

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings every week in the Family Centre, behind the Cathedral on Tuesday at 1pm; Wednesday at 8pm; Thursday at 1pm; and Sunday at 11.30am

GUIDED PILGRIMAGES ON THE LOUGH DERY PILGRIM PATH: will be offered on Sunday 12th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email info@loughderg.org

THE FAITH CAFÉ FOR GRANDPARENTS: The Faith Café is an initiative of the Catholic Grandparents Association which was introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic as a social and spiritual space for grandparents to meet online once a month to chat, to offer prayers and intentions and to just be together in a spirit of faith. It has connected Grandparents across the world from Ireland to the USA, from UK to Australia. The next Faith Café will be on Tuesday 14th September from 7.30pm-8.30pm and the speaker is Fr. Richard Gibbons, P.P and Rector of Knock Shrine. Register for the Faith Café can be made at: info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com. Once you register for the Faith Café, you will receive the details of how to connect in for the gathering on Zoom.

SUNDAY GOSPEL MARK 8:27-35

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



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SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021, 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A PRAYER FOR EVERY DAY

Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially,
I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come.

This day, more than any other day,

I need to feel you near me to strengthen my

Courage and to overcome any fear.

By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour.

We are frail human creatures and we need a Higher Power to sustain us in all that
life may bring.

And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand.

Be with me, Lord, this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me.

May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you. Amen.

(Pope Saint John XXIII.)

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Mass Intentions for the week

Monday, 13th September. St John Chrysostom
8.00am: Carmel Hyland (A)
10.00am: Thomas Delaney & Philip Chambers & their families (Int)

Tuesday, 14th September. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8.00am: Special Intention
10.00am: Eddie and Kevin O'Reilly (A)

Wednesday, 15th September. Our Lady of Sorrows
8.00am: James Keegan (A)
10.00am: Bridie McEvoy and deceased family members (A)

Thursday 16th September. Ss Cornelius, & Cyprian,
8.00am: Margaret Saunders (née Savage) (Birthday rem)
10.00am: Jean and James Hussey (A)

Friday 17th September. St Robert Bellarmine
8.00am: William and Hannah Hayes (A)
10.00am: Maureen Quinn (A)

Saturday 18th September.
8.00am: Hans Barbel and Tanja Sopart (A)
10.00am: Agnes & Patrick Gilchrist & their daughters Agnes & Rose

Sunday 19th September. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6.00pm (Vigil): Frank Nolan (A)
7.30pm (Vigil): Alec Feeney (1st A)
8.00am: Denis and Bridget Hayes (A)
10.00am: Mary Griffin (née Reilly) (A)
11.30am: Shared: Brian and Josephine Ward (A)
1.00pm: Pam Rogers (A)
6.00pm: Michal Makula and deceased family members (A)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank each one of you most sincerely for your continued generous contributions to our weekly collections. This money is used for the upkeep of the Cathedral and for daily supplies that are needed. The amount received in the Offertory Collection last week was **€3,205.00**

HARVEST DUES for the priests of the parish are due this weekend. Please use striped envelope from the box or one of the envelopes in the Cathedral porch or any envelope with your name and address. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

BAPTISM: With great joy, we recently welcomed: Sophia Maura Dunne; Keelan Thomas Murphy; Riley Patrick Mullane - Mir and Thomas Joe Patrick Pio Nugent into the Christian Community.

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of An-tanais Blazonis, Propect Woods, whose funeral took place during the week.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation dates are: Tuesday 21st September @ 6pm - St Michael's. Wednesday 22nd @ 6pm - Stonepark. Thursday 23rd @ 6pm Melview. Tuesday 28th September @ 6pm - Gaelscoil. Wednesday 29th @ 6pm-St Joseph's. On Tuesday 5th October @ 6pm St Eimear's. Each ceremony will be limited to the Confirmation candidate and 3 adults (i.e. parents and sponsor) only.

MASS ATTENDANCE: With the easing of restrictions, the capacity for people attending Mass in St Mel's will increase to about 460 people. For that reason people attending Mass will no longer require tickets, but we do ask that all people attending religious ceremony in the Cathedral would wear a mask, sanitise their hands on entry and exit, sanitise the seats with the wipes provided, would maintain 2 metre social distance; would continue to receive Holy Communion on the hand and refrain from offering the sign of peace. Holy Water will not be available in the font.

RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS is a faith-formation process which prepares and supports adults who wish to be received into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Expressions of interest are currently being invited. If interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish Office by Monday, Sept. 13th. To learn more about RCIA visit <https://faithmag.com/what-rcia>

ECUMENICAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICE takes place on Sunday 19th September 2021 at 7pm in St John's, Church of Ireland, Longford. As we emerge from the shadow of Covid as a community we all are conscious of how grieving processes have been interrupted, and for others who in the stillness of life recognised how their hearts still grieve.

CONCERT IN THE CATHEDRAL: A night of classical and popular music Fri 17th Sept @ 7.30pm. featuring Emer Barry, Maria Matthews, Eimear Reynolds, the Mulligan sisters, and Paul Hennessy. Accompanied by pianist Fintan Farrelly. Organised by Longford County Council as part of National Culture Night. Free Tickets can be booked by going to www.eventbrite.ie