

23rd & 24th November

6pm **Paddy Flanagan (35th A)**
Larry & Eileen Mooney
Patrizio Lancia (RD)
Martha Nicholson (A)
Joe Byrne (1st A)
Michael & Marie Behan (A)

11.30am **Camilo Pinto (Birthday Remembrance)**
Patricia Tonge (1st A)
John Power Snr (4th A)
Jack Glancy (30th A)
Eddie Nolan (A)
Raimond Travers (A)

30th November & 1st December

6pm **Paul Creavin (40th A)**
Liam Kenny (A) & Bill Kenny (A)
Vincent Canny (A)
Vincent Bransfield (A)
Peter Farrell (10th A)

11.30am **Thomas Leo Young (A)**
Aurora Sequiere (A)
Hilda Mascarenhas (A)
Mario Mowlds (A)
Eileen O'Connell (A)
John Scannell (MM)
Josephine Ryan (Birthday Remembrance)

Birthdays in November

We will pray, in a special way, at **all Masses next weekend** for all those who celebrate birthdays in November.

You are invited to attend and receive a special blessing.



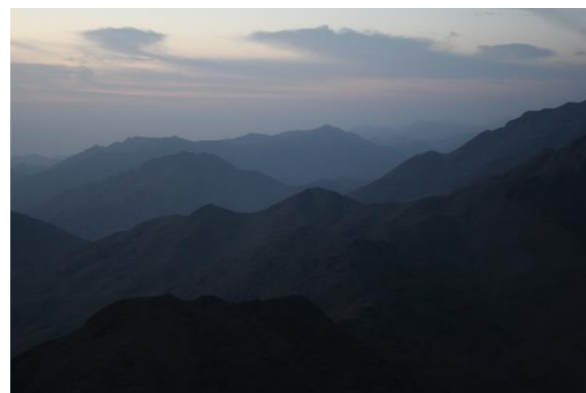
Pray for the family & friends of Daniel Costigan (Sandyford), James Mc Cann (Patrician Villas) & Bernadette Simons (Upper Kilmacud Road) whose funeral Mass took place here during the week.

A few words from Fr Joe....

On Wednesday of this week the statue of St Patrick in Saul, Co. Down was lit up in red. In fact churches and religious sites all over the world turned red that day to mark the reality of religious discrimination and to show solidarity with those who are not free to express and live their Christian faith in the world today. Pope Francis in his message to mark #redwednesday shared the information that 1 in 7 Christians in the world today are persecuted for their faith, and many suffer terribly. We can never take freedom for granted.

Marking this day reminded me of an experience I had in Egypt on a study tour some years ago. The highlight of the trip was rising in the middle of the night, taking head torches and sturdy sticks, to climb in the darkness to the summit of Mt Sinai, to experience sunrise on the Holy Mountain. We were a small group among thousands of pilgrims making the ascent, a river of light in the dark of night, winding our way up the steep paths. At one point a youth group came from behind, young and fit, they climbed so much quicker than us, and we stood aside to let them through. They were so happy as they passed, singing and full of the exuberance of youth. Our guide explained that they were from a Christian parish in Cario, where they had to conceal their faith for fear of persecution. But out here on the mountain they were free to be alive in faith and their joy remained with us as they disappeared up the path ahead. Some months later I read that on December 11th 2016 a suicide bomber killed 29 of their congregation and injured 47 others. I don't know if any of those who passed in the night died, but this was their faith community, a target for a fanatic, and the loss of their relatives and friends must have devastated their lives. So when I hear of the plight of persecuted Christians I also remember those young pilgrims and pray for their community.

Mount Sinai @ 5am



Mass Times
Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri & Sat @ 10am
Liturgy of Word Thurs@10am
Saturday vigil 6pm
Sunday 11.30am

Confessions/ Reconciliation
 After 10am Mass on Saturday morning (10.30)

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Altar List of the Dead

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their Altar List of the Dead. Family, friends and neighbours on the altar list were prayed for on All Souls day and will be prayed for on the first Friday of every month.

The Beauty of the Faith of our Young Ones

Last week witnessed two great celebrations in our worshipping community, the feast of St. Laurence O'Toole on 14th November and Confirmation Commitment at the Sunday masses. At the feast of St. Laurence, it was a glorious and gladsome sight to see our young ones take charge and carry out functions at the mass. The young boys from St. Laurence Boys School guided by their amiable principal and teachers were simply brilliant as they served at the mass, did the readings, led at the congregational prayer and provided music. We had a soprano in the person of Sean Gallagher with a sonorous voice that sent chills to the spines of all, as he led the others in music at the mass. The boys were simply impeccable, as their enthusiasm and candour gave new colours to the celebration of the feast in an unprecedented manner. It was simply amazing!

The commitment service was no less inspiring at the weekend masses. Parents and teachers guided by the parish catechism team gave their best. Boys and girls of St. Laurence's, St Raphaela's and Mount Anville showed great eagerness of faith and desire to assume new faith status as adults willing to embrace the commitments of witnessing to the Christian virtues of love, justice and peace in the world. The wild smiles on their faces testified to their inner joy and resolve.

The great beauty we witnessed in the two events speak of the beautiful faith in our young ones who are a great source of hope and inspiration for a church full of life and vigour. We must not let this great experience slip away. We, all, parents, teachers, adults and the young owe a duty to create the environment to nurture and sustain this wonderful gift. As we build further on the experiences, may we all be committed to this dream of a vibrant church where our young ones will not only express their faith but own the faith as they take on roles in different capacities in the church. Long live the faith of our fathers!

Fr. Peter Ewaoche Johnson

Exploring the Sunday Gospel Readings this Advent

Are you interested in joining a weekly group meeting, in St. Laurence's Parish Hall, where we will pray the Sunday Gospel Readings and open ourselves to what God is trying to tell us.

The sessions, which last about one hour will be guided by: Sr Catherine Green, Noel Moran, and Leonard Kaye.

We are looking for expressions of interest - to see if it will proceed.

11:00 am -Thursday Mornings in the community centre

Beginning

Thursday 28th Nov

Then the 5th, 12th and 19th Dec. If you are interested please register by contacting Christine in the parish office on 2884009 or by email

COLÁISTE EOIN & ÍOSAGÁIN AONACH NA NOLLAG/CHRISTMAS FAIR

A great many thanks to all those who supported the Annual Christmas Fair organised last Sunday 17th November in the two schools. A figure of ca. 26,000 euro was raised on the day, with another 18,000 euro raised on the new QR code-based Raffle. A special thanks also to all those in Kilmacud & Stillorgan who donated books for the sale – a figure of 4,500 euro was raised on the book stall alone. Míle míle buíochas!

General Election

Let us pray for all those who have offered themselves for election, that they will engage with the public and with each other with respect, and will in turn receive the respect of those they canvas. Let us pray too that our society will vote into office leaders who will govern the people with integrity and wisdom and serve the common good with dedication and commitment. **Dermot Farrell**