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**MASS TIMES**

5.15pm-5.45pm Confessions

**Sat Eve 18<sup>th</sup> Nov (Green) Thirty-Third Sunday of the Yr (A)**

6.00pm Eileen Cayford's Intentions

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov (Green) Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year (A)**

9.30am Frank Howard R.I.P. (M.M.)

11.00am Roger Lindo R.I.P.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November (Green) Mass of the Day**

9.30am Rita & Michael Feehan's Welfare (K.H.)

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov (White) Presentation of the Blessed Virgin**

9.30am Leon Saba R.I.P. (M.S.)

**Mary**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov (Red) St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

9.30am Edith & Bill Long R.I.P. (D.E.)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (Green) Mass of the Day**

9.30am Philippa Secker R.I.P. (D.E.)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November (Red) St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest &**

9.30am Holy Souls N/L

**Companions, Martyrs**

7-8pm Holy Hour

8.00pm Deceased Members of the K.S.C.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November (White) Our Lady's Mass**

10.00am Mrs. Joseph's Intention

10.30-11.20am Exposition & Divine Mercy Chaplet.

10.30-11am Confessions

5.15pm-5.45pm Confessions

**Sat Eve 25<sup>th</sup> November (White) Feast of Christ the King (A)**

6.00pm Luigi & Gina Bravo R.I.P. (J.B.)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November (White) Feast of Christ the King (A)**

**Youth Day**

9.30am Jack & Mary Ellery R.I.P. (D.E.)

11.00am B. Ferrill's Intention (B.F.)

5.30pm Mass for the Youth of the Parish.

Each Friday during November Mass is said for the Holy Souls. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

**Collections:**

Gift Aid: £377.41

Loose: £197.90     Att: 242

Second Collection for the Archbishop's Administration Fund £326.38.

Today at the 11am Mass, we welcome the Swaine Family and the Sherlock Family and all their friends, for the Baptism of Logan Patrick Swaine.

Next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November is the Feast of Christ the King. There will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Youth Work and there will be Mass at 5.30pm for the Youth of the Parish.

**INTERCOM:**

**The Deep End \* Dive In!** by *Triona Doherty*

Ruth Fitzmaurice was 32 years old when her husband Simon was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2008. He was given four years to live; two years later his lung function collapsed and he chose to be mechanically ventilated.

He communicates using an 'eye gaze' computer, and their home is a whirlwind of 24-hour nursing care – as well as buckets of joy and love. The family of five has grown to seven since the diagnosis, Simon directed his first feature film, and Ruth has found solace in a daily sea swim with friends near their County Wicklow home while also writing a book, *I Found My Tribe*, about her experiences.

It is more than some individuals or families have to cope with in a lifetime, but the story Ruth tells is not a sad one. She and her family have taken a challenging situation and turned it into a positive story of love, friendship and hope.

Ruth and Simon came to mind when I read the gospel story for today. We are all dealt different cards in life, and some are tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. What's important is not the life we are given, but what we do with it. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. The Fitzmaurice family are doing a lot more than just 'getting on with it'. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, they meet their challenges head on. 'Dive in' is Ruth's message, no matter what life throws your way.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish, especially:

Denis Barrett, Terrie Biggs, Frances Wheeler, Jean Cooper, Brenda Farrar, Joe Shields, George & Wendy Lea, Meriel Barry, Harry Howard, Amelia Leitato, Bridget Daniels & Colin Biggs, and all who care for them.

Anniversaries of the Deceased:

Alma Barton, Leon Saba, James Clancy, Frank Howard & Andrew Finan

**Strood Lourdes Team Group No. 554, Trip to Lourdes:**  
24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, from Stansted to Lourdes.

Raffle tickets are available from Fr. Michael, cost £1 each. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £4,000, other prizes £1,000 and £750 and others at £20 for Runners Up Prizes. See Notice Board for more information or tel. 01634 221881 or 07810406546.

**Cleaning the Church:** sometimes the four cleaning groups are a bit 'short' due to illness, holidays etc. Therefore this is an SOS for names and numbers of willing parishioners who could fill the gap(s) when needed. Each group has 3 or 4 people, but 4 makes lighter work – and we can then whizz through and do a better job. Please see the Notice Board. Many thanks. *Pat Croucher*

**Dates for your Diary**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3.30pm is an afternoon for Special Ministers, Readers and Musicians, led by Miss Hannah Vaughan-Spruce of the Catholic Formation Centre.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December there is a Penitential Service at 3.30pm, led by Canon Brian Coyle.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December is the Mass with the Anointing at 3.30pm.