

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 groom’s. 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, Connons
St Macartan’s, Aghadrumsee

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Thirty-second
Week
in
Ordinary Time

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

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

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

Masses for the week

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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.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

I
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.

cannot at this moment receive You sacredly,
come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

Premiere You as If You Were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from

Amen

THEORY

**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. To enrol a loved one you can email: 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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