

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**FAMILY MASS**  
SUNDAY 5TH, NOVEMBER 10.30AM

### **THE CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE**

The weekend 4th/5th November after all Masses.

Please bring any unwanted/unused Christmas Cards to Church the weekend of 28th/29th October. These will then be displayed on the weekend of the 4th/5th November when you can Donate £1 to CIRDIC and choose up to 10 cards to take away Reusing unwanted items and cutting down on waste

### **HOLY HOUR**

6TH NOVEMBER, 7pm - 8pm

**BLESSING OF GRAVES—KIDMORE END CEMETERY**  
SUNDAY 12TH, NOVEMBER 2.00PM

### **CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING**

Friday, 24th November, 7pm in St Michael's Church Hall  
Sign up sheets available at the back of Church  
please return to the parish office by Sunday 12th Nov.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER WORKSHOP**

A Workshop is planned on Saturday, December 16th in the Church Hall.

Arrive 9.30 am for a 10 am start until Midday.

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

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

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## **Thought for the Week**

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**22nd October 2023**

In today's Gospel we see the Pharisees and Herodians trying to catch Jesus out in blasphemy or treason. They ask the question:

*"Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"*

If he said yes outright then he would offend one sect with blasphemy and if he said no then he would be opting for rebellion against the rulers. However Jesus could see their minds, as He can see ours.

His answer was to ask them to look at the denarius coin and ask whose head was depicted. When they replied that it was Caesar's He then spoke the renowned statement:

*"Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's"*

His enemies were amazed and confounded by the reply as they knew He had beaten them.

As Christians we have this problem too. We belong to two kingdoms. We cannot cut ourselves off from the affairs of the world as we belong to this world.

However, we should never compromise our Christian belief and values as we are also members of God's eternal world.

Many times the two worlds might collide and we have decisions to make as to which path we follow. We ask Almighty God to help us on our journey. We need His help to love our neighbour as ourself and live good, kind loving lives. We need help from God to choose to "render" to Caesar what is his but to "render" to God all our prayers and thanks for the wonderful gifts He gives us to follow Him. This may bring us into conflict with our earthly life but as Pope John Paul and Pope Benedict XVI told the World Youth Day in 2008

*"Don't be afraid to be Saints"*

God bless us Lord Jesus on our journey of faith.



**We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;**

Please pray for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton (Joe has severe learning difficulties and the family are struggling to find help or any respite care.) The parents have had to give up their jobs to look after Joe and they desperately need your prayers that they will find help.

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan whose further recovery from cancer surgery is proving difficult.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who is now out of hospital but continues to need our prayers following his bone marrow transplant,

Please Pray for Jim Hardiman.

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

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who has had his stem cell transplant to treat the Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers please for a successful outcome.

Please pray for Beth Selwood.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 2 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Shirley Trollop.

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

Please pray for Simon Keen who is recovering from an operation.

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 residents and staff of Abbeycrest and St Luke's.



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

Marnie Cotter, Bill Rodgers,

Michael and Francis Coffey, Raymond Enright,

Leonard Godfrey, Peter Gerard Smyth, Gilbert Dodd,

Pam Kizer, Janet (Jane) Jones, Angela May,

Dolly Coffey, John Conlon, James Enright,

Ursula Margaret Jean Van Well, Brian Dougan,

George Hajdu (senior), Danny Jenkins,