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ALL SOULS

We must all have childhood memories of All Souls Day. Halloween gives way to a more sombre atmosphere. Visits to the Church, visits to the cemetery, the Novena of Masses; these are some of the ways in which we reach out to those we love and who have gone from us. As we remember them we give them the one thing we have to give at this stage, our prayers and of course with these prayers our love.

We reach out to them in Faith. We believe that "for them life is changed, not ended", that "the sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality".

We reach out in Hope. We have journeyed with them in life and still "we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them".

We reach out in Love. We pray that they may be freed from sin, that they may rest in peace. We pray that they "share the joys and blessings of the life to come".

"From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead."

Catechism of the Catholic Church;

Feast of All Souls

Saturday 2nd October 2002

Mass at 11.00 a.m.

All Saints

We venerate the Saints for many reasons. We see the greatness of God's grace manifested in their holy lives. They show us what human nature is capable of with the help of God's grace. When on earth they helped people and they continue to add their prayers to ours. They accompany us on our pilgrimage to God. Many of us feel inspired and stronger for their company.

Fr Sylvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

Feast of All Saints Mass Times:

Vigil, (Thursday) 8.00 p.m.

Morning, 9.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m

Stations

This Autumn we have had 15 Stations in the Parish. I would like to take this opportunity of thank all those of you who extended Hospitality to the Lord, to the neighbours and to me personally. Many have remarked on the value of the tradition of the Station from the both the Faith aspect and the social aspect. We are ever grateful to those who keep the tradition alive. We have been

encouraging moderation in the hospitality after the Mass. People have responded well but we could keep it even more moderate.

I would also take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generous support both at the station dues and the other times of contribution. I have mentioned at many stations that I am blessed with the generosity of the Parish of Kilbrittain.

Tom Riordan P.P.

Sunday Collection

Sunday 20th October €572.50

Education Fund for Students to the Priesthood

Sunday 22nd September €860.00

Mission Sunday

Sunday 20th October €650.00

"With every gift show a cheerful face".
Sirach

✠ First Holy Communion ✠

On Tuesday, 8th October, a meeting was held with the Parents of the First Communion Candidates, the Teachers and Fr. Riordan to discuss the programme and the children's preparation for the Sacraments.

The Enrolment Ceremony was held on Tuesday 22nd October in the Church at 8.00 p.m. Twenty five candidates received their certificates of enrolment as they promised "to work with your teachers and all the people who love you at home, to learn about Jesus and his love for God the Father and for all of us".

First Penance will be on Tuesday 11th March 2003
First Communion on Saturday 10th May 2003



Mysteries of the Rosary

Pope John Paul has designated the year October 2002 to October 2003 as the Year of the Rosary. He has proposed five new Mysteries for the occasion. He has suggested that we could say them on Thursdays and transfer the Joyful Mysteries to Saturday, the day we devote to Our Lady. He has called them "Luminous Mysteries" to celebrate Christ the Light of the World

In the Letter "Rosarium Virginis Mariae" he says:

"In proposing to the Christian community five significant moments – "luminous" mysteries – during this phase of Christ's life, I think that the following can be fittingly singled out:

- (1) his Baptism in the Jordan,
- (2) his self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana,
- (3) his proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with his call to conversion,

- (4) his Transfiguration, and finally,
(5) his institution of the Eucharist, as the sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery.”

November Novena

The envelopes for the Novena of Masses are being distributed. The Masses from the 2nd to the 10th of November are offered for those you wish to be remembered. Last year it was suggested that the Masses be celebrated in the evening to give more people a chance to attend. This year again Mass for the Novena will be at 8.00 p m. each week day and at 11.00 a.m. on Saturdays.

On Saturday, 8th November, we will remember especially those who died in the last year. During the Mass bereaved relatives will be invited to light a candle in their memory. Others who would like to light a candle would be welcome to do so as well.
