



BEAUMONT PARISH

Church of the Nativity of Our Lord

Parish Newsletter 30th October 2022



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"A world of nice people, content in their own niceness, looking no further, turned away from God, would be just as desperately in need of salvation as a miserable world - and might be even more difficult to save." --- C.S. Lewis



MASS INTENTIONS

(FROM SATURDAY 29TH OCT - SATURDAY 5TH NOV 2022)

Saturday 6pm	Ger Fennelly Margaret Dawson	2 nd Anniversary Anniversary
Sunday 10am	PJ Troy and John & Mary Lyons Martin & Mary Troy Kieran Murray Thomas Murray Paddy McEvoy	Anniversary Anniversary 5 th Anniversary Anniversary Anniversary
Sunday 12pm		
Monday 11am (Bank Holiday)		
Tuesday 10am	All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation The Cullen & Bunny Families	
Wednesday 10am	Holy Souls	
Thursday 10am	Joe Fitzpatrick	Anniversary
Friday 10am		
Saturday 10am		

If you would like your Mass intentions to be included in the parish newsletter, please submit them to the Parish Office on or before the Tuesday preceding the requested date of the Mass.

COLLECTIONS SUNDAY 23RD OCT

First Collection	€816.95
Second Collection	€818.95
Envelope	€673.70
Upkeep	€15

Thanks to all who generously support our collections

RECENTLY DECEASED

We express our deepest sympathies to the family of:

Mairead Keegan – Montrose Court

May She Rest in Peace. Amen.

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. Amen

CONTACT INFORMATION

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MASSES

Monday to Friday: 10:00
Saturday Morning: 10:00
Bank Holidays: 11:00
Saturday at 18:00 (in anticipation)
Sunday at 10:00 am (Solemn) & 12:00 pm.

The 10am Mass is broadcast daily by webcam & telephone

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated in the confessionals after the 10am and 6pm Masses on Saturdays.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday: 07:00 - 16:00.
Saturdays & Sundays: 09:45 - 16:00
 Weekdays when the school is closed: 09:45 - 16:00

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 12.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office to complete a registration form and to arrange the Baptism.



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FIRST & SECOND COLLECTIONS

We would ask if you could use the Blue Envelopes provided at the ends of every row for your First & Second Collection donations please. Pens are available to write your Envelope number on, if you don't know your envelope number, your address is sufficient and we can allocate your contribution to your household. All contributions from your household (Envelope Collection/Standing Order/Upkeep/Church Basket Collections) can be totalled and if over €250 at the end of the year we are able to claim tax back from your donation (at no additional cost to you) We thank you most sincerely for your contributions to your Church.

MEMORIAL PLATES

If you would like to have a brass Memorial Plate placed in the Church in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office for details.

CONCERT

Ardmore Montrose Residents Association presents a Night of Entertainment starring Tommy Carney. Please see details on poster at the back of the Church or contact ardmoremontrosereidents@gmail.com

RETREAT FOR STUDENTS

The Faber Community, sponsored by the Jesuits in Ireland, is running a Kairos retreat for university students from November 4th to 6th. The topics examined are, Who AM I? Who is Jesus in my life? What does that mean for the Living of the Message? You can sign up at: <http://www.fabercommunity.org/kairos/>

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you or your family need assistance, our Parish Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is here to help. Contact the East Region helpline: 01-8550022

RIVER OF LIFE CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

All are welcome to join us on Monday nights in the Beaumont Parish Centre at 8pm (No meeting on Bank Holidays)

If you would like to submit something for inclusion in the newsletter, please contact the parish office.

CHRISTIAN HISTORY OF ALL HALLOWS EVE

The one thing we can be certain is that the name, Hallowe'en, is a contraction of All Hallows Eve, and this refers to a Christian festival known in old language as All Hallows, that is All Saints day. So, what should we make of Hallowe'en and how might Christians respond to it?

The Christian All Saints day on 1st November, coupled with All Souls Day on the day after, goes back to the 8th Century when it was celebrated on these dates in England and Germany. This date was officially ratified in 839 by Pope Gregory IV. From this dating we get All Hallows Eve, Halloween, on the 31st of October. Prior to this, All Saints Day was part of the festival of Pentecost, a sort of 'Birthday of the Church' when the first followers of Jesus went out first to speak publicly of Jesus's resurrection at Easter. Eastern Orthodox churches still celebrate it at the festival.

In Ireland a festival celebrated over these dates is called Samhain. This festival marks the beginning of winter and marked the end of the harvest season. It was also the time the cattle were brought in to over-winter. This was a time of feasting before winter set in and old tales suggest it may have been a time that the gates to the otherworld were believed to be open and the dead, spirits and monsters came out. Again evidence is sketchy but in Christian Ireland Samhain customs continued and included lighting bonfires, wearing disguises and carving lamps out of turnips to ward off evil spirits.

During the potato famine in 19th Century Ireland, Irish immigrants to America took with them the Hallowe'en customs of souling and guising and a belief in warding off evil spirits as well as honouring the dead. These were then Americanised, replacing turnips with pumpkins and gradually also commercialised into the contemporary practice of trick or treat. This then returned to Britain in its American form as part of the import of aspects of American culture.

It is beautiful to remember that we can recognize and enjoy simple earthly pleasures as gifts from God. Many of the practices of Halloween are innocent fun and some deal with healthy reminders of death, sin and the devil. Some parts of Halloween can be extreme. Since the All Saints and All Souls feasts are back-to-back, we can balance some of the focus of Halloween to the Communion of Saints in action. We combine honouring the saints in heaven, remembering our loved ones and then earn graces for our own souls by prayer and actions. Through this approach we see the Mystical Body in action.