



There is a time for every season.....



As the Psalm tells us there is a season for everything under heaven and each year at this time we try to dwell on the beautiful season of Autumn. That is the season which helps us to cushion ourselves against the winter ahead. It is a time for quietness and for settling down and easing ourselves forward towards winter.

Unfortunately, such is not possible any longer as we reap the harvest of war in Europe, the tragedy of the Holy Land and the countless numbers being killed or starving.

Aligned with these terrible events Nature is out of kilter with the seasons. Storms and floods, extreme temperatures and forest fires decimate the various countries upsetting lives, economies

and food production.

The fine balance of the natural world has been upset and whether we must live with this, or attempt to recover it is all down to political will in the major countries of the world. And indeed, these fragile political structures and relationship are also undergoing fundamental change. The rules of national and international laws have in some cases been set at naught.

In the life of the Church too we move into a new phase with Pope Leo XIV who tries to navigate this new world where differing views of what our Church is and is to be about.

As he comes to terms not only with the various problems that can upset the faithful, he must also navigate the various new ideas and trends that overtake us, spread more and more by the internet and by a lack of trust in our leaders. It is almost as if the words of the prophets are being realised in our time.

That is why the recent canonisation of two young saints is a reminder that the Church is ever new, reflecting the holiness of those who live in the modern world but who emphasise holiness in their lives and devotions and yet have a relevance today.

Yet, we cannot give up hope. We must always look to those who inspire, those who hold tightly to our values and realise that each of us in our own lives can be part of that second spring where our Autumn prepares the ground for a new world.

Primo Levi, the Jewish writer and Auschwitz survivor wrote about observing the seasons in his prison camp, thus, **"Today, in this place, our only purpose is to reach the spring. At the moment we care about nothing else"**. In that horror each movement towards spring gave them hope, hope of warmth, hope of life.

"Today, in this place, our only purpose is to reach the spring."

As Pope Leo reminded us recently **"Christian hope is not about avoiding pain and suffering but about knowing that God gives people the strength to persevere and to love even when things go wrong"**,

"Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Monday after the 10am Mass.

Attending Eucharistic Adoration is a very powerful form of prayer. It is a way of connecting deeply with Jesus through quiet contemplation.

It's a space where we can talk to God about

anything. It brings a sense of closeness and comfort. Whether

we are devout Catholics or just curious about exploring different

spiritual practices, Eucharistic Adoration provides a meaningful path to connect with our faith and seek moments of transcendence. It is a source of spiritual serenity in our busy world.

"can you not watch one hour with me?"

Give it a try, without any obligation. Come join Eucharistic Adoration in our church any Monday

morning from at 10.30am (except Bank Holiday Mondays.) In the event of a funeral on Monday Adoration will be

at 11.00 a.m.. Stay for a few minutes or a whole hour. Give Jesus the chance to welcome you to spend time with Him."

Baptisms

Please welcome into our Christian Community all the children baptised recently in our Parish Church

June 2025

Maya Anna Mulligan
Leo Adam Duignan
Katelyn Frances Harrington
Elle Faith Ormond
Méabh Nora Conroy
Bobby Joseph McGrath
Gaia Margarite Scully O'Keffee

July 2025

Jade Mikaela Cahayag Barte
Cillian George Boyle
Cian Michael Schaeftlein
Thomas Joseph James Fallon
Oliver Brian Winkle
Sofia Maria Hitchcock Keogh
Lily Anne Cullivan
Leo Francis Cullivan

August 2025

Cillian Aidan Nolan Duffy
Rían Thomas Nicholls
Tommy Noel Behan
Grayson Ronald Cadwell
Tommie Ciaran Horan
Rían Shane O'Neill
Eabha Helena Doyle
Jack Bird
Rory Farrell
Aurelia Butler

September 2025

Phoebe Margot Diamond
Rúláin -Tadhg Reynecke
John William Murphy
Calvin Joseph Byrne
Noah Conor Carroll
Isabella Rose Weldon Murphy
Dylan Hugh Casey

Congratulations to Childvision



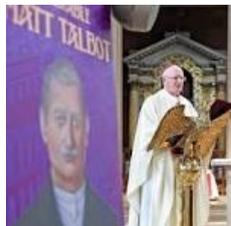
Congratulations to Childvision on the opening of their new Equine support centre. This new facility will provide equine therapy for children who have various visual impairment, and other needs.

The centre which was opened recently has been welcomed by the CEO of Childvision, Barry Sheridan, who pointed out that this centre is a national therapeutic centre and will provide for children with physical, emotional, and other needs.

The centre has been called after the late Jack de Bromhead, the thirteen-year-old son of Henry and Heather de Bromhead, who tragically lost his life in a riding accident. Mr. De Bromhead said that the centre was something which would reflect the love which Jack had for horses and would encourage so many young people to achieve their potential through involvement with the centre and their affinity with horses. The family said that the centre would be a wonderful legacy for their beloved son, Jack.

The Centre can stable ten horses and ponies and has changing facilities and offices with learning and viewing space. It is intended that the centre will provide services on a year round basis.

Matt Talbot—A Person of Hope and Faith and Charity



On the 7th. June last at a memorial Mass in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral for the Venerable Matt Talbot on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of his death Archbishop Dermot Farrell in his homily said they were gathered to give thanks for his life and for his faith and his witness. They were there to give thanks for that life which touches all of us and for

the hope that he has brought to thousands of people who suffer from addiction and for those that carry them at great personal cost.

Furthermore, he continued “

“Nobody would be more surprised than Matt to see the crowd, than this man who came to know the darkness and the depths to which addiction can bring the person. Born in the poverty of Dublin's inner city, Matt Talbot began drinking at twelve years of age and became a chronic alcoholic. After sixteen years, aged 28, he decided to 'kick the habit'.

In the mystery of his life, the Lord had knocked on Matt's door, and his turning to his Lord, 'the Way, the Truth and the Life' (John 14:6), became the way for him to fight, and overcome, his addiction. His rediscovery of his Lord and his active participation in the life of the Church—some might use the word 'conversion,' his turning to prayer, his reconnection with the Eucharist and the community that gathered for it, were central to his recovery. We are reminded that the spiritual and the physical dimensions of the person go hand-in-hand in the renewal and rebuilding of life. Matt once said to his sister, “Never think harshly of a person because of the drink. It is easier to get out of hell than it is to give up the drink.” He then continued, “For me, it was only possible with the help of God and our Blessed Mother.” Matt's life became one of prayer, penance, fasting and acts of charity. His journey to recovery was also a journey to the heart of what the Church and our mission is: a witness to the power of Christ for us and in us, a service of others—especially the poor, and a place where people can be with each as they are..”

Photo shows Archbishop Farrell celebrating Mass in St. Marys

Simply Cooking

Favourite recipes from the late Mary O'Mahony's
popular cookery book

LAMB & VEGETABLE HOT POT

Ingredients:

3oz (75g) Leeks, chopped
1 Teaspoon Mixed Herbs
4oz (100g) Cauliflower, cut in florets
Season with salt/pepper
2oz (50g) Mushrooms, washed/sliced
2 Tomatoes sliced
3 oz (75g) carrots, peeled/sliced
1oz (25g) Margarine
Med Onion, chopped
¼ pint (150ml) stock
12oz (350g) cooked lamb, cubed
Oven Temp.: Gas Mark 4, 350F, 180C

Method:

Put a layer of vegetables and then a layer of meat in a casserole.
Add the herbs, salt and pepper.
Arrange tomatoes slices on top and dot with margarine. Pour in the stock.
Cover the dish and cook on centre shelf for 45 minutes

Editors Note: Once again at this time we are republishing one of Mary's handiest recipes for Autumn

Recent Marriages

August 2025

Caitlin Rozario & William Webster

**Congratulations to the
happy couple**



Annual Mass of Remembrance

The Annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated in the Parish Church of St. Vincent de Paul at 7.30 p.m. on the 14th November next.

At this Mass all who have died in the past year will be remembered and families of the deceased will be invited to attend. Each of the deceased will be remembered on our memory tree and around the Church during the month of November.

During the Mass a reflection on Grief will be given by guest speaker, Brian Nolan.

ST. THÉRÈSE AND THE EUCHARIST



When thinking about the practice of Eucharistic Adoration, my thoughts turn to St. Thérèse and her great love for the Eucharist, a love that she first learnt from her father. Nearly every afternoon, Louis Martin took his little daughter Thérèse with him for a walk and they always made a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in one of the churches.

Watching her father pray, with great devotion, no doubt instilled a love and reverence into Thérèse's heart too, and she longed for the day when she could receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

When that day eventually arrived, the ten-year-old Thérèse was overwhelmed with joy. She wrote of it twelve years later 'How sweet was that first kiss of Jesus! It was a kiss of love; I felt that I was loved, and I said 'I love you and I give myself to you forever" .

During processions of the Blessed Sacrament, Thérèse loved to throw her rose petals in front of the monstrance, and she was delighted if one of them touched it. Much later when she was instructing the novices in Carmel, she took them out to the cloister square to strew rose petals in front of the crucifix. Thérèse explained that the petals represent our thoughts and deeds, joys and sorrows, and that we should give them all to Jesus to use as He pleases.

In Thérèse's, time it was not usual for people to receive Holy Communion very often, but Thérèse said that Jesus does not come down from Heaven to remain in the golden ciborium. He comes to enter our hearts, and we should welcome Him frequently. It saddened Thérèse that due to the custom of her times, she was not allowed to receive Holy Communion daily as she desired, but in her offering to God's Merciful Love she asked Jesus to remain in her as he does in the tabernacle.

She wrote: 'I cannot receive Holy Communion as often as I desire, but Lord, are YOU not all-powerful? Remain in me, as in a tabernacle, and never separate yourself from Your little victim'.

She told her Prioress that after her death people would be allowed to go to Holy Communion more often. In fact, Pope Pius X was anxious that her cause be hurried when he read a letter she had written to her cousin Marie Guerin.

Thérèse encouraged her to go to Holy Communion, even when Marie thought that she had committed faults which made her unworthy to receive. Thérèse told her that when she stayed away from Holy Communion, she made Jesus sad. Thérèse herself had suffered from scruples in her teens, so she fully understood Marie's dilemma and was able to help her regain her confidence in God's great love and mercy.

Thérèse believed that when we receive Holy Communion we are entering into an exchange of love with Jesus. He gives Himself entirely to us and we should give ourselves to Him in the same way, opening our hearts to Him so that he can fill us with his love. We sometimes hear Holy Communion referred to as 'The Sacrament of Love' and that is just how Thérèse understood it.

From a piece submitted by Sr. Thérèse M. – of Hampton Convent.

The November Dead list

Envelopes will be delivered between October 15th and 22nd. to each household in the parish and there will be spare envelopes available at the back of the Church. Envelopes may be placed in the safes at the back of the church or handed in to the Sacristy .

Recent Bereavements

Pleas pray for the following deceased members of our parish:

June 2025

Catherine Williams
Moiria Power
Sadie Dempsey
Pauline Burke
Maureen Walsh
Eileen Bolger

July 2025

Daniel Jimenez y Winkelmann
Patrick O'Neill
Maura O'Connor
Desmond Kelly
Marita Broderick



August 2025

John L'Estrange
Mairead Joyce
Sinead Kennedy
Paul Butler
James Donnelly

September 2025

James Kelly
Mary Brouder
Pauline McNevin
Ann Gallagher
Veronica Congdon
Colette Mulligan

Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en is a shortened form of All Hallows' Evening, falling as it does on 31st October, the eve of All Saints feast day which is the 1st of November, and followed by All Souls day on the 2nd November. This is the time in the Church's year when we remember the souls of all who have gone before us especially those who have gone in the past year.

The Gospel reminds us that it is a happy and wholesome thing to pray for those who have died.

Of course, we also have the other side of Hallowe'en which commemorates that crossover between Christian festival and Celtic rituals.

It is this aspect that tends to be remembered today with witches, and ghouls and ghosts.

However, we hope that our older parishioners may not be disturbed by the constant banging of fireworks, and by smoke from bonfires and even the risk of fire from sparks etc.

Let us commemorate Hallowe'en both in the Christian sense, and in allowing the children their games, and the dressing up.

Let us respect our neighbours and our animals and the environment. Let us not damage our green spaces by the debris of bonfires or upset pets by the constant noise. Let us celebrate as Christians caring for each other.

Happy Hallowe'en.

The November Dead List

In a society where we are constantly encouraged to make lists, the November dead list seems an anachronism for many of the younger generations. Tibetan prayer wheels, Hindu imprecations, Buddhist chant and chakras are all accepted but the dead list is almost foreign to many.

Yet that list is important for so many of us of an older age.

As we sit down to write the names of our dear dead ones, the early names are writ bold and large. More and more names come tumbling out, as the writing gets smaller and the page seems no bigger than a postage stamp. We desperately try to capture them all, onto the back page, shall we put in a page, but no that's it. We seal the envelope including the small donation. This very act of writing has drawn up so many names, faces long forgotten, voices in our head, bringing us into touch with the eternity of death.

Every name that comes to mind lives with us, as we too hope to be remembered and live on, on someone's list.

Gardening for Winter

More and more people are using their gardens as an outdoor space even during winter.

The growth in the use of outside heaters and the creation of garden rooms has made people concentrate on how to make these spaces more pleasant with suitable planting for year round enjoyment.

Apart from winter flowering shrubs which we can access from the garden centre or local hardware shop there are also a variety of hardy cyclamens which can produce a colourful display even into the really frost weather. Always read the label or seek advice as to the best locations for such plants. If you go on the web do check that the advice relates to either Ireland or northern England for winter plants.

Some winter shrubs can be prone to the effects of sunlight especially the Camellia, even in Winter, a very popular one at Christmas. Shade these plants and protect from the worst of the frost and you will have a colourful potted plant for your patio.

Shrubs and plants can also be bought for their berry colour, Fire thorns or Skimmia to name some. Cotoneaster is another, as are some of the low growing honeysuckles (Ioniceras). Viburnums are also worth considering.

Those of you with a greenhouse can use it for early spring bulbs, but an unheated greenhouse should be lined with bubble wrap to keep out the worst of the cold nights.

The bare forms of garden trees or shrubs can be used to create lighting shapes in the garden itself. These can make a nice display at Christmas time. Solar powered light decorations cut out the need to have electrical connections outside unless you have an outdoor socket properly wired. Again, safety is the watchword. Do not set up any connections outside if you do not know what you are doing.

'Tap to Pay' – Reminder:

Tap to pay is available at the back of the church if you would like to contribute towards the necessary funds for the continued maintenance and upkeep of our parish church and grounds - your contributions will go exclusively to the running costs of our parish.

