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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Eileen Quinn & deceased family members. 10.30am: Jack & Billy Byrne. Fri. 7.00pm: Michael & Anna Murphy.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intension. 10.30am.: Thomas Lyons / Margaret & James Byrne and deceased family members of the Byrne & Brassington families / Jimmy Monaghan (Months Memory)*

Last weekend Collection: €1210. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Confirmation class</i>	10.30am: <i>Anne O'Brien</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Anne Duke</i>	10.30am: <i>P J Bennett</i>

Feast Days

Nov. 30th

St Andrew (Apostle)

Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist when he was called by Jesus to be an apostle. He in turn brought his brother Peter to Jesus. He is the patron of Scotland, Russia and fishermen.

Dec. 2nd *Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent.*

Baptisms

We welcomed into the Christian community Niamh Aine Reilly, Briskill and Mia Belle Adams, Prucklish, on Saturday last. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and their families.

Confirmation Enrolment

The enrolment ceremony for confirmation will take place at the vigil Mass next weekend. Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday May 25th

Christ the King

I usually favour the underdog. When I'm watching a sports event and 'my team' is not involved, I tend to root for the team without the big names and the hype.

In today's gospel for the feast of Christ the King Jesus seems to be encouraging a similar spirit in each of us. We are invited, to live out in a very practical way, the commandment to love God and neighbor. We are called to reach out to those without power an influence in the world.

For many in our world, caring for the underdog or the 'least' of our brothers and sisters is not a primary value. One TV show made great sport of finding 'the weakest link' amongst the show's contestants. The host belittled the weakest person and then eventually dismissed them from the show. In many other ways, I wonder are we inclined to belittle and dismiss those who most need our support and encouragement.

Gratefully the gospels and our church promote a different message. We are reminded that a basic moral test of any society is how it treats its weakest and most vulnerable members.

Susan McCarthy RDS

November Mass for the Dead

All who died and whose funerals Mass were celebrated in our church since this time last year are being remembered and prayed for at a special Mass this evening (**vigil**). All family members and friends are welcome. A candle will be lit in memory of each of the departed which a family member may take home with them after the Mass.

Shane Brennan 5K- St Stephen's Day

This popular road race and walk in aid of charity will take place on St Stephen's Day at 1.00pm (Walkers 12.45pm) The designated charity this year is the MRI scanner (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) fund, **Regional Hospital, Mullingar**. Presently, there is no scanner in the hospital and patients have to go to other hospitals to have an MRI scan. The race will be run over the new Curryline course, as last year.

Envelope Boxes 2019

The boxes for 2019 are ready for distribution. The new envelopes come into effect on the first **Sunday of Advent**, next weekend.