

for the harvest when we gather the crops into barns. And so it is for our faithful departed as we gather to remember them during the month of November and pray for them as we offer the harvest of their lives back to God.

Saint John Henry Newman in his poem "The Dream of Gerontius" describes the soul, approaching heaven, as it sees something of the divine vision:

"A grand mysterious harmony: It floods me, like the deep and solemn sound of many waters."

Pope Francis has said: *"[Heaven] is the embrace of God, infinite Love, and we enter thanks to Jesus, who died on the cross for us. Where there is Jesus, there is mercy and happiness."*

Pope Francis also assures us, as St Paul did, that always "love abides":

"In that instant, finally, we will no longer need anything, we will no longer see in a confused way. We will no longer weep pointlessly, because everything is passed; even the prophecies, even knowledge. But love no, that remains. Because "love abides" (cf 1 Cor 13: 8).

Let us continue to pray for and remember our faithful departed during the month of November and be assured that they are praying for us as well.

Pope John XXIII was once asked if he prayed for the dead. He replied: *"I often think of the departed, they keep me good company."*

I think this is a very good way of looking at it as we know that those who have gone before us are also with us in spirit. Let us ask for the grace in the coming weeks to experience the consolation of God's presence as we reflect on the lives of those who have inspired and helped us in life and are now enjoying the rewards of their goodness with the Risen Lord in heaven.

There is an unbroken chain of connection with our beloved dead, who continue to pray for us in the presence of God, and ourselves as we continue to pray for them. We can be especially close to them during November when we celebrate Mass and our deceased relatives and friends are always remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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In November, we specially remember the faithful departed who have gone before us to God. It's often called the Month of the Holy Souls when we especially remember those we knew in life and also those who may have no one to pray for them.

In a beautiful reflection, Pope Benedict goes on to explain that: *"Our hope, then, lies in the love of God that shines resplendent from the Cross of Christ who lets Jesus' words to the good thief: "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43) resound in our heart."*

Many people choose to commemorate their deceased family and friends by adding their names to the parish Altar List of the Dead. It's an important tradition to maintain every year as those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead are remembered regularly at masses throughout the year.

He reassures us that: *"This is life in its fullness: life in God; a life of which we now have only a glimpse as one sees blue sky through fog."*

Both Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have tried to explain the meaning of life after death within the limitations of our language and understanding. I hope that their reflections below will offer some consolation especially to those amongst us who may have lost a friend or family member in the past year and are particularly feeling their absence around now.

Pope Francis recently took up the same theme as his predecessor when he was speaking in Rome at a General Audience he said: *"Paradise" is one of the final words pronounced by Jesus on the cross, addressed to the good thief.*

When speaking about the next life in

In his poem "To Autumn", the poet John Keats called this time of the year the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". Autumn is time

 **Ireland's Greatest Voices**
The Three Tenors in concert
Friday, 22nd Nov. 2019 at 8.00p.m. in the
Church of the Holy Child
 Tickets €25 – Available from the Parish Centre and the Church Shop.
 'Feel Good' Popular Classic Hits from Sinatra, Bob Dylan, the Dubliners and Pavarotti. Christmas favourites 'O Holy Night' 'Silent Night' 'Ave Maria'.
 All the songs you love!!



Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball—In preparation for the 25th Anniversary of Blessed Margaret Ball Chapel painting and decorating will begin on Monday 4th November. The cost of painting will be €14,500 which includes the church interior, Sacristy, Meeting Room and toilet. All external woodwork and facias are also included. The Sanctuary carpet will also be replaced and the rest of the floor covering deep cleaned, which will cost approximately €3,000. Contributions towards the refurbishment would be most welcome by the Parish Finance Committee. Specially printed Jubilee envelopes are available in the churches and may be returned to the Parish Office or Sacristies, deposited in the church safes or given to the Priests. Many thanks in anticipation of your generous support. The decoration means the church will close after Mass on Sunday 3rd November and re-open for Mass on Sunday 24th November. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. For those who wish to attend Mass at 10am on the two Sundays that we're closed, there's 10am Mass in our sister Parish of Beaumont and in our neighbouring Parish, Ballymun Road. People may also attend Mass at 7.00p.m. (Vigil), 11.15, 12.30 or 6pm Sunday Masses in Holy Child.

We welcome in Baptism:

**Tommy Patrick Kelly
Evie May Scollard**

We pray that these newly baptised children will always know and love Jesus as their friend.



Ministers of the Word needed—If you would like to become a Minister of the Word at the **11.15a.m. or 6.00p.m. Mass on Sundays**, please leave your name and phone number in the office, marked for the attention of Mary Gormley. You will be contacted within a few days. Training will be provided. The new **Minister of the Word Group C Roster** is available for collection from the reception area in the Parish Centre.

November Altar List of The Dead envelopes are available in the church and may be left in the Parish Office or in the church safe or given to one of the priests as soon as possible.

November Month of Prayer for Dead
“ The Church in its pilgrim members, from the earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead, ‘because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins’, she offers her suffrage for them—the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist, prayers, alms deeds, works of mercy & application of indulgences to the souls of the faithfully departed.” (*Directory on Popular Piety & the Liturgy*, 249-52)

**Mass of Remembrance
Friday, 15th November 2019
at 7.00p.m. in the
Church of the Holy Child.**

For all parishioners and friends who have died since November 2018. At this Mass, each person who has died will be remembered by name.



Commemoration of the Servant of God FRANK Duff Founder of the Legion of Mary -39th ANNIVERSARY MASS in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough St., Dublin 1.
Saturday 16th November at 3.00p.m.
The Most Reverend Dr. Kieran O'Reilly Archbishop of Cashel & Emly Principal Celebrant & Homilist.
All Are Welcome.

Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto Last Tuesday's winning numbers were: **1st Jackpot: 3 9 15 22 2nd Jackpot: 1 23 28 30.**
No winner for 1st Jackpot. The 2nd Jackpot of €2,000 was won by R. Joyce.
The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: F. Davis; M. Scott; P. Casey; N. O'Beara; C. Reid; C. McGlynn; T. Tierney Next Week's Lotto Draw: **First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €250 Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25.**

Mass Intentions from the 3rd November Church of the Holy Child

Sun. 3rd Nov.	11.15a.m.	Pauline Fox – Month's Mind
	12.30p.m.	Kathleen Gibson - 1st Anniversary Patrick & Catherine Hammond (Anniversaries)
	6.00p.m.	Frances & Frank McNally – Anniversaries
Mon. 4th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Philip, Maura, Celestine & Martin Gray – Anniversaries
Tues. 5th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Wed. 6th Nov.	7.00p.m.	Esther Kavanagh – Anniversary John & Anita Carroll – Anniversaries
Thurs. 7th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Sr. Philomena Conroy – 1st Anniversary Eileen Clarke - Anniversary Maeve & Harry Power – Anniversaries Kathleen Byrne – Anniversary & Special Intention
Fri. 8th Nov.	9.15a.m.	St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society Mertie Murphy – Birthday Remembrance
	7.00p.m.	Mary Regan – Anniversary
Sat. 9th Nov.	7.00p.m.	Michael & Bridget Rogers – Anniversaries Vigil Nora O'Hanlon – Birthday Remembrance
Sun. 10th Nov	11.15a.m.	Larry Wilson – Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Marie & Billy Fenelon – Anniversaries Martin Lawlor, sons Philip & Michael, & granddaughter Courtney – Anniversaries Thomas Murrin, Hugh Kelly – Anniversaries
	6.00 p.m.	Greg O'Toole – Anniversary
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball		
Sun. 3rd Nov.	10.00a.m.	Thomas & Elizabeth (Betty) Mulvaney, Jim Hayden-Anniversaries

Live While You Can: Fr. Tony Coote's inspirational memoir has been shortlisted in one of the categories of the Irish Book of the Year 'popular non-fiction'. The voting is online & the closing date for receipt of votes is Wed. 13th November 6pm. It would be a powerful tribute to a late friend & dear colleague if his book was lucky enough to win through the public voting. Why not invite your friends to express their appreciation by voting also.
www.irishbookawards.irish/vote2019/

**Church Collection
27-10-2019**

1st Collection €1,712
SHARE €1,430

Holy Communion is available to all communicants under both kinds at the Main Altar, Priest's Chair side.