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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am Tues. 9.00am Wed. 7.00pm Thurs. 10.30am Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Christine Hughes / Mary & John Reilly & parents / Burke family, deceased family members.*

10.30am: *William Murphy, deceased family members / George McAvey / Thomas Corcoran. Thurs. 10.30am: Margaret & Mattie O'Hara*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Curley family 10.30am: James & Kathleen Killian*

Last weekend Collection: €1345.00. Thank you.

Next Weekend

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| Readers—Vigil: <i>Geraldine McVeigh</i> | 10.30am <i>Patricia Keenan</i> |
| E.Ms. Vigil: | 10.30am. <i>Michelle Ghee</i> |

Feast Days

Nov. 1st. **All Saints**

Masses for the Feast of All Saints, vigil Wednesday at 7.00pm and Thursday at 10.30am.

Nov. 2nd. **All Souls**

Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather go to the grave still scared with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification may be necessary (Purgatory) The prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Nov. 3rd. **St Malachy**

St Malachy was born near Armagh in 1094. He founded the monastery at Mellifont in 1142, the first Cistercian house in Ireland.

First Friday

Friday next is the first Friday. The usual house calls will be done at the usual times.

Sight & Insight

Who is blind in today's gospel? The obvious answer is of course the blind man! **Bartimaeus** is blind and desperate. He has not been blind all his life, so he knows about the wonderful gift of sight. His faith is strong and his courage is stronger still; no matter how much he is scolded he will be silenced.

Who sees **Bartimaeus**? Certainly not the followers of **Jesus**. They do not see **Bartimaeus** as one worthy of meeting **Jesus**. He is an irritation. They tell him to shut up. They are utterly blind to his needs.

The blind man sees **Jesus** and **Jesus** sees the blind man. Everyone else is blind to both of them.

Perhaps its time for an eyesight test. Do we see **Jesus** for who he really is? Do we pay attention to those around us? Do we hear the cry of those in need around us and in our families?

Triona Doherty, Intercom Magazine.

Lists of the Dead

The church reminds us that during the month of **November** we should pray the happy repose of the souls of departed family members and friends. From next weekend a box will be placed in the sanctuary where you can place names of those who you wish to be remembered in prayer during the month.

Parish Calendar 2019

The parish calendar for next year is taking shape. Like other years we would welcome sponsors to sponsor each month. This helps to keep the costs down. Anyone wishing to sponsor a page of the calendar for next year please contact **Fr. McGovern** this week.

November Talks

'*Struggling to keep the faith and stay sane in these confusing times*' is the title of a series of talks in the Family Centre, St Mel's Rd, Longford each Wednesday during November. The speaker each evening is Psychologist **Martin McManus**. 7.30pm to 9.00pm each Wednesday evening. All welcome.

Grow

Grow is a **Community Mental Health Movement** that meets every Monday at 11.00am in the Community Mental Health Centre, Dublin Road, Longford. All are welcome. Contact **Assumpta at 086 8114135**.

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