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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am Tues. 9.00am. Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am Fri. 7.00pm.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Tommy Rock / Philomena Doyle*

10.30am: *Teresa Toher (Month's mind) / Special intension.*

Thurs. 9.00am. *Paddy Joe & Margaret Quinn. Fri.: 7.00pm. Bridie & Owen Kiernan.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Deceased members of the Curley family.*

10.30am: *Gerard FitzGerald (Month's memory) / Patrick & Brian O'Keeffe.*

Rest in Peace

*Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **James Killian**, Lismoy, whose funeral was on Monday. Also for the happy repose of the soul of **Pat McGowan**, Longford and formerly of Lismore whose funeral was on Friday week last. **May they Rest in Peace.***

Last weekend Collection: €1,412 Thank you.

Next Weekend

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| Readers—Vigil: <i>Confirmation Class</i> | 10.30am: <i>Laura Hussey</i> |
| E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Anne Duke</i> | 10.30am: <i>P J Bennett</i> |

Feast Days

November 14th **St Laurence O'Toole**

*Laurence was born in **Kildare** in 1128; became Archbishop of **Dublin** in 1162 and died in **Eu**, Normandy, France in 1180.*

November 15th **St Albert the Great (1206-1280)**

Albert was a German Dominican, philosopher and teacher.

November 17th **St Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231)**

Daughter of the king, she showed great love for the poor and suffering.

Keep the faith

In the times in which we live, it can be a struggle to keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts. Like the bridesmaids in the gospel today, we may find ourselves crying. **'Our lamps are going out.'** The flame of faith can grow weak, and we can be tempted to give up watching and waiting. When we sense the Lord has let us down, or has not responded to our prayers, we can lose heart.

St. Paul was dealing with this kind of situation in our second reading. Some members of the church in **Thessalonica** (Greece) had died since he was last with them, and many in the church were grieving like people who had no hope. The experience of loss, the pain of the cross, was taking its toll on them. **Paul needed to reassure them that the Lord was stronger than death and that one day there would be a great reunion around the Lord- "We shall stay with the Lord forever"** He tells them.

We all need the same kind of reassurance. From time to time. We need help to persevere especially in those times when our faith is put to the test in some way. That help comes from the Lord. The **first reading** today assures us that **'Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.'** For us **Christ is the wisdom of God.**

We are assured that the light of Christ's presence does not grow dim. Whatever about us, the Lord remains faithful. His faithful presence to us will help to keep our lamps burning and will continue to fan the flame of our faith.

Martin Hogan- Christ our Teacher

Confirmation Enrolment

The enrolment ceremony for the boys and girls who will celebrate their Confirmation on Friday April 13th will take place at the vigil Mass on Saturday next.

Lists of the Dead

You are invited to make a list of the dead and place the list in the box in the sanctuary. This is an age- old tradition in the catholic faith.

Envelope Boxes

Most of the parish envelope boxes have been distributed. We are very grateful to the people who do the work of distributing the boxes each year.