

**SATURDAY 24th + SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER**  
**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. SEAMUS O'ROURKE C.C. 071-9620054**

**ST MELS CATHEDRAL REMEMBERING OUR DEAD:** This year, the month of November, in which we traditionally remember the dead and pray for the bereaved, will be particularly poignant. We sense a huge yearning for consolation and hope in the heart of our people. We are especially mindful in 2020 of those grieving families, who, because of restrictions, have been unable to experience the customary spiritual and community supports which are so much part of our Irish tradition. On 1st November at 3.00pm the bishops and priests of Ireland will lead a short service of prayer to dedicate the month of November to 'Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved'. We invite the whole country to unite in this moment which will be followed by parish liturgies throughout the month of November, reaching out as much as possible to those who cannot be physically present" ·

I, Bishop Francis Duffy, will lead a Service of Remembrance in Saint Mel's Cathedral on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 3.00pm. It will be livestreamed on [www.longfordparish.com](http://www.longfordparish.com) I would appreciate if you would please insert a notice about this service in your parish newsletters.

**ACCORD:** The Board of Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG ("Accord CLG"), in an effort to lift some of the stress and uncertainty from couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage during these unprecedented times, decided for the medium term (up to 1st April 2021 with a review being conducted next January) to temporarily suspend face-to-face marriage preparation programmes. Instead Accord CLG facilitators will offer an interactive adapted programme - 4 Modules delivered interactively via video link, with Module 5 comprising a face-to-face meeting between the engaged couple with a priest or deacon from the parish of the bride. Such meetings should be in accord with public health guidelines.

**JUST A THOUGHT:** In our gospel for this Sunday, we hear how Jesus reduces all the commandments to just two, namely, love of God and love of our neighbour. Implicit in being able to fulfil these commandments is that we have a healthy love, acceptance and appreciation of ourselves. Each of us, by virtue of our baptism, is a unique, unrepeatable miracle of God's creative love. What we all have in common is that we are children of a Father who loves us unconditionally. So we are, now and always, the beloved daughters and sons of God. In experiencing that love we can begin to love ourselves. We are then enabled to love our neighbour in healthy and life-enriching ways. This is the process that Jesus has in mind. It begins with God, flows through us and extends to our neighbour.

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 24th & SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER**

**ST. MARY'S: SUNDAY: 10.00am:** Eileen Connolly (Months Mind)  
& her husband Patrick (2nd Anniv)  
Joe Shannon (1st Anniv) Kiltoghert  
Maura Goldrick (1st Anniv) & her husband Bernard  
John Joe & Josephine McWeeney (Anniv)  
Paddy Reynolds (Anniv)

**MASSES FROM MONDAY 26th - SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER**

**Monday 8pm:** Margaret Whyte (Memorial mass)

**Tuesday 10am:**

**Wed 10 am:** Minnie Martinez (R.I.P)

**Thursday 10am:** Frances & Mary Ellen Maguire & deceased members of the Maguire family

**Friday 8pm:** James & Bridget McLoughlin & their son-in-law Pat Collum & deceased members of the McLoughlin family

**Sat 10am:** Eugene Traynor (Anniv)

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER & SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER**

**ST.MARY'S 10.00am:** Anthony O'Hara (1st Anniv)

Elizabeth O'Halloran (1st Anniv)

James McDonagh (1st Anniv) Leitrim

Jim Beirne (1st Anniv) & his brother Sean who died in USA

**CHURCH NOTICES:**

**WEDDINGS:** Congratulations to Brenda Kelly & Christopher Suffin who were married recently in St.Mary's Ck on Shannon.

**DEATH NOTICES:** We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Patsy Gilhooly (Drumcree, Drumsna, husband of Mary) and Phyllis Dunne (Tumma, Boyle Road, sister of Seamus McLoughlin) . May they rest in the peace of Christ.