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SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL: ST MATTHEW 24:42-44 PARABLE OF THE TEN BRIDESMAIDS

In this month of November, when we remember in a special way those who have gone before us in faith, and we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, the Scripture Readings make reference to end times, with teaching on being watchful and being prepared.

In the parable that we hear today, the bridegroom represents Jesus and the bridesmaids in the parable, in effect, represent all of us! It is important that we do not rest our focus on five of the bridesmaids being sensible and five foolish and, perhaps, comparing ourselves to one half of them. The ten did not set out as 'five and five' – all ten set out as one, as invited guests of the bridegroom. In the same way, all of us are 'invited guests' in God's kingdom. The parable, therefore, speaks to all of us. We are all invited to be prudent in our response to God's calling each day, and in our individual responsibility to 'be ready', to 'be prepared'. Essentially, this means following the light of Christ, witnessing to the virtues of the Gospel in our daily lives, in the hope that, when our time comes to be called to God, we will be welcomed into His heavenly banquet.

SUNDAY MASS THIS WEEK

Vigil Saturday 7th November 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR THIS INCOMING WEEK

Tuesday 10.00am

Thursday 10.00am

All Masses continue to be live-streamed – www.aghyaranparish.com or www.castledergparish.com

SUNDAY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND – 14th & 15th NOVEMBER 2020

(AREA A) (Saturday 7.30pm)

The Corgaries, Ardarver, Trienamongan, Legatonegan and Shanaghey area

(AREA B) (Sunday 11.00am)

Tullycar Road, Essan, Tullycar, Meenakerrin, Crilly Park, Ballymongan and Pullytean Road

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place here in St. Patrick's Church this Thursday from after 10am Mass to 12noon

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection, which amounted to **£1,290** and the Church Restoration Fund Collection totalled **£903**. Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House, for those not attending Mass

CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR OUR CHURCHES (IN NORTHERN IRELAND)

Under the current restrictions, everyone must wear a face mask when entering and leaving church. It is also strongly recommended that masks are worn while in church. It remains most important that people who are vulnerable or unwell, and especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, do not come to Mass.

ST. DAVOG'S CLUB

Draw: The club members monthly draw for October took place on Saturday night and the lucky winners were: £250 (No 341) Mary Margaret McMenamin Laught, £100 (No 156) Seamus Corry Tullycar, £100 (No 362) Noel Mc Brien (Butcher), £100 (No 6) Sean Byrne Trienamongan, £50 (No 465) Jeremy Hans Aghyaran Rd, £50 (No 28) Dairmuid Mc Hugh Dreenan, £50 (No 404) Brian Duggan Laught/Belfast. Congratulations to the winners. As we are now fast approaching the big Christmas draw we urge all our draw members to make sure they are fully paid to permit them to be entered in the big Christmas draw

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED here in St. Patrick's Aghyaran next Friday 13th November at 7.30pm

During this Mass we will light a candle in remembrance of those who have died in the past year. know that many would like to attend this Mass but, unfortunately, it will have to be restricted to the families of those who have died in the past year One pew will be available for each family (a maximum of five/six people per pew) In order to ensure the safety of our community, no one should travel into this area for this Mass which will be streamed online and the stream will be recorded.

'REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER' SACRED SPACE IN OUR HOMES You are invited to create a Sacred Space in your home for November in memory of your deceased family members and friends. Your Sacred Space might include some of the following: photographs or memorial cards, a little box or basket with the names of those you would like remembered in prayer, a crucifix, sacred picture or rosary beads, holy water, a candle (*taking care with it, of course!*). Autumn leaves might be gathered and perhaps some purple material (if you have some readily available) could be used to help create and adorn your Sacred Space. Parents, in particular, are asked to involve their children in creating Sacred Space in the home for November. Those whose names you place on your sacred space will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at our Masses in the parish throughout the month of November.

We also have a Sacred Space here in the church for November. You are invited to write out the names of your deceased relatives and friends and place these in the basket that you will find in the Sacred Space. (In compliance with Covid precautions, no facility will be in place within the church this year for you to write the names). You might also like to light a candle in the church in memory of your loved ones.

BLESSING OF GRAVES During this past week Fr. Gilmore and I blessed the graves in our parish graveyards. We hope and pray that next year you will once again be able to attend the graves of your loved ones for this event.

NOVEMBER PLEDGE The Pioneer Association is promoting the November' Pledge as a sacrificial act in honour of the Holy Souls. If you would like to take up the *Pledge for November*, log into website: www.pioneerassociation.ie to enrol.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR DECEASED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 8 November, at 7.00pm. You can join this Mass live on the St Eugene's Cathedral webcam. If you would like to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass, please email the name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or telephone 028 7126 4087.

PRAYER RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES FOR NOVEMBER: The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a range of prayer resources for families to use at home during November in memory of loved ones who have died. These include practical ways to pray together at home, prayers you can use and tips on creating a sacred space for prayer. For the mid-term break there is a '*World Drawing God Day*', which is a great way to engage children for hours in creative drawing. Drawings can be shared online and you can take an online tour of the Drawing God Museum. To view all the available resources, visit www.catecheticalcentre.org

NOVEMBER FAMILY PRAYER BOOK An online version of this booklet (the printed version which can be collected in the church) is available on <https://derrydiocese.org/images/november/november-a-month-to-remember.pdf>

LOUGH DERG Memorial Service for deceased pilgrims and benefactors. Live via webcam, St Mary's, Pettigo on Sunday 22nd November, at 7pm: www.churchservices.tv/pettigo. To enrol a loved one, email: info@loughderg.org / Tel 0035371 9861518.

**ST PATRICK'S, AGHYARAN
WEEKEND MASS ROTA - NOVEMBER 2020**

(Saturday Vigil Masses 7.30pm - Sunday Morning Masses 11am)

AREA A The Corgaries, Ardarver, Trienaongan, Legatonegan and Shanaghey Area
Saturday 14th November

AREA B Tullycar Road-Essan, Tullycar, Meenakeerin, Crilly Park, Ballymongan and Pullytean Road
Sunday 15th November

AREA C Aghyaran, Maghernageeragh, Mullinabreen, Scraghey, Segronan and Edenreagh Area
Saturday 21st November

AREA D The Laught's, Garvagh, McNally Park
Saturday 28th November

AREA E Carnoughter, Carndreen, Dreenan, Killeter and Meenamullan
Saturday 7th November, Sunday 29th November

NEXT SUNDAY, 15 November, is the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. The Gospel we will listen to is St Matthew 24:42-44, *the Parable of the Talents*. You can view the Scripture Readings in advance on www.catholicbishops.ie/readings