

Plenary Indulgences for the Deceased Faithful

A plenary indulgence is "a way to reduce the amount of punishment one has to undergo for sins". The recipient of an indulgence must perform an action to receive it. This is most often the saying (once, or many times) of a specified prayer, but may also include the visiting of a particular place, or the performance of specific good works.

Traditionally on the 2nd November the Feast of All Souls, plenary indulgences were obtained for the souls in Purgatory. This year, in the current circumstances due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the Apostolic Penitentiary has mandated that plenary indulgences for the deceased faithful will be extended throughout the entire month of November.

The elderly, the sick and all those who for serious reasons cannot leave their homes because of restrictions will be able to obtain the Plenary Indulgence as long as they join spiritually with all the other faithful with the intention of complying as soon as possible with the three usual conditions (confession, communion and prayer.) By also reciting prayers for the deceased, (Lauds and vespers of the Office of the Dead, the Marian Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy) before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or by occupying themselves in considered reading of one of the Gospel passages proposed by the liturgy of the deceased, or by performing a work of mercy by offering to God the sorrows and hardships of their own lives.

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MASS TIMES

St John's – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.00 p.m.; Sun: 11.30 & 7.00 p.m.
Polish Mass: 2nd Sun. monthly, 1.00 p.m.; **Weekdays:** 10.30 a.m. (Sat. 10.30 a.m. only)

Feast of All Saints - 1st November 2020

Dedicate November as a month of Prayer and Remembrance

This Sunday, 1st November will be marked with a short Service to dedicate the month of November, as a month of Prayer and Remembrance for the Dead and for the Comfort of the Bereaved. A special ceremony will take place at 3.00pm in St John's Church to remember those who died in the past year. You are all invited to participate via webcam or radio. At the ceremony we encourage everyone to light a candle in their homes to remember our dearly departed.

October & November Station Envelopes

The envelopes for the priests' and bishop's income are being distributed. Thank you for all your generosity and contributions. We thank our Distributors who carry out their work so diligently. It is very much appreciated.

Feast of All Souls

Monday 2nd November is the Feast of All Souls. We encourage you to return your October and November offering as soon as you can along with your list of specific loved ones. 'Slips' for you list are available at the back of the church. We will place all lists in the sacred space in front of the altar for the month of November. Nevertheless, all the deceased are included in our prayers and masses during the month. Please do not put your Offering Envelope in the basket at the altar.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Paddy Fields, Dublin
Elizabeth (Betty) Brennan, Bonnetstown
Teresa Kelly, St Patrick's Close
Nora Mackey, Freshford

Month's Mind:

Teresa Byrne (11.30am).
Tommy Cummins (7.00pm)

Anniversaries:

Kathleen & Michael McGarry (6.00pm), Richie Purcell, Agnes Byrne, Thomas & Mary Dowling, Phil & Mary O'Keefe,

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6.00pm Ann Daly
8.00am No mass
11.30am Mary Hanafin
7.00pm Ann Marie Grace

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope
collection: €1085. Thanks to all who
contribute weekly, monthly and
annually, as well as those who pay
by Standing
Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Senior Line

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, please consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 80 45 91

You, too, can be a funny Catholic

The saints all start out with the same stuff we are made of. The only difference between us and them is that they chose to follow God's will at every moment of their lives. Through Him, their piety, prayer, fasting, and yes, even their humour, were magnified into something greater. "You can be Catholic and be funny. You can be Catholic and laugh. In fact, if you're Catholic you'll live in a joy and a happiness that most people will never know never experience outside of the Catholic Church." So, why so serious?

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Monday: Phil & Mary O'Keefe (10.30am)
Tuesday : Frances MCDonagh (10.30am)
Wednesday: Thomas & Mary Dowling
(10.30am)
Friday: Mary Fitzgerald (10.30am)
Saturday: Sean O'Brien (10.30am)
Alice & Richard Holden (6.00pm)
Sunday: Walter Tallis (11.30am)
Patricia Corr (7.00pm)

Daily Mass

Please join us each morning on our **Webcam Service**, stjohnskilkenny.com, or through our Parish **Radio Service** (106.8 FM).

Weekdays:10.30 am.

Sundays: 6.00 pm Vigil; 11.30 am and 7.00 pm

All Saint's Day

All Saint's Day has its roots in the early church's "Martyrs' Day, " attested to by a hymn written in 359 by St. Ephraim. It was called All Saints' Day in the seventh century. A saint is someone who the church believes is in heaven with God. Wrongly, we often think saints are perfect, but in fact their greatest witness is how they coped with the ordinary difficulties of life and how they reflected in a variety of ways the love of God.

For most of us sanctity and martyrdom will not come in dramatic ways. The daily routine of looking after a sick child, spouse, or parent, of living with a mental, physical, emotional, or spiritual illness, the scourge of being unemployed, homeless, or addicted, and the feeling that we are unlovable, brings with it the reality of sharing in the lot of the martyrs and saints.

All Saints' Day is the feast when we commemorate all those we know who may never be publicly proclaimed on the canon, or list, of saints but who nonetheless are in heaven. Some of them may only be known to God. Others are people whose love, sacrifice, and fidelity we have seen for ourselves and who have inspired us. Sometimes they can be our own mothers and fathers. These, too, we believe belong to the great multitude of witnesses who went through their own persecutions and found the blessings within their daily lives. They saw God in this world and are now fully alive to him in the next.

During the month of November, we pray that we may have the grace to live a holy life that, in ordinary ways, demonstrate the extraordinary power of God working within us. In doing so, in our sacrifices, forgiveness, and love may we remain faithful to the women and men who are our saintly heroes and pray that we remain faithful to the gospel of Christ as they did. As they sang in the old hymn "We will be true to Thee 'till death. We will be true to Thee 'till death.