergin** begins his role as parish priest of St David's, St Mary's and St Dominic's on Tuesday morning with 10.00 Mass at Caldercruix. Until such time as the presbytery is available at Plains he will reside at Newarthill and travel over to his parishes and their schools each day. Fr Bergin would like to offer sincerest **thanks and blessings** to the parish for all the fine experiences enjoyed over the last three years and especially for the generous support of the Faith that he has witnessed so frequently in the parish. He knows the people of St Teresa's will give every support to Fr Bernadine especially as we approach the beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas. There are several people who continue to give quiet dedicated service to the parish. Without them so many things would simply not take place. They ask for no thanks in spite of the high salaries given to them!! **To each a heartfelt thanks.**

This **week** we were visited by firms who are in the business of repainting churches. We will put together quotes and examine the possibility, if the parish decides, of repainting the Church to commemorate the celebration of the first Mass sixty years ago this Christmas Eve.

Today we celebrate the **Baptism of Eilidh McGlynn**. We send her and her family every good wish and blessing.

Month's Mind: Robert Aiton,

Anniversary: Jean Ward, Michael MacNeil, Gordon Lockhart, Peter Connor, Peter Molloy, John Gallagher, Peter Hughes, Sal Henderson, Elizabeth & Sarah Burns, Tress McEwen and Mary O'Reilly.

Attendances: 212, **Collection:** £612

Thank you to the parish for their generosity

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 2nd Nov.	C Scullion	M Connor, A M Lynn, C Morrissey
Sunday 3rd Nov.	W Doran	P Cullion, J Mullen, F Carroll

Prayer For The Week

Creator of the universe,
your handiwork delights us,
your care for us nurtures us,
your steadfastness upholds us.
Creator of the universe,
With all your saints
we worship you.

Jesus Christ, Son of God,
your coming as a man astounds us,
your word of life awakens us,
your rising from death transforms us.
Jesus Christ, Son of God,
With all your saints
we worship you.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Life,
your vitality empowers us,
your fire illuminates us,
your powerful love unites us.
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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 3rd Nov.	10:00am	Peter Molloy and Peter Connor <i>No Devotions This Sunday</i>
Monday 4th Nov. <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Private Intentions Mass in the State Hospital, Carstairs
Tuesday 5th Nov.	9:30am	John Gallagher and Jean Ward <i>Fr Bernadine begins his ministry</i>
Wed. 6th Nov.	9:30am	Michael MacNeil and Gordon Lockhart
Thursday 7th Nov.	9:30am	Peter Hughes and Sal Henderson
Friday 8th Nov. <i>Blessed John Duns Scotus</i>	9:30am	Elizabeth and Sarah Burns
Saturday 9th Nov. <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	4:30pm	Tress McEwen and Mary O'Reilly

Response to the Psalm:
I will bless your name forever, O God my King