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**November Masses for the Dead – The lists of the dead will be placed in a Sacred Space in front of the altar. The Dead will be remembered and prayed for every day in November. Masses will be offered for the repose of their souls throughout the year. Please return your lists before or on the 1st November. The names of those who died during the year will be on our bulletin next week. The Mass of remembrance will not take place this year.**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sun - 11am – 1. Kathleen – John Campbell (Ballyveeney)**

 **2. Breege McDonnell (nee Doherty) Cornhill (wife of John) req by B.A. Cleary UK**

 **3. Johnny & Margaret Gallagher (Bunmore)**

 **4. Peter Sweeney (4th Ann) Doona**

 **5. Patrick McDonnell (15th Ann) Springfield, Bangor.**

 **6. Eric Conway (5th Ann) Logduff**

**Feast of all the Saints (Nov 1st)**

**Sun - 11am – 1. Molloy McHugh (8th Ann) Frank, Pat, Brendan, Jim (Knockmoyleen)**

 **2. James Maureen Grealis (Ballygorawan)**

 **3. Stephen Corrigan (8th Ann)**

 **4. Mary Alice, Jack, Martin, Padraig McHugh, Maureen Hickey**

 **Petie Sweeney**

**Booking a Mass. If you have masses booked for the weekend or wish to have a mass offered for a loved on a Sunday, 11am (Facebook Broadcast), please contact Fr. Chris.**

**Mass Offerings/Stipends for the Sunday Mass: Please leave them in the priests letterbox. Thanks, Fr. Chris.**

**Decline of Priests in the World. The total number of priests decreased in the world to 414,065 in 2018 - Europe registered a drop of 2,675 compared to 2017. A report from the Vatican in Rome states that in Dec-2018 there were (1,328,993,000) Catholics in the world.**

**The number of students studying for the Priesthood has declined especially in Europe and America. The biggest challenge for the church toady is church closures. As a result of the Covid-19, collections have greatly decreased in all churches.**

**The number of Clergy might be declining, but the presence of Lay Ministry’s is on the rise. They have grown from 20,000 to 376,000 - primarily in Africa and Asia.**

**Church and Priest Collections. Sincere Thanks to the many families who returned their church envelopes during the pandemic. Please place your church envelops in the box provided in the Post Office or in my letter box. Many Thanks Fr. Chris.**

**Sanitising the Church. Next Friday, Bernie S - Group B will take care of the church. If you are free on the night, extra hands will be welcome at 7.30pm. The following Friday, our Professional company (Glan Assured) will sanitise the church**

*The inaugural****Mary Immaculate College (MIC) Virtual Open Day****will take place on****Wednesday, 28 October****(9.30am-5pm). Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the event replaces the traditional October Open Days held on the Limerick campus and the November Open Day held in MIC Thurles. Prospective students, including mature students, along with guidance counsellors and parents are encouraged to attend the event.Participants will be able to virtually explore MIC’s campuses via an interactive multi-media digital platform which will form a central part of the virtual Open Day experience. Live programme presentations will also be delivered and prospective students will be able to participate in Live Q & A sessions with academic and student services staff.*

**Now, unfortunately we cannot continue with public masses until at least December 1th. I encourage all people-families to say the rosary, praying for an end to the pandemic-Covid 19.**

**Level 5 restrictions until Dec 1st: Public attendance at mass is not permitted and all masses must be online only. Please like our Facebook Page and you will get notifications.**

**The celebration of individual Baptisms can proceed, on the strict understanding that they involve no more than six members of only one household. This would be in keeping with the restrictions (under the heading “family and social gatherings”). Some families may prefer to wait until a bigger gathering is possible.**

**Funerals: Funeral services may proceed but with a maximum of 25 mourners**

**Private Prayer in our Church: The Parish Church will remain open for private prayer. The cleaning and the sanitising of the church will continue. A very special thanks to Patricia G and Group A, and Bernie S and group B for all their tremendous work over the last months. Please consider giving them a helping hand.**

**Sick Calls to Private Homes and Nursing Homes: Calls to Private Homes:**

**Calls to private homes may continue but with one priest only and he should be the only visitor to the household at the time. He should also be invited to visit by the home owner.**

**General Guidance Notes: Strict adherence to face covering, social distancing and hand sanitizing protocols continue to be of critical importance, particularly given the rising case numbers.**

**Self-isolation means staying indoors and completely avoiding contact with other people. This includes the people you live with. If you live with other people, stay on your own in a room with a window you can open, if possible.**

**Winning Lotto Numbers** 18/10/2020 12  14  21  27 Jackpot - No Winner Match Three - No Winner Lucky Dip €20 Winner – Margaret Sweeney Thank you to everyone for playing. Next week's jackpot is €3,850

**Keeping Children Safe – The Diocese of Killala is fully committed to keeping children safe. If you have any concerns around their safety in any circumstance please contact The Diocesan Liaison Person – Confidential No - 087 1003554. (Please see more information on the notice board).**