

### The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'



When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

### October the Month of the Rosary

Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St. Dominic in 12th century by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as a form of prayer in times of conflict. The Dominican pope, St. Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and it became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom. It was the same Pope St. Pius V, who in 1569 officially approved the Rosary in its present form. It had been completed by the addition of the second half of the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be to the Father" at the conclusion of each mystery. In the Middle Ages it came into being in various medieval monasteries as a substitute for the Divine Office for the lay monks and devout lay persons who did not know how to read. Instead of the 150 psalms, they would pray 150 "Our Fathers" counting them on a ring of beads known as the crown or "corona." With the growth of popularity of Marian devotion in the twelfth century, the "Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary" developed now substituting 150 "Hail Marys" in place of the "Our Fathers."

### Prayer for the Synod: *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*

*Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer Adsumus Sancte Spiritus, the first word of the Latin original meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.*

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. **Amen***

**Monday, 18th October. St. Luke, Evangelist**

8.00am: Donie O'Sullivan (A)

10.00am: Francis Callinan (Rem)

**Tuesday, 19th October. St. Paul of the Cross**

8.00am: Mass of Thanksgiving

10.00am: Marian Gray and her mother Brigid Tyrrell (A)

**Wednesday, 20th October.**

8.00am: Special Intention

10.00am: Thanksgiving for Blessings

**Thursday, 21st October.**

8.00am: Special Intention

10.00am: Elizabeth Quinn Shields (A)

**Friday, 22nd October. St. John Paul II, Pope**

8.00am: Anna O'Brien (Month's mind) & her daughter Margaret Malone (A)

10.00am: Frank Cronin (A)

**Saturday, 23rd October. St. John of Capistrano**

8.00am: John (80th Birthday)

10.00am: Liam and Annie Glennon (A)

**Sunday, 24th October. World Mission Sunday**

6.00pm (*Vigil*): Anthony Kelly & DFM

7.30pm (*Vigil*): Joe & Kathleen Ward, their son Anthony & daughter Linda Moran (A)

8.00am: Frank Cunningham (A)

10.00am: Michael Corcoran (A)

11.30am: *Shared*: John Brady (2nd A). Colette Oates (A).

1.00pm Brian and Catherine Grant (A)

6.00pm John and Kathleen Donlon (A)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** We thank each one of you most sincerely for your continued generous contributions to our weekly collections. The amount received in the Offertory Collection last week was **€4,330.00**.

**BAPTISM:** With joy, we recently welcomed Olivia Anna Iwanska into the Christian Community

**REST IN PEACE:** Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of Adolf Balog, Auburn Court, Viktorija Preisatiene (née Severdak), Prospect Woods and Dermott Gray, The Demesne, whose funerals took place during the week. Also for Rosemary Kenny, "Calcar", Ballinalee Road, whose funeral takes place on Monday at 11 o'clock, burial afterwards in Ballymacormack cemetery.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** Problems with Alcohol?. We meet in the Family Centre (*Back of Cathedral*) on Tues at 1pm; Wed at 8pm; Thurs at 1pm; Sun at 11.30am.

**LONGFORD HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING:** Sincere thanks to all who supported the recent coffee morning in St. Joseph's N.S. The amount raised was €2,557.40.

**GARDA BAND:** Longford and Granard District Gardai together with Longford Participation Network present the Band of An Garda Siochana in Concert in St. Mel's Cathedral on Sun 31st Oct at 3pm. Tickets €10. Proceeds going to St. Christopher's Services, Longford Women's Link, Longford Community Resources, Lus Na Greine Family Resource Centre, Bridgeways Family Resource Centre and Little Blue Heroes. Tickets on sale from the mentioned organisations.

**AL ANON** meetings (for relatives and friends of alcoholics) will be held in the Family Centre on Tuesday nights at 7.00pm, starting on Tuesday 26th October.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** If you would like to be involved in your Parish we would like to hear from you. We are looking for volunteers to be part of the following teams: Reader of the word, minister of holy communion, usher, liturgy committee, altar server, environment group, choir, hospitality, family mass, weekly counters, altar society, development committee, cathedral circle, baptism team. Training were necessary will be provided. Please contact the parish office.

**MISSION SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER**

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Through your ongoing support for WMS, you are providing the basic infrastructure from which the church can thrive overseas by: 1. Helping communities to build schools, clinics, churches and parish halls. 2. Preparing future leaders, teachers and careers of our church, and supporting the training of priests, sisters, religious brothers and catechists. 3. Supporting programmes that protect and care for children's spiritual and physical wellbeing, by offering them safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future. This annual observance was instituted 95 years ago in 1926 by Pope Pius XI's Papal decree. **Please use the special Mission Sunday envelope in your box of envelopes or use a plain envelope if you prefer.**