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All Saints

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – Feast of All Saints – Mass 11:30am. Rosary 11:10am (Glenock)

(MMs: Peter Connolly, Hugh Coyle) (Anniversaries: Fiona McNamee, Helen Wilson)

Monday – Feast of All Souls – 10am (Oratory)

Thursday – 7:30pm *(Deceased of Last 12 Months)* (Oratory)

First Friday night – Mass 9pm, Adoration, Confessions, Midnight Mass (Oratory)

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REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Barney McColgan, Christina Caldwell, Eugene O'Brien, Una McBride

Willie Loughrey, Fiona McNamee

SUNDAY COLLECTION – £757. *Restoration:* £489. *Retired Priests:* £347. Merci!

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY – Everyone is invited to be a saint. The Beatitudes Gospel of All Saints Day (1st November) is a portrait of Christ but also a portrait of a saint. The saints are those who are in heaven, already enjoying the Beatific Vision. Those who have died and are on their way to heaven but have not yet entered it are the Holy Souls, whose Feast is the following day (2nd November).

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DEAD – Thursday 5th November, 7.30pm. During this Mass the names of those buried in the parish in the last twelve months will be read out. One relative of each will be invited to carry forward a candle in honour of the deceased loved one. Please nominate a family member and spread the word about the Mass for the dead.

ALL SOULS – OUR DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Holy Souls and Saints: The Catechism (CCC) teaches that immediately after death comes the Particular Judgement (CCC 1021). The soul has three possible paths: (i) immediate entrance to Heaven (ii) immediate entrance to Purgatory to prepare for Heaven (iii) immediate condemnation to Hell (CCC 1022). Those who are in Purgatory are on their *way* to Heaven, but they are not ready. These are the Holy Souls. They are perpetual friends of God because they died in the state of grace, but they must spend time in Purgatory to achieve the holiness needed for heaven (CCC 1030). For this purification from sin to take place, the Holy Souls need the prayers of the living (CCC 1032). Prayer, especially the Mass, hastens their entry to heaven. We are making Saints, by getting deceased people across the finish line, so to speak. This is our prayer intention for November. It's our love for the dead.

Indulgences: We can name a specific soul and ask God to grant the person a shortening (partial indulgence) or a complete remission of punishment for sin (plenary indulgence). For the indulgence prayers and conditions, see the leaflets at the church door and on FB.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October 2026

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – Mass 11:30am, Rosary 11:15am (Glenock)

Monday – Mass 10am, Rosary 9:45am (Oratory)

Thursday – Mass 7:30pm, 6:30pm Adoration, Confessions 7pm (Oratory)

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Anniversaries: Kevin Falconer, Colette McGarvey, John McGarvey, Ignatius Ward Annie Joe Brooke,

Bill Morris, Frances Morris, Patsy McNulty, Bridie McNulty

John McBride, Vera Willis, Margaret Maguire, Sean Gallagher, Jeannie Browne

Gabrielle Ward, Kathleen Woods, Kathleen Hegarty née Caldwell

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PARISH DRAW – This Wednesday, 28th October. Please make your subscriptions.

VOCATIONS – For our seminarians, for the men discerning their vocation, and for the future priests of the diocese that, like St Paul in the Second Reading, they can say, *'I have fought the good fight; I have run the race to the end; I have kept the faith.'*

THE CHURCH – "Pray more and complain less" (Miranda Scroggins).

STATUE FOR YOUR HOME – Can you take the pilgrim statue of Our Lady into your home for a week? Say the Rosary in your home each day of that week. To request the statue, write your name and a contact detail on the page at the Oratory or contact the Parish Office. The Legion of Mary will arrange to bring the statue to you, or you can collect it after 7:30 Mass on Thursday evenings at the Oratory. As a result, you and your home will receive abundant graces from heaven!

CATECHISM – SEVEN DEADLY SINS – Pride, avarice, envy, wrath (anger), lust, gluttony and sloth (lack of interest in the spiritual). Also called "capital" sins because they generate other sins/vices (CCC 1866). CCC = Catechism of the Catholic Church.

TEMPTATIONS AND HOLINESS – Many people feel that they are terrible sinners because they are tempted, when in fact it in is in these temptations that they exercise heroic virtue and practise real sanctity. Jesus was tempted without consenting (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13).

BIBLE -- It appears as one book but contains 73 books (46 OT and 27 NT). All its books together reveal God's plan of salvation. The Bible was written over many centuries by many different human authors, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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