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*Matthew 21:33-34*

**Sunday 4th October 2020**

**Sunday Masses**
Vigil: 6 pm; Sunday 9.30 and 11 am.

**Sunday Masses**

At present there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass and you might want to consider coming along to weekday Mass if there are too many gathering for Sunday Mass.

The capacity for the church is 50. Mass is also broadcast to the hall at weekend Masses and Holy Communion distributed after Mass. People may also remain in their cars or stand in the car park observing the 2m rule. Contact details must be taken for all who attend. Stewards will be on hand to attend to this. Special allowances may be made for more senior members of the community.

**Masses – Live streaming**
We will be live streaming all the weekday and weekend masses on YouTube Follow the link on the website home page. www.olsg.org.uk

**Church Open for private prayer:**
Monday to Friday: 1-3pm and 6- 7pm.

**Confessions:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 6-7 pm.

**Sacraments:**

**Baptism:** Parents who seek to bring up their children with the gift of faith should request baptism for them. Adults too may receive the grace of baptism if they have not already received the sacrament.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** The Anointing of the Sick is for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. We should not follow the wrongful practice of delaying the sacrament.

**Marriage:** Baptised Catholics are obliged to follow the Church's procedures for marriage. Civil marriages for Catholics can be regularised enabling them to receive Holy Communion.

**Pray for those who have died:** John Clark (Funeral Mass in on Wednesday 7th October at 10.30 am).

**First Communions:** As we prepare to print we are looking forward to the first of our celebrations on Saturday morning October 3rd. The other celebrations are on 24th and 31st October at 10.30 am.

**Finances** Thanks to all who contribute to the parish upkeep last weekend. £1047 was donated after Mass, £295 at other times and for the renovation fund, £26. Standing orders and other bank donations are also most gratefully received.

**SSVP Notice:**

Next weekend after 11am Mass we are going to trial some "afternoon tea goody boxes", 20 in all. If you are aware of someone who could benefit from some kindness at this time, maybe a neighbour or someone you otherwise know, then we would invite you to collect one from the table outside the hall. We are relying on the help of the wider parish. Please note that we are also presently supporting the foodbank, the Ozanam Centre for the homeless, and local schools in some essential pupil needs. If you wish to contribute to our work please place a donation to SSVP in an envelope, posting it through the letter box in the chapel house.

**Pray for those who are ill.** The sick at home, in hospital, in nursing homes are to be remembered in our Sunday Masses. (For names to be entered into bulletin please obtain written permission.)

**We also remember all who have died recently:**
John Clark, Anne Marie McGowan (nee McIntosh), Malcolm Watson, William Reilly, John Gallagher (USA), Jim Callender, Pat Schwarz.
**Those whose anniversaries occur around now:**
Eddie Friar, George McLaughlin, Jo McLaughlin, Bill Cadegan, Charlie Mulholland, James Boyle

## Fr Joe writes.

Margaret McGinley's eyesight has been failing over recent years and for the prayers she has to rely a bit more on the memory. In addition to the usual prayers she also has a fondness for Psalm 22 and Psalm 90/91.

"How does Psalm 90 go again?" I asked.

***"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High…"***she replied. "And it is a suitable prayer for these times as fears arise and we look for protection."

***"He will conceal you with his opinions***

***and under his wings you will find refuge.***

***You will not fear the terror of the night***

***Nor the arrow that flies by day,***

***Nor the plague that prowls in the darkness***

***Nor the scourge that lays waste at noon."***

The Benedictine monks at Pluscarden Abbey chant that psalm each evening just after 8 pm before they retire for the night.

Covid 19 is playing its part in the terrors of the night in addition to the other terrors that humanity is enduring.

Once the psalms have been sung at the Abbey, there is a scripture reading, a hymn to Our Lady and the blessing of the Abbot. Afterwards they retire for the night with the assurance that the Lord will watch over them while they sleep.

He will watch over us too. We need only ask Him.

**Centenary Mass (4th October)** This year Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is celebrating 100 years of its support to seafarers, fishers, and their families. To mark the beginning of the centenary year a live-streamed Mass is to be celebrated by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia on **Sunday 4th October 4th at 3pm. The Mass will be streamed live at** www.stellamaris.org.uk/centenarymass

## New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

Have you ever thought you would like to read the Bible from start to finish? Well, you can listen to it in its entirety over the course of 80 hours. David Suchet, the actor best known for his role as screen detective, Hercule Poirot, was raised without religion. At the age of 40, following a religious conversion, he embarked on making an audio recording of the whole Bible. This marvellous resource can be accessed at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.




## SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK

FOOD, items of HYGIENE and CLEANING MATERIALS are always needed at the foodbank. So if you can please donate an item at the collection point in the supermarket.
Thank you for your continued support.