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St. Senan's Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 25th October 2020

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Thank you

**I am very grateful to all who have returned envelopes
during this difficult time, greatly appreciated.**

Fr. Paddy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 25th October

Vigil

Michael Ryan (A)

Special Intention for a
family's needs

11.00am

Tom O'Dwyer (A)

George Robinson (A)

Sadie Farrell (A)

Brandon Walsh (A)

Noeleen Gahan (A)

Sunday, 1st November

Vigil

Paddy Connors (A)

11am

Claire Prendergast (A)

Tony Reid (A)

Babs & John O'Neill (A)



REMEMBERING OUR DEAD

During November we will remember our dead, please include the names to be prayed for in the November Offering Envelope which is in the box of Envelopes and you can return it to either the secure letter box in the Church or on the gate of the Presbytery. If you have mislaid your envelope any envelope will do, please mark it 'November Offering'.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office will remain closed until further notice.

THE HOOK OF FAITH

This week, we feature Bishop Denis' encouraging pastoral letter to the diocese 'Keep Heart, Be heart, Give Heart'. We continue with the Zoom conferences on 'Evangelising Irish Culture Today' with two new inputs this week. On Tuesday, Senator Ronan Mullen presents 'Mission and Politics' and on Thursday, Philip Mulryne OP will present 'Mission and Sport'. To attend the conferences from the comfort of your home, just send an email to thehookoffaith@gmail.com. We have the homily for this 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time by Fr Chris Hayden and the weekly newsletter insert in connection with the Sunday's Gospel. We have an article by Mgr. Joe

McGrath on practical patriotism and question the judgment of religious services at this time of lockdown as being 'non-essential services'. Finally, we find out more about Saints Simon and Jude whose feast day we celebrate on 28th Oct. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

Reflection 24th/25th October

Cast your burdens upon the Lord (Psalm 55:22)

A hiker with two heavy holdalls was walking down a road in 90 degree heat. A truck driver stopped and told him to hop on. Later when the driver looked in his rear-view mirror, the hiker was standing in the truck still holding his bags.

As Jon Walker points out many of us 'stand in the truck of faith carrying our burdens, thinking they're independent of the lift we're taking'.

We think God can carry us but not our burdens... Yet the Psalmist says "Cast your burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain you." Rest in His power and grace... confident He's looking out for your best interests. Rest requires dependence, and one sign that you're not resting in God is worry....the need to control. Next time you feel overwhelmed settle into a chair, "be still and know that He is God" (Psalm 46:10) **Brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council.**

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

<https://stsenansenniscorthy.ie>



Our new parish website is now up and running with integrated webcam and a payment facility.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend times while in lockdown:

Saturday 7pm

Sunday 11am only during lockdown

Monday/Thursday 10.00am

Tuesday /Friday 7.00pm

Wednesday 8.15am

All Masses available to view either on the Website or on our parish Facebook page.

The church will be open each day outside of Mass times for private prayer.

Parish Envelope Drop-Off Point

We've now installed a secure letter-box in the Church. Just lift the lid and drop your envelope(s) through the slot.

As always, your continued support is greatly appreciated.



'Keep heart, Be heart, Give heart!' Pastoral Letter from Bishop Denis Brennan of Ferns

Please note the full letter is available on the parish Website and Facebook page.

Summary

1. "... let's do more than what is simply right at present. Let us as Church go the second mile. In resolving to recommit to these good and necessary practices of hygiene and safety, let's dig deeper and draw on our Christian nature. Let's share our hope of brighter days with others, especially those for whom this is a real struggle – the isolated, those for whom anxiety is a daily burden, the genuinely frightened, those who could do with a bit of cheering up, or motivating. In short – 'Keep heart, Give heart, Be heart!'..."
2. "One thing that has become abundantly clear in recent times, is the need to revisit and amend the continued existence of church closures for public worship, as implemented from level 3. Being the only place in Europe where church closure exists in this instance, is clearly sufficient reason to revisit the matter, to reassess its necessity and to re-examine its appropriateness, and to consider the positive benefits of its being lifted..."
3. "At the wider levels of local and national government, I would ask that policies continue to be shaped by patience and understanding, as many of our citizens face very severe and immediate financial, mental, domestic and existential challenges and some of the more vulnerable fall deeper into pre-existing difficulties, now accentuated by the pandemic..."
4. "This year, November comes to us in a climate of added grief... We especially remember those who have died as a result of coronavirus, and we think of their friends and their families... Particularly poignant are those instances where relatives and friends did not get to say goodbye in person. In some instances,
5. funerals could only be attended electronically. Grief is added to grief in these cases and many are slowly working through this pain as the evenings have darkened and the outside temperatures have fallen..."
6. "This 1 November, I will lead a service of remembrance at the Cathedral in Enniscorthy at 3pm to remember the dead of the diocese and their grieving friends and families... I am also inviting each priest of the diocese to do so, in his own church, at this time... Let us set aside this time for prayer and reflection, let us remember those who have died and who grieve, and let us ask God our Father for the resilience and the courage required, as we journey through these trying days."