LITURGY NOTES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1st November – The Feast of All Saints
Year A – Gospel of Matthew

"The ultimate object of veneration of the saints is the glory of God and our sanctification, by conforming to the divine will and by imitating the virtue of those who were pre-eminent disciples of the Lord."
(Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy)

Monday 2nd: The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed or The Feast of All Souls: Today, Mass will be celebrated at 10am. From earliest times, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead. We are encouraged to have Masses offered for them. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for family names and offerings. The 10am Mass on the First Friday of each month is offered for those on the Altar List of the Dead.

Tuesday 3rd: St. Malachy, bishop. Born near Armagh in 1094. Became vicar of Ceallach, continued his work of reform as Bishop of Connor and, later, Bishop of Armagh. He introduced the Canons Regular into Ireland.

Wednesday 4th: St. Charles Borromeo. 1538-84, Cardinal Archbishop of Milan at the age if twenty-one, worked for reform in his diocese, drafting the Catechism of the Council of Trent. Patron saint of catechists and seminarians. Ten years ago, on his feast day, Eucharistic Adoration, in its present format was launched in Booterstown.

Thursday 5th: St. Martin De Porres 1579-1639, a saint devoted to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Became a Dominican lay brother, spending his nights in prayer and penance, his days in the monastery, caring for the sick and the poor. He is usually depicted holding a broom, stressing the sanctity of humble work when it is done with the intention of serving others and ultimately serving God.

Friday 6th: All the Saints of Ireland. 'In the communion of saints, many and varied spiritualities have been developed throughout the history of the Churches.... The different schools of Christian spirituality share in the living tradition of prayer and are essential guides for the faithful. In their rich diversity they are refractions of the one pure light of the Holy Spirit.' (CCC,2684)

Saturday 7th: St Willibrord was born in Northumbria in 658. He entered the Benedictine order. He established a mission at Utrecht and in 695 was ordained Archbishop of Utrecht by Pope Sergius I. He founded a monastery at Echternach in Luxemburg in 700, where he died in 739.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2026

- **FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH.**
- **FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM WAR.**
- **FOR CHRISTIANS WHO ARE PERSECUTED IN MANY COUNTRIES.**
- **FOR THE POOR.**
- **FOR OUR PRIESTS.**
- **FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY.**

YOUNG CHURCH

Remember loved ones during November and how love is a joining force between us all – our families, our friends and our planet. It is the Invisible String that connects us all, even to those who have lived before us and those who will come after us.

1. The Invisible String Craft

- **Idea:** Inspired by the story *The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst, create a wall display of strings connecting paper hearts.
- **How:** Each heart can hold the name or drawing of someone you love - a family member, friend, pet, or even a special place.
- **Reflection:** Discuss how love keeps us connected, even when we can't see or be with each other.

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Mass times
Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m.,
Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Saturday vigil at 6 p.m.

Daily Mass at 10 a.m. is broadcast live, Tuesday – Saturday inclusive: 10 a.m. Daily Mass is also recorded, which can be viewed on the day of the Mass, and deleted the following day.

Links to neighbouring parishes are included on our website.

Confession after Saturday 10 a.m. Mass,
Rosary Tuesday – Saturday at 9.35 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays after 10 a.m.
Mass until 10 p.m.

Café 67 opens every Thursday after 10am Mass. All welcome for a cuppa and a chat.

Gluten Free hosts are available for those with gluten intolerance. Please speak to a Minister of Welcome on your way into the church before Mass.

www.booterstownparish.ie

ANNIVERSARIES

At 6pm Mass we remember

Dermot Butler

At 11am Mass we remember

Paddy Dempsey

Vera Joyce,
also remembering her husband
Val Joyce

John Potts

Joan Rafter,
also remembering her husband
Frank Rafter

Breide Walsh

At the weekday Masses we remember

John Cleary

Frank Colton

Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Booking Anniversary Masses:
When booking an anniversary Mass for a loved one, we ask you to do so ten days in advance so that we can respectfully manage the Altar List.

Twelve Key Moments in the Celebration of the Eucharist – Autumn 2026

Week 4

"Liturgical Formation of the people of God. Key moments in the Celebration of the Eucharist

Liturgical formation is for everyone. Over the coming six weeks we will cover twelve key moments in the Celebration of the Eucharist continuing this week with:

7. The Presentation of Gifts
These are the gifts of Bread and Wine to be consecrated and distributed at this celebration of the Eucharist as Divine sustenance and sacred nourishment. A small number of hosts are kept in the tabernacle for distribution to the sick and housebound.

As at funerals, any symbols are carried forward in the entrance procession

8. The Eucharistic Prayer
The Eucharistic Prayer is the great hymn of thanksgiving and praise for the nourishment that makes us sharers in Christ's divine nature.

There are many settings of this prayer to suit different occasions. The Prayer is offered by the priest on behalf of the people – 'let us give thanks to the Lord, our God'. There are 3 acclamations which are often sung during this prayer as the assembly expresses Praise, Faith and Affirmation – the Sanctus, the Mystery of Faith and the Amen.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

Our Annual Remembrance Mass for the deceased will be held on Saturday, the 7th of November, at 2.30pm. During the Mass, we will pray for and remember all those whose funerals took place in our Church between October 2025 and September 2026. Refreshments will be provided in the Pastoral Centre after the Mass.

RECENT NEWS FROM THE VATICAN

On **Friday, November 6**, at 10.30 am in our Pastoral Centre, Sister Isabelle Smyth will bring us up to date on some recent news items from the Vatican and recent issues in relation to Artificial Intelligence.

BOOTERSTOWN COMMUNITY CHOIR

Booterstown Community Choir – with Lanyi Yan, Music Director

Thursdays 7pm-8.30pm

Call Lanyi Yan 087 394 3829 or
Email: yanlanyi1998@gmail.com

No experience required.

Skellig talk – Wednesday 4th October

Booterstown Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Professor Vincent McBrierty.
"The Church in Crisis – The Prophetic Dimension: Quo Vadis – Prophesy or Fantasy".

Donation on the night. Booking essential: www.skellig-arp.org

FINANCE

The two collections at weekend Masses go to the Diocese. The first for the support of priests, both working and retired, the second for the Share fund, along with all Dues collections.

To support your **Parish,** you can donate by using the card machine in the Church, you can go to our website and make a donation, or you can commit to make monthly payments via standing order. For further information please see our website.

For more information on these and other notices, please consult the website.