



Mass Intentions

6.30 Saturday

John Dunne, Mary Byrne
Bridget Williams, Mark Byrne
Bridget, John O'Connor

12.00 Sunday

Derek Cahill, Sheila O'Brien
Elizabeth, Maurice Ahearne
Teresa Lappin

Monday 10.00

Tommy, Nancy, Thomas Last

Tuesday 12.00

Lil, Paddy, Christy Nugent

Friday 10.00

Mary Griffiths

**7.30 Prayer Around
the Cross**

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6.30 (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.00, 9.45

(Convent),

10.30, 12.00

Weekdays:

10.00 Monday – Friday

7.30 Tuesday

Feast of All Saints

Monday 6.30 (Vigil Mass)

Tuesday 10.30 12.00

No Evening Mass

Divine Mercy Meeting

Every Wed Evening

@ 8.00pm

1st Nov: Feast of All Saints



**AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED
A SPECIAL EVENING IN ST. MATTHEW'S
WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME
FR. EAMONN MULCAHY
WHO WILL HELP US TO MARK
IN A FITTING WAY THE END OF
THE YEAR OF MERCY**

FR EAMONN'S ADDRESS IS ENTITLED:

**A REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS AND LOVE
TRANSFORMATIVE ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS
IN A YEAR OF MERCY**

AND WILL TAKE PLACE IN ST. MATTHEW'S ON

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30pm

November – The Month of the Dead

The Annual Mass for those who have died during the past 12 months from St. Matthew's Parish will take place on **Thurs, 10th Nov at 7.30pm.**

We extend a warm welcome to all family members and friends.

Envelopes with reminders for the families of the deceased have been placed for collection at the side of the altar. If you see names of families that live near you perhaps you would take them and deliver them. We have tried to include everyone who died during the year.

If a name has been omitted please contact the Parish Office at **6265695**

BOOK OF THE WEEK

FINDING YOUR HIDDEN TREASURE

By Benignus O'Rourke OSA,
Foreword by Martin Laird
Darton, Longman and Todd.
London 2010 pp164

This little book is a real school of prayer. It is very readable. Each chapter is only a couple of pages, and yet thought provoking and inspirational. The author is an Augustinian friar with over forty years experience of guiding people in prayer. We are in safe hands. A really good introduction to the rewards of silent prayer.

Parish Team

Fr. Joe McDonald,
Moya Doyle
Tony Flynn,
Sr. Anne-Marie
Stephanie Williams
Rev. Bill O'Shaughnessy

Church Collection Totals Week Beginning 16/10

First Collection	850
Share Collection	615
Family Offering	827

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon	10.30	–	4.00
Wed	10.30	–	9.00
Fri	10.30	–	9.00

Don't forget to visit our website

www.stmatthewsballyfermot.com

And our Facebook page,

www.facebook.com/st.matthews.ballyfermot/

Mass Diary for 2017
is now available
in the sacristy

FAITH MOMENT

In this month of November we remember that we are all souls and that we are all called to be saints. Saints are not born, but rather journey the pilgrim path achieving outstanding virtue through God's grace. We are called to holiness through our baptism. Jesus himself falls, but in his repeated getting up, fired with love for us, we are reminded that we are not defined by our failures, but our fidelity.

It is intended to relaunch a family based initiative in the parish called
The Pilgrim Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

A number of shrines have been prepared and these can be taken to family homes. A family will keep the pilgrim shrine for a month. There will be a prayer booklet accompanying the shrine with prayers suitable for families. If you would like to participate please leave your name in the sacristy.

Rest in Peace

Hannah Donegan
Peter Carroll
Mary Walsh



*Blessings and Sympathy
to the Families*

Dublin Gospel Choir

25 November @ 8.00pm
St. Matthew's Church
(Doors Open @ 6.30pm)
With Special Guests
Bro. Kevin Singers

Tickets €12
Contact Ken Byrne
@ 086 236 52 88



The Miscarriage Association of Ireland

Annual Service
of Remembrance
Sunday 13th Nov 2016
@ 3.00pm
St Teresa's Church,
Donore Avenue
(off South Circular Rd)

St. Matthew's Church Bethany Support Group

will be having their first meeting
on Tuesday 11th October
in the Parish Centre
between 7 and 8pm.
If **at any time** you feel the
need for support or a listening
ear after the loss of a loved
one we would be glad to help.

CONTACT PHONE
087 9411628

St, Vincent DePaul
Church Gate Collection
this Sunday
after all the Masses

Gorta
Church Gate Collection
Amount Collected: €805

Gospel Readings for the Week

Mon	31/10	Lk 14: 12-14. Blessed Dominic Collins SJ, Martyr
Tue	1/11	Mt 5: 1-12. ALL SAINTS
Wed	2/11	Lk 7: 11-17. The Faithful Departed. ALL SOULS
Thu	3/11	Lk 15: 1-10. St. Malachy
Fri	4/11	Lk 16: 1-8. Give an account of your management
Sat	5/11	Lk 16: 9-15. No one can serve two masters



Rumblings from the Bunker

OF SPOOKS AND GHOULS AND THE HOLY GHOST!



It seems this year more than ever Halloween has really taken off! I don't think I ever saw such an array of scary masks and even houses decked out with witches, skeletons and lanterns. I was reminded of Halloween at home. I remember my Mum scooping out the insides of the turnip and the little butts of candles placed in them. I remember my Dad fixing the spinning wheels to our front railing, spinning the sparklers in my tiny hand, and being nervous of the rockets in the milk bottles. Of course I also remember diving for the apple in the basin of water, and hoping I would get the money or the ring in the brack. I also remember buying Katy Coyle a toffee apple in The Squirrel and daring to squeeze her hand as we walked back. Above all I remember her smile, and me absolutely thrilled with myself. I do not remember much fear in my life at that stage, at least if there was fear it did not last long and had little impact. I had yet to meet Loss or Betrayal. In my little world it was warm and secure. I have been thinking this week about Halloween, and wondering why children enjoy it so much. Could it be that they are so carefree that fear is not real for them? Fear for them is thrill. Excitement. It's the chase, the close shave, the laughter and the premise that the scary stuff can do us no harm. Maybe it's the same reason that we adults grow away from Halloween. Is it that we have encountered sickness in ourselves and our loved ones? Is it that we have glimpsed death? Is it that fear is only too real in our lives, that we neither need, nor want, the fear-filled play of Halloween?

Of course with Halloween and November comes the dark evenings. It's a time for coughs and sneezes and worse still the dreaded flu, even with the flu injection! Where is that hot water bottle? Electric blankets and heavier duvets! Having said all that, there are lovely things about this time of year: the carpet of leaves in the park, the reds and browns of Autumn, and the cool crisp fresh air. With November come thoughts of those we miss. It can be a lonely time. Yet there is something comforting, if not exactly cosy about it. Sometimes people develop an unhealthy pre-occupation with the dead. This can lead to wasting time, not to mention money, on things like psychic chat lines and tarot cards. I find the words of Jesus very comforting in this regard. He tells us there is plenty of room in the Kingdom of God, that he goes before us to prepare a place for us, and that he comes to take us with him. In a nutshell he asks us to repent and believe in the gospel, and then trust in his promise. His promise is paradise. Surely this is enough? Or is it?

I think when it comes to matters of the Spirit we are quite impoverished. In one sense we are fascinated by the realm of the spiritual, but sadly we fail to see what is actually under our nose. Whilst we are often intrigued with talk of spirits and ghosts, sadly we are uncomfortable and perhaps embarrassed to talk about either the Evil Spirit or the Holy Spirit. I find when I speak of the Evil Spirit there are two extreme reactions: on the one hand there are those who dismiss it's very existence, and on the other hand those who delight in the mention of it and tend to think it is everywhere from the porridge to the steps on the pavement. Both are unhealthy. Actually the way to get a balanced perspective on the Evil Spirit is to develop our understanding, and indeed our relationship, with the Holy Spirit.

Do we believe that God's Holy Spirit is within us?

Do we believe that what we formerly called the Holy Ghost, is the Holy Spirit, is the third person of the Holy Trinity?

Do we believe in the Holy Breath of God?

Do we believe that it was the movement of the Holy Spirit in the conclave that led to the election of Pope Francis?

Do we really believe that we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation?

Do we know what these gifts are?

They are: **Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, and Wonder and Awe in God's Presence.**

What an armoury to empower us on our pilgrim way! Do we as people of faith believe that no spirit, no ghoul, no spook, no demon, singularly or collectively, will ever be any match, never mind victor, over God's Holy Spirit. Do we believe that it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus? It is the Holy Spirit that hovers on the water in Genesis, the same Holy Spirit at the Annunciation, the Baptism of Jesus, the same Holy Spirit commended into the hands of the Father from the Cross. Yes, my friends this November let us remember the gifts, the Holy Spirit and its power.