



Church Collections

13/14 Nov 2021

Family Offering Envelopes	€460.00
Shrines	€310.00
Diocesan Common Fund 1st Collection	€635.00
Diocesan Share Fund 2nd Collection	€320.00

Parishes Trust Registered Charity No.: 20016166

Mass Times St. Matthew's

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am and 12.00

Weekdays: 10.00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday
after 10.00 Mass until 12.00 noon
unless there is a funeral.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Stephen O'Brien, Kathleen Kennedy, Agnes Ward,
Lil, Paddy & Christy Nugent, Eileen Hynes,
Eileen Heavey, Anthony & Stephen Byrne,
Byrne Family, Maura Cummins,
Joseph McMahon, Anthony Delecta



Readings for this Sunday

1st Reading: **Daniel 7: 13-14**

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty

2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 1: 5-8**

Jesus Christ has made us
a line of kings and priests

Gospel: **John 18: 33-37**

Yes, I am a king

Altar List of the Dead

Envelopes are now available at the doors.
Please return the completed lists to the sacristy
or place them in the basket provided
during the month of November. Thank You

St. Vincent De Paul Collection

on 31/10/21 was €430

Thank You.



Join Fr. Piaras for the Rosary most weekday
mornings at 9.40am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Every Saturday 6.00 to 6.30pm

Baptism Notice

**From Dec 1st the regular times for Baptisms
will apply again. These are:**

1st Saturday of every month

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3rd Saturday of every month

Parish Centre Phone 6265695

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers:

Chris Kirwan

whose funeral took place recently in St. Matthew's.

We offer our sympathy to his family and friends

May he rest in peace.

Don't forget to visit our website

www.stmatthewsballyfermot.com

Gospel Readings for the Week

Mon 22/11 **Mt. 25: 1-13**

Tue 23/11 **Lk. 9: 57-62**

Wed 24/11 **Mt. 10: 17-22**

Thu 25/11 **Lk. 21: 20-28**

Fri 26/11 **Lk. 21: 29-33**

Sat 27/11 **Lk. 21: 34-36**

St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

St. Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary

Sts Andrew Dung-Lac Y and Companions

There will be signs in the sun, and moon and stars.

My words will never pass away.

The day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap.





Feast of Christ the King

I saw in a vision during the night, and behold, the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven; and the kingdom and honour were given to Him. And every people, nation and tongue shall serve him.

His might is an everlasting might that shall not be taken away, and His kingdom shall not be destroyed.

(Daniel 7: 13-14)

Extra Mass for Deceased

We have already celebrated Mass with the families of those whose funerals took place from St Matthew's Church during the last year. Now next Tuesday 23rd November at 7.30pm we are having a similar Mass for others who died during the year. Anyone else for whom a relative or friend died during the last year is welcome to come to this Mass and receive a candle to commemorate their loved one, and we would not like anyone who is grieving to think they cannot come.

Building Hope – Our Call to Action

This is the title of the report just published last week by the Task Force set up by Archbishop Dermot Farrell to build hope by opening a door to the future. It states that "Hope orientates Christians towards the future in a way that is neither naive nor fatalistic. It demands a real honesty about past failings and scars caused by members of the Church... All the baptised, whether practising or not, and all people of goodwill have a place in the mission of the Church and yet many assert that the Church in its teaching is opposed to equality and inclusion....A hope filled strategy is not a final document but an ongoing and intentional way of being together as a diocese."

The Archbishop is forming a committee to see how this strategy can be brought into effect. In my understanding what they will be doing is forming an agenda based on the findings of the Task Force's consultation as to what should be worked on by our diocesan synod in which everyone will be asked to further contribute. There is a pathway being pursued here that aims not just to establish a new lasting type of Church but a Church that will be open to changing as life progresses while at the same time retaining the commission it received from Christ.

The first thing we are asked to do immediately is to find two members of our parish who would act as facilitators for parish assemblies which will address issues suggested by the consultation and help to come up with hope-filled solutions for the parish and the diocese. If anyone is willing to take on this role we would be grateful to hear from them.

Fr. Piaras