**ANNUAL MASSES FOR THE DECEASED TEACHERS OF DOWN AND CONNOR**
Will be celebrated on Monday 9th November 2026 at 7.30pm in All Saints' Church, Ballymena AND Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 7.30pm in Good Shepherd Church (Holy Rosary Parish), Ormeau Road, Belfast.
Please forward by Friday 6th November 2026 the name and school of any teacher who died during the past twelve months to Rev Colin Grant, Director of the Down and Connor Catholic Schools' Support Service, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA
Tele: 028 9049 1886 or Email: dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org
Light refreshments will be served afterwards in All Saints' Parish Centre and Holy Rosary Parish Centre. Anyone unable to attend can join online at:
www.youtube.com/@allsaintsballymena/streams for the Mass in Ballymena
and www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net for the Belfast Mass.

**MASS TO REMEMBER DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION**
A Mass to remember all deceased members of the Pioneer Association will take place on Friday 20 November in St Agnes' Church, Andersonstown Road, Belfast at 7 pm. Light refreshments afterwards. All Pioneers welcome.

## November Short-Term Pledge

The month of November offers a special opportunity to make a small sacrifice in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We invite parishioners and friends to consider taking a Short-Term Pledge throughout November. Pioneer Offering - *"I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating substances until the end of November."* Please consider joining with others in prayer, sacrifice and support for those affected by addiction.

**LOUGHGIEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BUS DRIVER REQUIRED** We are seeking a Bus Driver to join our team. Requirements: Full, valid driving licence for 2+ years and aged 25+ A valid PCV/PSV driving licence and up to date Driver CPC. Reliable, professional and safety-conscious approach Good communication and customer service skills Full Job Description available on Job Apply NI. .
Please contact us on 028 276 41389 for more information.

**THE CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP** Invite you to the next Bi-Monthly Meeting. Tuesday 10th Nov 10a.m-12 noon(Tea/Coffee 10-1030)In Bushmills Presbyterian Church Hall. Speaker: Canon Andrew Totten Theme: The Army Chaplain and the Still Small Voice New members/Attendees always welcome

**PIPS Suicide Prevention Charity** : Weekend Crisis Hopeline are as follows:
Friday: 9pm - 10am Saturday and Sunday: 9pm - 9am Monday 028 9080 5850
Freephone 0800 088 6042

Bulletin notices by 12 noon Thursdays

SVP.Helpline 07349983363

Parish of Loughguile

# Feast of All Saints
# 1st November 2026

Very Rev. Canon Colm McBride PP :
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Mon Wed Thurs 10 a.m.- 2.30 p.m. Tues 10-4.30. p.m.

A lot of people do not like large gatherings. They find big crowds exhausting. Today's feast, however, is precisely about crowds of people. The first reading expresses it well, '*a huge number, impossible to count…,*
**Today is the feast not just of a few chosen saints, but of all saints**. Today we honour all the saints, those who are formally canonised and those who are not. If our vision of humanity is shaped exclusively by the media we might be tempted to think that there are a lot more villains out there than saints. It is reassuring to be reminded by today's feast that there exists a huge number of saints, impossible to count.
**In the words of the letter to the Hebrews**, we are surrounded by a '*great cloud of witnesses'*. None of us can live as the Lord wants us to live purely on our own. We need the good example of others to inspire us and to show us what is possible.
**Today's feast** declares that we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, if only we could recognise them. Some of these people have already passed beyond us and are now '*standing in front of the throne of the Lamb*', in the words of today's first reading. Many of them, however, are our companions on the journey of life. They do not look at all like the statues in our churches. They are very ordinary, yet they are also very special. These are the people we are grateful to have met and to have around.
**The feast of All Saints** encourages us to believe that any one of us could be part of that huge number, impossible to count. In that sense, today's feast is about every one of us. John, in today's second reading, is speaking about all of us when he declares that '*We are already the children of God',* and that, in the future, '*we shall be like' God*. We are all destined for sainthood. God intends that all of us would be conformed to the image of God's Son.
**For most of us**, that will only come to pass fully beyond this life. Yet, because we are already sons and daughters of God through Baptism, we are called to grow now towards that wonderful transformation that awaits us.
The road to sainthood begins here, wherever we happen to find ourselves.
**In today's gospel reading**, Jesus shows us what that road to sainthood looks like. In the Beatitudes, Jesus painted a portrait of himself, the living saint par excellence. He was also painting a portrait of the person that we are all called to become. The Beatitudes give us different facets of the person of Jesus, while at the same time showing us different ways in which we might reflect the person of Jesu

**Feast of All Saints and All Souls**

**PLENARY INDULGENCE** From 12 noon on 1st Nov to midnight on the 2nd of November all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the Pope's intentions (Our Father, Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice ) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church /oratory and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostles Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. **Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following the 1st of Nov.** Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1st to 8th November. The faithful who visit the cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1 to 8th November . The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

**CONFESSIONS EACH WEDNESDAY 7.00-7.20 P.M.**
**AND SAT 31ST OCT 6.00-6.20 P.M.**

**Parish Mass Times**
**Feast of All Saints** Holy Day of Obligation **as per Sunday schedule**
**All Souls Monday 2nd Nov**
St Patrick's 9.30 a.m. St. MacNissi's 7.30 p.m.

**Ministers of the Word**

We are currently appealing for additional volunteers to join our current Ministers of the Word rota.
Please consider offering your help as we all gather in prayer to honour God.
To register your interest please contact the Parish Office or speak with Canon McBride after any of the Masses.

**PARISH FARM LETTING** The land is open for offers for the period from 1st November 2026 to 31st October 2027. Offers will **be finalised by close of business on FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2026**. **Offers must be made directly to the offices of P J McIlroy & Son in person or by telephone,** successful bidders will be notified as soon as possible after closing of offers and consultation with the Parish Committee.

**BAPTISMS** The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of the month **only** (Time: approx.. 11.30 a.m.) To book please contact the Parish Office. A copy of the child's long birth certificate is required within a week of booking. On the day please bring a Baptism Candle and a white Shawl.

**ANNIVERSARY/MONTH MIND MASS** Please now book through the office, these can be booked for any scheduled Mass **excluding Sunday 9.00 a.m.**

**WEDDING BOOKING** Please ring the office for initial booking

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| Sat 31st Oct | 6 -6.20p.m. | St Patrick's | Confessions |
| Vigil Mass for Feast of All Saints | 6.30 p.m. | St Patrick's | Ministers of the Word Ministers of the Eucharist<br>D. McCloskey G. McCloskey & S McClements<br>*Month Mind Mass Patsy McIlhatton* |
| Sunday 1st Nov All Saints | 9.00 a.m. | St Patrick's | *Paula Casey* *B. Connolly & T McIntyre*<br>*Mass Intention - The Faithful Departed* |
| | 10.30 a.m. | St MacNissi's | Patrick McKendry D.McCahon & Maura Young<br>*Mass Intention - The Faithful Departed* |
| Monday 2nd Nov All Souls | 9.30 a.m. | St Patrick's | *Feast of All Souls*<br>*Mass Intention - The Faithful Departed* |
| All Souls | 7.30 p.m. | St MacNissi's | *Feast of All Souls*<br>*Mass Intention - The Faithful Departed* |
| Tuesday | 9.30 a.m. | St MacNissi's | Mass |
| Wed 4th Nov | 7 – 7.20 p.m. | St Patrick's | Confessions before Mass |
| | 7.30 p.m. | St Patrick's | Mass and Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help<br>Mass Intention For Deceased GAA Members |
| | 8.00 p.m. | St Patrick's | Holy Hour |
| Thursday | 9.30 a.m. | St Patrick's | Mass followed by Adoration 10.00 a.m. -12 noon. |
| Friday | 9.30 a.m. | St Patrick's | First Friday Mass |
| Sat 7th Nov | 6 -6.20p.m. | St Patrick's | First Saturday Confessions |
| | 6.30 p.m. | St Patrick's | Ministers of the Word Ministers of the Eucharist<br>Eileen Traynor A McNaughton & M McMullan<br>*First Anniversary Mass Marie O'Hagan* |
| Sun 8th Nov | 9.00 a.m. | St Patrick's | Roisin McKillop G McMillan |
| | 10.30 a.m. | St MacNissi's | Pat McAuley M. McKinley & J McCarry |

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Colm McCollum

**ANNIVERSARIES** Marie O'Hagan (1st Anniversary) William Anderson Annie Gillan Shannon Irvine Stanley Johnston Katie McCloskey Patrick McCollum Aaron McConville Mary McFadden Seamus McKendry Mary Jane McVeigh Chris Reid Baby Smyth Barney Watt Eamonn Young

Monthly Healing Mass will be celebrated **next** Monday evening
9th November in
St. MacNissi's at 7.30 p.m.

**Parish Sacramental Dates 2027**
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Sat 24th April 2027 CONFIRMATION Thurs 6th May 2027.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION** £1395.00 **Thank you for your support.**
**Monthly Offering** will be taken up **this** weekend.