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World Youth Day [Sunday 22 Nov 2026]
A Message from our Holy Father Leo XIV:

Christ's words begin with an invitation to take courage. I know well that, at times, instead of courage it is uncertainty or fear that can prevail in us, just as they did in the first disciples. Many of you carry questions and concerns that weigh heavily on your hearts. Perhaps you are anxious about the future, feel pressured to succeed and appear perfect, or experience the stress of constantly comparing yourselves with others or with unattainable, manufactured ideals. Under the influence of carefully curated images on social media, you may find it difficult to recognize and accept who you truly are. Indeed, you are longing for genuine affection, since technology cannot replace authentic human closeness but can only imitate empathy. Some of you know what it means to experience loneliness, disappointment or the fear of not being good enough.

For these reasons, perhaps you too have felt like Jesus' disciples, crossing the lake at night in a small boat. The wind grows stronger, the waves rise, and the shore disappears into the darkness. It is in circumstances like these that we hear the Gospel's invitation to take courage. Jesus comes toward his disciples and says to them: "It is I; do not be afraid" (Jn 6:20). This is the assurance I wish to place in your hearts: even before you begin to seek Christ, he is already seeking you, walking across the troubled waters of life. Christian courage does not arise primarily from our own strength; it comes from his presence. [see full text at www.vatican.va]

Our Dear Departed

During November, we remember in a special way those who have gone before us. We remember all who have died in our parish during the past year and all who have connections with the parish. We pray for them and for their bereaved families and friends.

Hospitality on Wednesdays

All are welcome to our usual gathering for tea / coffee / chat in the Parish Centre after 10:00 am Mass.

Advent Desert Day

The Visitation – a Space of Encounter

A Silent Retreat with guided reflection, personal prayer, Sacrament of Reconciliation & Eucharist, facilitated by Bernadette Murphy & Phyllis Moynihan, will take place on Sat. 28 Nov. at the Diocesan Centre in Corbally. For details and to register, contact Phyllis at 087 963 6893.

The Approach of Advent

Next weekend, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. It marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year and a time of preparation, watching and waiting, for the joyous occasion of the Birth of Christ.

Points to Ponder

What is the Kingdom of God? What is the Kingdom of Christ the King? [from Intercom, Nov 2026]

The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.

The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith. T

The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love. [Gerald Darring; St Louis University Center for Liturgy]

Mass Intentions

Sat 21 Nov	18:00	Jim O'Riordan (1st A); Marie & Des Fry (A)
Sun 22 Nov	10:00	
	11:30	Maureen & Daniel Looney (A); Bill O'Shea; Deceased members of the Connaughton Family; John Moloney (A)
Mon 23 Nov	10:00	*Pro Popolo*
Tues 24 Nov	10:00	Deceased members of Lansdowne Active Retirement Association
Wed / Thur / Fri		Mass at 10:00
Sat 28 Nov	18:00	Tommy McDonnell & Family; Roisín Hayes (A); Denis McMahon (A); Philomena Casey (A)
Sun 29 Nov	10:00	
	11:30	Jim Finucane (A); Eamon Keane (A); Marion Flynn (Rem)