

## 8th November 2020 • Prisoners' Sunday

### The time is now

I am a procrastinator. If a task is awkward or unpleasant, I am likely to put it off till another day. In any given week, I have a 'to-do' list I need to get through. The most important items always get done – things that can't be avoided, like work deadlines or paying bills. But bigger projects often get put on the long finger and I find myself transferring items to the following week's list. It is part of life to learn how to prioritise, and to be prepared to tackle the important things. Even when we are not ready to face a certain situation, sometimes we need to push ourselves to just dive in.

Among the wedding customs in Jesus' time was a night-time procession from the bride's home to the grooms. The bridesmaids would go out with torches lit to welcome the groom and his entourage. The parable in today's gospel sets two groups in contrast – the 'foolish' bridesmaids who run out of oil because they have failed to prepare, and the 'sensible' ones who are ready with their lamps and oil, who recognise the importance of the task. Only one group was ready when the groom approached.

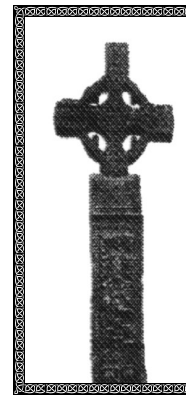
This parable encourages us to focus on the here and now, to nurture our relationship with God in the present and to live well. There is no point in procrastinating, or waiting until the bridegroom is at the door. As well as having the light of faith, we need the fuel – the actions – to keep it lit so we are ready when the Lord comes.

God our Father,  
your power brings us to birth,  
your providence guides our lives,  
and by your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in your presence;  
their lives change but do not end.  
I pray in hope for my family,  
relatives and friends,  
and for all the dead known to you alone.

In company with Christ,  
who died and now lives,  
may they rejoice in your kingdom  
where all our tears are wiped away.  
Unite us together again in one family  
to sing your praise forever and ever.

Amen.



## Parish of Clones

Sacred Heart, Clones  
St Alphonsus, Connors  
St Macartan's, Aghadrumsee

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8th November  
2020

Thirty-second  
Week  
in  
Ordinary Time

### Masses and Intentions for the Week Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sat 7th Vigil | 7.30pm  | Kieran & Frank O'Neill, McCurtain Street;<br>Michael & Eilish Hamill, Teehill;<br>Jack Kelly, Cladone;<br>Genie McCaffrey, Tonnitybog;<br>Christy Keenan, Fermanagh Street |
| Sun 8th Nov   | 10.00am | James Mulligan, Corraghy (First Anniversary);<br>Michael Grew, Greagholia  |
|               | 11.30am | People of the Parish   |
| Mon 9th       |         | <b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b><br>Novena Mass for Deceased Relatives and Friends  |
| Tue 10th      | 10.00am | Frank & Katie McMahon, Follom Little   |
| Wed 11th      | 10.00am | Edward & Elizabeth Sweeney, Cherry Park  |
| Thurs 12th    | 10.00am | Kathleen, Hughie & Noel McGovern, O'Neill Park   |
| Fri 13th      | 10.00am | Novena Mass for Deceased Relatives and Friends   |
|               | 7.30pm  | Service of Remembrance   |
| Sat 14th      | 10.00am | Margaret & John McPhillips, Lisnaroe;<br>Eddie McPhillips, O'Neill Park  |
|               |         | <b>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  |
| Vigil         | 7.30pm  | Thomas McCabe, Cherry Park (First Anniversary)<br>John Masterson, Newbliss;  |
| Sun 15th      | 10.00am | Michael Manley, Greaghacapple;<br>Pat Boyle, Knockmacaroonery  |
|               | 11.30am | Oliver McNeill, O'Neill Park (Month's Memory)  |

Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.

### Masses for the week

**Saturday 7.30pm Sacred Heart, Clones**  
**.Sunday 10.00am St. Macartan's, Aghadrumsee**  
**11.30am Sacred Heart, Clones**

**Weekdays: Mon-Sat in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am**  
(When there is a funeral in Clones, the Mass will be at **11.00am**)

**Baptisms** are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the second Saturday of each month at 4.00pm and in St. Macartan's Church on the third Sunday at 1.00pm.

**Adoration:** Postponed until further notice.

**Confessions:** Postponed until further notice.

#### St. Macartan's:

**Reader 15th Nov** Geraldine Beggan

**Eucharistic Minister 15th Nov** Naoisa Faux

#### Sacred Heart Church, 14th & 15th Nov:

**Readers** Vigil Michael Killen  
11.30am Ann O'Harte

#### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

**Amen**

On the occasion of an Anniversary Mass or Month's Mind  
in St. Macartan's Church, Aghadrumsee,  
people are invited to respect the families involved by

All Liturgies in Sacred Heart Church are broadcast on the Parish website.

#### Masses for the Dead

During the month of November, a Novena of Masses will be offered for deceased parishioners and their relatives and friends. You might like to write a list of those you wish to have included and put it in one of the envelopes available from the chapels. These can be placed in the collection baskets or in the secure box in Sacred Heart Church.

**A Service of Remembrance** for those who died or were buried in Clones Parish during the past year will take place on Friday 13th November at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Church. The Service will be available to view live on the parish website.

**Lough Derg November Memorial Service** for deceased pilgrims and benefactors will be broadcast live via webcam from St. Mary's Church, Pettigo, on Sunday 22nd November at 7.00pm [www.churchservices.tv/pettigo](http://www.churchservices.tv/pettigo)  
To enrol a loved one you can email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org), phone 0(0353) 71 9861518 or write to Fr. La Flynn, Prior, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal F94 YC60.

#### Plenary Indulgences for the Faithful Departed:

The Holy See has announced that, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the period for visiting churches and cemeteries to pray for the faithful departed has this year been extended to the whole month of November. Also, all those who cannot visit a cemetery or church can obtain the plenary indulgence as long as they join spiritually with all the other faithful in praying prayers for the deceased and for the Pope's Intentions, and with the intention of complying with the usual conditions (sacramental confessions and Holy Communion) as soon as it is possible to do so.

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