

St Joseph's, Bonnybridge

November 1st 2021

31th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B.

Mass Time & Intentions

- Sat 30th Oct at 5.30pm: Mass Neil, Bridget & Helen McKinlay –A
British Summer Time ends on Sunday 31st October. Clocks go back one hour.
- Sun 31 Oct at 10.00am: Mass The McKeever Family - A
Sun 31 Oct at 11.00am: Mass Special Intention
Sun 31 Oct at 1.00pm: Baptism
Mon 1 Nov at 11.00am: School Mass: Stewardship of Creation (This Mass is for the school only. It will be the first whole school Mass for almost 2 years and we need to spread through the church the classes in their groups to keep to regulations for schools.)
- Mon 1 Nov (All Saints day is not a Holiday of Obligation this year)
- Tue 2nd Nov at 7.00pm: Mass Holy Souls
Fri 5th Nov at 9.30am: Mass Michael Ryan -RD
Sat 6th Nov at 5.30pm: Mass Ina & Henry McKeever -A
Sun 7th Nov at 10.00am: Mass Patrick Rooney RD
Sun 7th Nov at 11.00am: Mass Crossley and Ferguson Families - A
Sun 7th Nov at 1.00pm: Baptism
Sun 7th Nov at 2.00pm: Annual Dunipace Cemetery Memorial Service
Tue 9th Nov 7.00pm: Mass Peter McKenna RD
Fri 12th Nov 9.30am: Mass Jeanette Porco RD
Sat 13th Nov 5.30pm: Mass Alex McFeat RD
Sun 14th Nov 10.00am: Mass May Paton RD
Sun 14th Nov 11.00am: Mass Brian Jones RD
Sun 15th Nov 12.00noon: Baptism

Please pray for the repose of Patrick Rooney, Bay Eireann Cruse and May Paton.
May the al rest in the Love of Christ

Dates for the Sacraments in 2022: Parents like early notice of the proposed dates for the Sacraments. Here the proposed dates for 2022: Dates for **1st Confession Wed 18th May at 1.30pm;** (A Penitential service for the P3s); **Confirmations Sunday 22nd May 1.00pm** (Archbishop Cushey is scheduled to administer the Sacrament); and **1st Communion Sat 11th June at 11.00am.**

New Scottish Catholic Publication: "The Scottish Catholic" is a new magazine of Catholic News and Views to be published every two week from November priced £2. The November edition is now on sale at the back of the church).

10.00am Sunday Mass: I intend to continue the 10.00am Sunday Mass at least until the end of November, although the numbers attending are dropping off a bit. I sense that there are many who still are naturally cautious at being among large crowds and see the 10.00 Mass a way of accommodating such feelings and spreading the load. If things develop nationally and we all feel more at ease and less at risk, I would tentatively look at dropping the 10.00am Mass maybe at the Start of Advent.

Last weekend'

s collection amounted to £726.10. The loose collection came to £397.00 and Gift Aid Envelopes amounted to £329.10. Thank you,

Thoughts about the Christmas season: There is no way in the present climate, that people would feel attracted to or comfortable in a Christmas Eve Mass of the usual size. This in mind, the way I am presently thinking is: to have two Christmas Vigil Masses one at the usual time of 5.30pm and an additional Vigil at 7.00pm both on Friday evening, Christmas Eve. Hoping this would spread things out a bit. On Saturday, Christmas Day Mass would possibly be at 10.00am. Many have said that they think a usual 11,00am Mass on Christmas day is too late in the light of having family round for a Christmas celebrations or going out to friends!

There would be NO Vigil Mass for the Sunday, Boxing Day, on the Saturday, Christmas Day and the one Sunday Mass on the 26th December would be at 11.00am. **Please let me know your views** so that we can come to a consensus about what to do that fits best with what you want, then, later on and with good notice, I will publish the actual timetable.

Christmas Cards will be on sale as usual from mid November onwards. A new stock has just come in.

Advent Penitential Service: This is part of forward thinking too. I have just written the Archbishop to see if he will give permission for a Celebration of General Absolution.

Altar Servers, I missed you being around. I am happy to have a couple of servers at each Mass – the usual crowd will not work because there is nothing to involve them in at present. Also few have asked to join the team, this we will achieve before the end of the year. If you are interested tell me.

October the month of the Missions: there are free copies of "Missio" the magazine of the Scottish Mission efforts in the last year are available at the back of the Church.

Housebound If you know of anyone who is housebound and should be visited with Sacraments please let me know by giving me a note of their name and address and phone number.