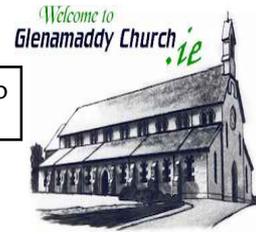


Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter



8th November 2020
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church Radio
106.4 FM



Fr. Eugene O'Boyle PP
Phone (094) 9643774

Saturday 7th November

7pm Holy Souls

Weekdays

Wed 10am Holy Souls

Thurs 10am Holy Souls

WILLIAMSTOWN Monday & Tuesday @ 10am

Saturday 14th November

7pm Paddy McDermott, Shannagh—
Month's Mind.
Sean Donelan, Middletown.
Paddy Burke, Creggane parents
James & Bridget & brother Jim,
sister in law Josie & decd.
Tommy & Mary Connelly & son
Jimmy, Lisheen.
Peter Collins, Cashel, Bridie &
Paddy Flaherty, Irishtown &
Nora Collins, England.
Paddy & Margaret Fahy,
Knockmaskehill & their grandson
Damien.

Please pray for Mary Cunniffe, Ballymoe Road who died during the week. Also, for Paddy & Margaret Fahy, Knockmaskehill & their grandson Damien whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MASSES AND PRIESTS IN OUR CLUSTER AREA OF GLENAMADDY

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| Saturday | Glenamaddy | 7.00pm |
| | Kiltevena | 7.30pm |
| | Clonberne | 7.30pm |
| Sunday | Garrafrauns | 10am |
| | Williamstown | 10.30am |
| | Kilkerrin | 11am |
| | Dunmore | 11.30am |

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Fr. Tommie Commins (094) 9659212

PARISH BAPTISMAL DATES: Saturday 14th November @ 4pm. Sunday 13th December @ 12 noon. Baptisms are restricted to Parents, Siblings, Godparents and Grandparents. Attendance at a Baptism meeting by the parents is necessary and these meetings will take place the Wednesday before the Baptism. Also a copy of your child's Birth Certificate is required and two weeks notice. To book your child's Baptism please phone (094) 9659962.

CHURCH INCOME LAST WEEKEND: €

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, DUNMORE helpline (086) 4169828

GLENAMADDY BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP is a parish based group ministry whose aim is to help those bereaved and grieving. If at any time you feel a need to talk we are here to listen.

WAITING IN THE DOORWAY

Timing is everything! Some years ago a man lost his job not long before his young wife died. His search for employment took him through three jobs. His grief over his wife's death drew him to the dark place of the threshold where he stayed in that lost, frustrating space, trying for a job suited to his skills and still grieving. Whenever he bemoaned, "Will I ever get on with my life?" Heard underneath his words, "Will I ever get beyond the threshold?" He desperately wanted an internal place of peace and an external world of success, but it was much too soon for those things. His acute grief and unemployment shaped his heart beautifully. They humbled him and deepened his compassion for others who stand on similar thresholds. If we are to grow, we stay in the "holding pattern" of the threshold until we gain its lessons for life and the inner self develops enough stamina to move on. He told how his faith and his presence at Mass helped him enormously to value the in-between space. He didn't become bitter, but rather a better person. For those who find themselves 'waiting in the doorway' full of sorrow and pain at the loss of a loved one, these November days are a great time to develop inner peace with God, with our deceased loved ones and indeed with each other. Jesus fill us with patience in this spiritual quest.

PARISH OFFICE is open in the Convent House from 10am to 12 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Telephone: (094) 9659962. Mass bookings, weddings, baptisms etc can be done through the Parish Office on the above number. Please call to the office during the above hours if you require Mass cards or any Parish Office business.

GLENAMADDY CHURCH will remain open every day for private prayer. In the church please carefully observe social-distancing and sanitize your hands when going in and, again, when leaving.

For the month of November we invite everyone to pray for the Holy Souls and to light a candle during Mass (please see Mass schedule each week in our newsletter). Please join with Fr Eugene to say the following prayer at Mass

Lord Jesus, you said, 'I am the Light of the World'. As we light these candles, we ask that your light will shine on all those who have died.... May they be bathed always in the light of your love and grace, and come to eternal life with you.

A Mass for all those who died during the past year will take place in Glenamaddy church on Friday 20th November at 7pm. Tune into 106.4fm.

GLENAMADDY TOWN PLAN Glenamaddy Tidy Towns are delighted to put on public display the Glenamaddy Town Plan, recently designed by Cunnane Stratton Reynolds, Landscape Architects. The Tidy Towns group were successful in securing funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 for the commissioning of this Town Plan and following it's recent completion the plan now goes on public display for a period of 4 weeks for observations, comments and feedback. The plan can be viewed from Monday November 9th in McDermotts Shop window, Church Street, and also on Glenamaddy Tidy Towns Facebook page. The group wish to thank Galway County Council and the local public representatives for their assistance and support for this project.

NOVEMBER is the month each year when we as a Church and as a people remember in a particular way the souls of those who have gone before us into eternity. We bring to mind the memories of our beloved dead, both the happier times and the sad times. We pray that our dead have found peace with God in heaven. This year has been one of the most extraordinary years in living memory. Each one of us, young and old, have been affected in one way or another by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Between quarantines and "lockdowns", life has become very unusual. One of the most challenging experiences which has occurred has been the reduction of numbers of people allowed at funerals, even to the point where grieving families have had to choose between who can enter the church building and who must stay outside. Having journeyed with families through these times, it is hard to even imagine how difficult it must be, not being able to be present at that final goodbye, which we as a Church, and as a people do so well. I am aware that this November, it is particularly difficult, in the event of a family bereavement, not to be present at the funeral Mass. I hope that in some small way, people will take comfort from our prayers which accompany them always. I pray also that you will take hope from the Gospel which promises us that death is not the end but the beginning of a new life with God. We pray for the Holy souls in this month of November. We take comfort from words written by Frank Downes OP in an online article in 2010:

Where there is soul there is beauty; where there is soul there is love

Where there is soul there is life; where there is soul there is hope.

(From Ennis & Roscerbon Parish Newsletters) Adapted.

A Candle was Lighting:

Candles are always burning in the candelabras of our church. This is always the case and for some reason the candles burn brighter in these days of lockdown. Lighting candles is a sign of living faith. It is wonderful to see people coming in ones and twos, and sometimes with children, to light candles. It is so uplifting, when in Church, to watch people come to light a candle, say a prayer, ask a favour or maybe say 'thanks'. There is a special atmosphere about a Church that is constantly visited.