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*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Mass times for the coming week**

Monday to Friday at 10.00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses: 9.30am, 11am and 12.30pm

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The story of Bartimaeus serves as a model for those who are spiritually blind and whose lives lack direction. Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship and as such is a model of faith.

**First Reading:** (Jer. 31:7-9)

The prophet foretells the return of God’s people from exile in Babylon.

**Second Reading:** (Heb. 5:1-6)

This reading sets out the things that are required of a priest and shows how Christ met these perfectly.

**Gospel:** (Mk: 10:46-52)

Jesus hears the cry of the blind man and gives him back his sight.

**REFLECTION**

*In Christ there is no trace of darkness*

*His light shows up the darkness in us*

*His truth shows up our lies*

*His generosity shows up our selfishness*

*His openness to others shows how closed we are*

*Christ, radiant light of the world*

*Guide our steps in the way of truth and goodness.*

**NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD**

**Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**

The 6.30 Mass on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November will be a special Mass of Remembrance and Service of Light for deceased relatives and friends of this parish who have died since last November. Where known, we have written to all who have been bereaved inviting them to this special Mass and to light a candle. If we have not written to you and you would like your deceased relative or friend included in the Mass on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, please fill in the Book of Remembrance located on the tables at the back of the church. **The names of those who have died since last November will be read out at the Mass and a candle will be lit for each of the deceased.**

November Altar List of the Dead envelopes will not be delivered to homes in the parish this year but are available at the back of the church. Please include name(s) and donation (optional) in the envelope. All names on the November Altar List will be prayed for on the First Friday of every month from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022. Thank you

**Adoration** takes place in the Church every Wednesday from 8p.m. to 9p.m. All welcome.

Also available on the parish webcam: [www.laurelodgeparish.ie](http://www.laurelodgeparish.ie)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday:	6.30pm	Damien O’Brien (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
Sunday:	9.30am	Frank and Rose Whelan and Denis and Rose O’Brien (Anniversary)
	11.00am	John Gahan (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
	12.30pm	Antoinette Reilly (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*Bairbre Reilly, Mary Finnegan, Adrian Fitzgibbon,  
John O’Malley, Christina Dollard, Sean Hughes  
(Recently Deceased)*

**Remember Also:**

*Bob and Lena Furlong, John Dunne (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary),  
Jane Eastman (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Robert Deasy (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), Tom and David Hynes,*

*Whose anniversaries occur at this time*

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE***

## **TAP AND GO**

You will notice in our church that a new possibility of making 'cashless' donations to the Dublin Diocese is now available to you. This is not replacing our usual Sunday church collections. It's just another way of contributing for those of us now more used to not carrying cash with us and paying in shops by tapping a credit or debit bank card.

You can select one of the pre-set amounts offered or choose a custom amount, and pay by tapping your card or inserting it and entering your pin number.

The amount you donate goes straight to our Diocesan Finance Secretariat who split the contribution between supporting the Common Fund (our usual 1<sup>st</sup> collection, for the priests of our Archdiocese, including those who are sick and retired) and Share (our 2<sup>nd</sup> collection, providing essential services in the Diocese and supporting disadvantaged parishes).

Should you wish to donate specifically to our Parish, you can find that as an option already through the "Donate" button on our parish website: [laurellodgeparish.ie](http://laurellodgeparish.ie). Please contact the parish office if you have any difficulty with the "Donate" button.

## **OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK**

### **Changes in our Sunday Mass schedule:**

A reminder that from **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>/Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October** there will be the usual Saturday Vigil of Sunday Mass at 6pm and **two new Mass times on Sunday morning, at 10am and 12 noon.**

Our neighbouring parish of St Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge, has Masses for the Lord's Day at **6.30pm on Saturday**, and **9.30am, 11am and 12.30pm on Sundays.**

The nearby parish of St Philip the Apostle, Mountview Road, Clonsilla, offers a **Sunday evening Mass at 6pm.**

The weekday Mass schedule for Our Lady Mother of the Church is:

**10am on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday;** and

**7.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday.**

On those days when we do not have a 10am weekday Mass, our neighbouring parishes of Laurel Lodge, Porterstown and Blanchardstown all have 10am Mass.

Thank you for your understanding as we make these necessary changes.

## **World Mission Sunday**

World Mission Sunday is Pope Francis' annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Similar to the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly universal Church collections, taking place in every parish where the Church is present worldwide.

In another age, 'mission' was understood as going abroad to countries where the Church was not yet strong, or to places where people suffered from poverty and conflict. But Pope Francis has invited us to realize that: 'I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptised man and woman is a mission.' The love of God in which we are immersed in the sacraments, seizes us and urges us to go outside ourselves and to share the love we have received. Writing this year about the

Missions, our Archbishop, Dr Dermot Farrell, said:

'For ourselves, we cannot have encountered Jesus and remain concerned only with our own issues. In solidarity we must have concern for the younger, poorer churches until they are able to be self-sufficient... Addressing the Amazon Synod Pope Francis said, 'the Church is always on the move, always going out and never withdrawn into itself. Jesus did not come to bring a gentle evening breeze, but to light a fire on the earth.' World Mission Sunday presents us with an opportunity to express our gratitude for the contribution we, as Irish people, have made to the mission of the Church to spread the Gospel of Christ in different parts of the globe.

We remember and give thanks for the courage, enthusiasm and generosity of so many people who have given their lives to the spread of the Gospel. As Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle shared that in Africa alone, with a population of 1.3 billion people across 54 countries, 'more than 74,000 religious sisters and over 46,000 priests are operating 7,274 hospitals and clinics, staffing 2,346 homes for the elderly and vulnerable and educating over 19 million children in 45,088 primary schools.' In many rural areas they are the only providers of healthcare and education. Although 19.4% of Africans are Catholic, the Church reaches out to all people in need across the continent, not just Church members. Likewise in Asia, a continent with a population of 4.6 billion people, of whom 3.3% are Catholic, the Church provides healthcare, charity assistance, and education to people of all faiths and none.'

This year's message: '**We Cannot Remain Silent** – we cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (*Acts 4:20*) is twofold. It is a message of hope: Christ is risen and we cannot keep his love, compassion and mercy to ourselves. It also challenges us to stand up and speak out on behalf of those whose voices are too small to be heard. For them too, we cannot remain silent.

*Missio Ireland is our Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. You can donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more visit*

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