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**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday Vigil 6.00p.m.
Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon-10.00a.m.
(Polish)

WEEKDAY MASSES MON - FRI: 9.30a.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
- Monday at 9.30a.m.
No Mass on Saturday mornings.

HOLYDAY MASSES:

Vigil Mass at 6.00p.m. – evening before



Welcome to our Sunday Liturgy at St. John's - 31st in Ordinary Time

At this time of year we remember our relatives and friends and all those who have died over the past number of years – the saints remembered by their loved ones. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

*The praise of those who sleep in earth.
The pleasant memory of their worth.
The hope to meet when life is past.
Shall heal the tortured mind at last.*

Feast of Holy Souls - Monday 1st November

Please note that there will be no Vigil Mass for the Feast of Holy Souls on Sunday Evening – Mass will be celebrated as usual at 9.30am on Monday morning.

In Loving Memory



Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently – *Mary (Mamie) Daniels - Ceannt Road & formerly of Gashouse Lane, Waterford*

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-
6.00 Vigil - Saturday 30th October

Peter Cooke

9.00am - Sunday 31st October

People of the Parish

12 Noon - Sunday 31st October

Months Mind: Dodo (Anne) Daniels

9.30am - Monday 1st November

Months Mind: Ethna Connolly

Please also remember in your prayer:

Jackie Duggan

Anne, May and Paul Duggan

Mary Ellen Duggan

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Your Prayers

You are asked to remember in your prayers, those members of our Christian Community of St. John's who are ill at home or in hospital at this time, that the Lord may make them comfortable in their illness towards a speedy recovery and help their loved ones to care for them.

Notice Board



CHURCH SECURITY

As mentioned by Fr. Rogers at all Masses last weekend: the larger container holding the sanitizer for hand washing, in the porch, was vandalized recently by cutting off the top. Also, graffiti was written on notices in the church. The faithful are asked to be observant and report any activity of this nature. Contact numbers are available in this Newsletter. *Thankyou*

COVID RESTRICTIONS

With the easing of government restrictions we can now have full capacity in our churches. From this weekend all seating restrictions will be removed. We

would ask you to still be mindful of social distancing when choosing your seat in the church and for your safety and the safety of others please continue to wear a face covering.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The November collection for the society will be taken up at all Masses next weekend – the first weekend in November. You are asked to contribute to this worthwhile cause. *Thankyou.*

HOLY SOULS NOVENA

The novena for the Holy Souls will begin on Tuesday next November 2nd for 9 days ending on Wednesday November 10th. Envelopes with a card for the names of those you wish to have remembered during the novena are available at the back of the church. The date of the annual Mass for those who died during the year will be decided shortly.

The Bible in Our Everyday Lives.

A faithful friend is beyond all price, hold him as priceless. (Sirach 15)

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK!

Q. I heard someone say that the *Hail, Holy Queen* has too much emphasis on being 'banished in this vale of tears', What do you think?

A. This prayer was composed by Hermann the Cripple, a paraplegic of the eleventh century. His crippled body housed a brilliant brain and charming spirit. Yet every movement he made brought him pain. His sufferings paled into comparison with his anticipation of heaven. He composed the words and music of the *Salve Regina* (Hail Holy Queen) It is a beautiful prayer of hope to be prayed for all who are experiencing the valley of darkness.

GODDESS

One day in the Garden of Eden, Eve calls out 'God, I have a problem.'

'What's wrong, Eve? the Almighty replies benignly. 'You created me and provided this luxury garden full of wonderful animals. 'Eve sighs, 'But I'm just not happy.' 'Why's that my child?' Came the reply from above.

'I'm lonely,' Eve says.

'Well in that case, I have a solution. I shall create a man for you.' 'What kind of creature is that?' Eve asks.

'Man will be flawed with aggressive tendencies, a huge ego and an inability to empathise or listen. But he'll be bigger, faster and more muscular than you.'

'He'll be good at fighting, kicking a ball, hunting – and not too bad at other things either.' 'Sounds great,' says Eve.

'You can have him on one condition,' says God. 'Because of his tender ego, you'll have to let him think I made him first, in my image. It'll be our little secret...You know, woman to woman.'

(Evelyn O'Reilly R.I.P.)



GARDENING THE SOUL

All things seem possible to us when we are young. All the world's problems look solvable. It all seems so simple to us as children – if people would just love each other. As we grow older we discover the complexities of the world and learn something we did not know as a child – that everything in the world is interrelated and interconnected, and that if we are to change any of those features we thought of as problems, we have to be prepared for everything to change, for good or for ill. As we grow older, we need to hold on to the hope, the vision, the enthusiasm of childhood. We can't solve the world's problems, but we need to believe that by changing even one thing for the good of another, we are in fact affecting every other part of the world in a way that we cannot comprehend.

Sr. Stan

...thought for the week

A study published in America some years ago discovered that people who have a spiritual dimension and awareness in their lives live longer and have a happier old age.

Quote for the Week

The one attitude which gives rise to hope amidst misunderstanding and ill-will is a forgiving spirit. Where forgiveness becomes the atmosphere, there hope and healing are possible.

Quip for the Week

A loose tongue often gets its owner into a tight place.

Sunday Oct 31st

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