

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEKEND

20th OCTOBER, 10.30AM MASS IS A SPECIAL MASS
for those having a significant
Marriage Jubilee this year e.g. 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years

BOARD GAMING AFTERNOON

Marlena and Kevin are hosting a fundraising board gaming event to raise money for the Missing People charity on

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER, 2PM - 6PM at the Church Hall.

This is not the usual family board gaming event for all ages, it is more suitable for older teenagers and adults. A great opportunity to have fun and learn some unusual board games. Places are limited, so please sign up at the back of the church to get a free ticket. As this is a fundraising event, there will be opportunities to donate money through competitions and raffles.

Light refreshments will be provided.

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES

AT KIDMORE END CEMETERY

10th November at 2pm

CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING & SUPPER

Friday, 22nd November, 7pm

Ticket forms are now available at the back of Church

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

A Workshop is planned for Saturday 14th December in the Church Hall. Arrive 9.30am for a 10am start and the workshop will run until Midday.

Numbers are restricted, therefore we shall have to work on a strictly first come first served basis.

Please could you email or telephone either of us if you are interested.

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Thought for the week

29th Sunday of the Year (B)

20th October, 2024

'Anyone who wants to be first [...] must be slave to all.'

In today's gospel James and John appear to be getting a little above themselves, a little over-ambitious, asking for seats alongside Our Lord in Heaven. Jesus uses this as a good opportunity to remind them - and us - of the virtue of humility and the importance of service of others.

When St Augustine was writing about the fundamentals of Christian belief and practice, he commented "If you ask me what is the first thing in religion - I should reply: the first, the second and the third thing therein is humility."

Humility is often referred to as the queen of virtues. Pride is a sin with which many of us struggle for most of our lives. It could be argued that much of the sinful behaviour in the world today has its root in pride, arrogance, a sense of self-entitlement. I once heard a priest describe pride as the sin we finally conquer in the grave!

St Francis de Sales remarked that the essence of pride is self-deception and so it would follow that honest self-knowledge lies at the root of conquering the sin of pride. We can best gain self-knowledge through prayer, through asking God for help in knowing ourselves as He knows us. We have each been given gifts and to deny these is false humility. We've probably all been guilty of that to an extent. Compliments such as: "You are so good at making cakes, playing the piano, building flat-pack furniture, solving difficult problems, etc" can often be met by "No, really I'm not!" Humility lies in accepting the gifts we have been given so generously and thanking God for them while reflecting the glory back to Him. Let us pray for honesty and humility.

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We ask you please, to pray for the following people who need your prayers:

Please pray for Rogan, (Peter Halter's sister Jean's great grandson) whose Leukaemia has returned and very sadly they say nothing more can be done. Prayers are needed more than ever now. Please also pray for Jean herself who has macular degeneration.

Please pray for Mary Edwards who is awaiting knee surgery and for her son Ian who is unwell.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Robert Brooks who is now undergoing chemotherapy and awaiting further blood test results

Thank you for all your prayers for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton They have now received the help they need. But please do keep Joe in your prayers as he continues to live with Tuberos Sclerosis, Epilepsy and Autism with Severe learning difficulties. These conditions present huge challenges to his life.

Please Pray for Maria McNamara's niece who is undergoing chemotherapy. Her name is Alison Flynn née McNamara.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 3 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Mary Hagger.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer.

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for the children and staff at St Martin's school

Please pray for our parishioners in St Luke's and Abbeycrest Nursing Homes



Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;

Jill Frildo, Alan Waller, Marnie Cotter, Bill Rodgers, Michael and Francis Coffey, Raymond Enright, Leonard Godfrey, Peter Gerard Smyth, Marnie Cotter, Gilbert Dodd, Pam Kizer, Janet (Jane) Jones, Angela May, Dolly Coffey, John Conlon