By tradition, in November we remember and pray for the repose of the souls of our dead. In this month, many people undertake the spiritual exercises to obtain a Plenary Indulgence for the Faithful Departed. The Pope has released some changes to the normal practice. The Decree containing these modifications was signed on 22 October, the liturgical memorial of Pope St John Paul II.

Plenary Indulgence during month of November
Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1 to 8 November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

Plenary Indulgence for Feast of All Souls’ Day
Regarding the Plenary Indulgence attached to All Souls’ Day, Monday 2 November, this year it can be obtained not only on the preceding or succeeding Sunday, or on the actual Feast day, but on any other day of the month chosen by each member of the faithful. In this case, the indulgence is obtained by “devoutly visiting a church or an oratory”, along with the recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditating on various Gospel passages proposed for the liturgy of the Dead, or completing a work of mercy by offering to God the suffering and discomforts of one’s own life.

Invitation to Priests
As soon as it will be possible, Confessions will be made available again. Holy Communion can still be brought to those who are gravely ill or in danger of death.
Readings for 32nd Sunday in ordinary time (6th Nov)

Wis 6:12-16. To be wise is to be one who puts ‘first things first’, who ‘desires not worthless things. It is to be one who organises his life day-to-day to achieve this end.’ “Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim...By those who love her she is readily found...in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.” Fantastic!

1 Thess 4:13-18. In this early letter St Paul still believes that he will live to see the return of Christ. Images such as the “trumpet of God” and “taken up in the clouds” were common among Jews at the time. What he teaches the Thessalonians is that it is certain that Christ will come again.

Mt 25:1-13. Fr Carolan was famous for saying: we do not know the hour or the minute. This parable teaches us that it is wise and prudent to keep ourselves always faithful to the gospel, firm in faith, always loving. ‘Though I sleep my heart is awake.’ (Song of Solomon: 5:2.)

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR DECEASED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will be celebrated in St Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 8 November, at 7.00pm. You can join this Mass live on the St Eugene’s Cathedral webcam. If you would like to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass, please email the name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org

**BUNCRAINA CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Online Alpha is continuing via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and lasting one hour. Anyone over 18 who is interested in exploring the deeper questions of life and faith is welcome to join with us. Please email alphabuncrana@gmail.com for registration.

**STAGE FOUR RESTRICTIONS**

In line with Government guidelines, there will be no public Mass until further notice. Masses can be viewed at the normal weekday and weekend times on churchservices.tv/cockhill. Any Mass intentions or anniversary Masses arranged will still be offered at the date and time booked.

Please Note: the Parish Office is closed to the public. We are working behind closed doors, so please phone or email and we will gladly assist you.

**ROSAry AND BENEDICTION**

During the month of November there will be Rosary and Benediction each Sunday evening at 5:30pm. This can be viewed on the webcam churchservices.tv/cockhill

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS**

Taking place on Monday 9th November at 6:15pm and can be viewed on the webcam churchservices.tv/cockhill

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**MASS TIMES**

| Mon 9th November Mass 7pm |
| James & Margaret Bradley and the Bradley Family |
| Tues 10th at Mass at 10am |
| Ester and Barry Judge |
| Deirdre Dougan (5th A) |
| Wed 11th at 7pm |
| Special Intention |
| The Doherty Family |
| Thurs 12th at 10am |
| Patrick Doherty |
| Fri 13th at 10am |
| Frank and Mary Doherty (Cuey) |
| The Holy Souls |
| Fri 13th at 7pm |
| Dominick Coyle |
| Sat 14th at 7pm |
| Hugh McGonagle (MM) |
| Special Intention |

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**Feast Days This Week**

**Mon 9th November:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**Tues 10th:** St Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church

**Wed 11th:** St Martin of Tours, bishop martyr

**Thurs 12th:** St Josaphat, bishop and martyr

**Fri 13th:** St Laurence O’Toole, bishop

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