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*Thirty Second 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

**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Jesus praised the widow for her generous contribution – she gave all she had. Jesus didn't judge the offering by its size but by what it cost the giver.

**First Reading: (1Kings 17:10-16)**

In the middle of a famine a poor widow shares the last of her food with the prophet Elijah.

**Second Reading: (Heb. 9:24-28)**

Through his death Christ has taken upon himself our sins and has opened for us the door to salvation.

**Gospel: (Mk. 12:38-44)**

In the eyes of others the offering of the widow was very small; but in the eyes of Christ it was the most generous.

**REFLECTION**

You give but little when you give of your possessions

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give

There are those who give little of the much which they have

And they give it for recognition

And their hidden desire makes their gift unwholesome

And there are those who have little and give it all

These are the believers in life and the bounty of life

And their coffer is never empty

Through the hands of such as these God speaks

And from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth. (Kahil Gibran)

**The Pope’s Intentions (November 2021)**

*Universal Intention* – People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION**

The monthly outdoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place after all Masses **this** weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

**TRÓCAIRE SPECIAL APPEAL FOR EAST AFRICA  
NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

The Bishops of Ireland have called for a national Church collection on the 6th and 7th of November to support Trócaire in providing life-saving aid to vulnerable communities in East Africa and DRC, where millions of people are being pushed to the edge of starvation. Trócaire teams are already responding on the ground, and are ready to provide more life-saving assistance but need more resources. Any support the Parish can give to this Emergency Appeal will help the urgent work of Trócaire and their hardworking local partners. For more information see [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).

This collection will replace the share collection.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday:	6.30pm	Daniel and Kathleen Carton (Anniversary) and Christine Carton
Sunday:	9.30am	Lea Flood and Lindsey Flood
	11.00am	Maria and Samuel Grumley
	12.30pm	Liam Kelly

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*Mary Keenan, Betty Irwin, Thomas Quinn, Mary Bergin (Recently Deceased)*

**Remember Also:**

*Una Slevin (18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), John Gallagher, Katie, Mattie  
and Jack Feely*

*Whose anniversaries occur at this time*

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

*also Br. Hugh Moloney, CFC celebrating his Diamond Jubilee*

## **REMEMBERING**

All welcome to join us at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday lunchtimes in November for: **Remembering**. The choirs associated with the Pro-Cathedral present a series of four Sunday lunchtime performances singing a varied and wide-range of choral music. At each performance, we will remember those lost during the Covid period in a special way. **November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th all at 1.15pm.** Admission is free.

**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)

## **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:

[laurelodgeparish.ie](http://laurelodgeparish.ie). Please contact the parish office if you have any difficulty with the “Donate” button.

## **THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER**

The Irish Catholic Newspaper is available again in our church. It is located on the table in the church porch. The cost is €2.50 and the money can be put into the shrines. Thank you.

## **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.

## **SYNOD PRAYER**

Every Diocese in the world has been invited by Pope Francis to embark on a Synodal pathway over the next year. This is an ecclesial way of reflecting and sharing as we walk together, in order to discern where Christ is leading us. In Dublin, our Synodal pathway takes place from now until 2023.

The following Prayer for the Synod is an adaptation of one attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (d. 636) which was prayed at the beginning of every session of the great Second Vatican Council (1962-1965).

*We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather in your name.  
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find You in our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of the truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of you who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen*