

OUR ANNUAL PARISH REMEMBRANCE MASS

for all whose Funerals took place in our Church in the past year will be celebrated next Friday,



28th November, at 7.30pm. *All are Welcome.*



Commemorative Candles are available at all Masses & the Parish Office throughout the month of November Offering €1.

WHAT'S ON

Thursday 27th November
After Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome.

Friday 28th November
Eucharistic Prayer Group meets in the Oratory from 2.30-3.30pm. All welcome. Mass at 10.00am.

Annual Parish Remembrance Mass at 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration Monday to Friday 10.30am to 5.00pm. in the Oratory.



Prepare for Christmas this Advent 2025 by joining a Lectio Divina evening and Benediction after 10am Mass

In Western Christianity, *Lectio Divina* (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional monastic practice of reading scripture, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. In the view of one commentator, it does not treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the living out of God's Word.

When: Wednesday 26th November, Wednesday 3rd December, Wednesday 17th Dec **Time:** 7pm - 8pm **Where:** Pastoral Centre Mourne Road Church
Benediction: Monday 1st December, Monday 8th December, Monday 15th December, Monday 22nd December **Time:** After 10am Mass
Where: Mourne Road Church.



The exception to this is if there is a funeral when Benediction cannot take place.



We remember
Willie Ainscough
Angus Ward
who died recently
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

The relics of St. Therese & her parents St. Louis and St. Zelig Martin will be welcomed to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Drimnagh, on Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December. This will be a time of blessing for our parish during Advent with talks and an exhibition of the life of St. Therese & the Martin family. Full details will follow.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY - HAVE YOUR SAY

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. The survey is school specific and **needs to be responded to by all parents and prospective parents locally**. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic education for their children, and the support for sacramental preparation available in Catholic schools, would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, **please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student.** The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey/. It closes on Tuesday, 16th December.

Church Collections

w/e 8th/9th November 2025

1st Priests: €875

2nd Collection: €544

Envelopes: €837

w/e 15th/16th November 2025

1st Priests: €725

2nd Collection: €536

Envelopes: €632

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 4, 8, 14, 26

Jackpot €1,700

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning before the

10 a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m.

on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.

Thought Can we be sure we are forgiven 70 times 7.i.e.

without limit? Psalm 100 says *For the Lord is good. His mercy and loving kindness are everlasting.* No ifs, no buts. Let's not argue with God. Instead gladden His heart by receiving with thanks.



First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 121(122):1-5

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

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'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R.**

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.
Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mk11:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.