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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	26 th	6.00 pm	Mike Steere RIP
Sunday	27 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Michael Farrell RIP
Monday	28 th	9.30 am	Albert Davitt RIP & Family
Tuesday	29 th	9.30 am	Intention of Helen Gillespie
Wednesday	30 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	1 st	9.30 am	Intention of the McClusky Family
Friday	2 nd	9.30 am	Sandra Durose (ill)
Saturday	3 rd	6.00 pm	June Ryan RIIP
Sunday	4 th	8.15 am	Peter Sivyver RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15–10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28, St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 5:1-7, St Paul to Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

COLLECTIONS: Church: £325 Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the Education of Future Priests – please place donations in basket as you leave the church through the West Door

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: John Smith, Father Chris Ingle, Eileen Beech, Ian Threlfall, Thomas Duggan, Len Argent, Sister Catherine Lai, Maithé Bennett, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Anne Steere, Anthony Canneaux, Lawrence Brownlee, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Neville Shopland, Tom McErlean, Alice Perry, Edna Whitehouse, Margaret Hollander, Allan Bradbury, Sophia Kapture, Walter Storey, Josephine Shorten-Rule, Arthur Oakley, Cecily Grundon, Rosa Champ, David Tuttlebee, Annie Churchill, Mary Tremayne, Billy Gallagher, Mary Simmons, Charlotte Kelleher. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The meetings of children with their Catechists have resumed on Tuesdays in the Barn from 4.30 – 5.30 pm. First Holy Communion Masses will be on Sunday 11th October and Sunday 18th October at 2.00 pm

4. PRAYER GROUPS and SPIRITUAL GROWTH: The spiritual life is a journey about growth and change with God. Our prayer life is a time when we can come into the presence of the Lord, to connect our worldly selves to our deeper soul-selves, to make Holy the ordinary experiences of our life as we see them through the eyes of our faith.

Our Prayer groups will all be recommencing from Monday 28th September in the Church.

DIVINE MERCY – 1st Wednesday of the month 7pm. Contact: Verona 07734 208273

PARISH PRAYER GROUP- 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month 7pm Contact: Jane-Anne & Dermot 07765 403883

(Please contact us if you would be interested in a morning prayer group)

MOTHERS PRAYERS - Monday & Thursday Groups Contact: Mary 07889 065356

As we are following COVID guidelines it would be helpful if you can call the group contact you are interested in joining a group. Thank you and we look forward very much to sharing this precious time together.

5. CHOIR PRACTICES will resume on Tuesday 13th October at 7.30 pm in the church, following all relevant guidelines. New (and old) members welcome

5. THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: The kneeler and chair have been moved and so you may either stand in front of the screen or facing Father Liam. Face masks to be worn.

6. PLEASE OBSERVE THE ONE WAY SYSTEM throughout the church. In order to maintain social distancing it is most important that we all move in the same direction. Entrance is through the Front Porch and exit through the West Porch. When going forward for Communion please leave by one end of the bench and return by the other end. However, now that more people are attending Mass at the weekend, those sitting on the left side of the church (Chapel side) may leave through the Front entrance having been invited to do so by the stewards. The Repository is open after weekend Masses and entrance will now be from the Front porch and out through the shop office. Stewards will ensure only three people are in the shop at any one time. *It is essential that we maintain social distancing at all times*

7. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021: Is your son or daughter in Year 3 this term? If so, they are at the age where they can start the preparation course for First Holy Communion. Please email the Parish Office so that a letter and application form can be emailed back to you. Please return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

8. APF RED BOX HOLDERS please return your red boxes for counting. You can leave them in the Front Porch for Teresa to collect and count. If you have difficulty bringing the box to church please phone 243401 and we will arrange collection

9. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Serviceable Towels, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes Many thanks

10. TURNING TIDES (WCHP) HARVEST APPEAL during which items are requested that can be stored and used as needed throughout the year. Please could you donate: Boxer Shorts, Men's Socks, Dish Cloths, Dishwasher Salt, Dishwasher Tablets, Dishwasher Rinse Aid, Shampoo and Conditioner, Tinned Fruit and Veg, Pickles or chutney, Shaving Foam or Gel, Washing Powder, Razors, Herbs, Liquid Soap. Tinned Meat, Rice Pudding and Custard. There is a blue box in the West Porch for your donations. Many thanks in advance

FATHER LIAM SAYS: Pope Francis will release a new Encyclical on Saturday which will focus on what the world should look like following the Covid-19 pandemic. He will travel to Assisi on 3rd October – the eve of the Feast of St Francis – to launch the new encyclical. This will be his first trip outside Rome since the Coronavirus struck Italy. The Pope will sign the letter after saying Mass at the tomb of St Francis but due to the virus the visit and the Mass will be private. The letter will be titled 'Fratelli tutti' – 'All brothers and sisters'. The phrase comes from a line in St Francis writings: 'Let us all, brothers and sisters, consider the Good Shepherd who to save his sheep bore the sufferings of the Cross.' Soon after the title of the Encyclical was revealed, a few voices criticised the choice of title for not being gender inclusive. But the Italian word 'fratelli' means either 'brothers or siblings'

The figure of St Francis of Assisi is the key to understanding this pontificate. It is the first time a successor to St Peter has chosen to name himself after the friar from Assisi – the saint known for his radical dedication to the Gospel. St Francis offers a model of the Christian life that Pope Francis wants to hold up to the world. This document will remind us that there is no true fraternity without prayer – a lesson that the saint of Assisi taught his followers. At a time of growing polarisation and coming in the middle of a divisive United States presidential election campaign, the Pope will address the fragmentation and polarisation in society. The Pope has sought to be an instrument of peace, but the need for reconciliation is as great in the Church as it is in the world. Pope Francis is increasingly concerned at the rising bitter divisions among Catholics.

The new Encyclical is likely to build on the remarkable document that the Pope and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar signed in Abu Dhabi last year. Building bridges between the Christian and the Muslim world is something St Francis also sought to do. He tried to broker a peace with the Sultan of Egypt during the Crusades, 800 years ago, with partial success. 'Fratelli tutti' will be a natural sequel to the St Francis of Assisi inspired Encyclical on the environment. 'Laudato Si' was focused on restoring humanity's relationship with the natural world, while 'Fratelli tutti' will focus on how human beings can restore relationships with one another.

The Encyclical, an important form of Papal writing, is likely to cover a number of issues, such as war, globalisation, economics and inequality. Since the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic Pope Francis has focused his energies and those of the Vatican on how the Church can respond to the crisis. He has established a Covid Commission, covering everything from the distribution of ventilators to a rethinking of global finance. In recent weeks Pope Francis has been using his Wednesday General Audiences to offer a blueprint for the world post Covid, arguing that the virus has exposed glaring social illnesses.

Following the signing of the Encyclical on Saturday the text is expected to be published in a variety of languages within days. 'Fratelli tutti' will be the third encyclical of this pontificate. 'Laudate Si' also took a phrase from St Francis as its title. It means 'Praise be to you' and comes from the saint's thirteenth century song 'Canticum of the Sun.' It was issued in 2015. The first encyclical 'Lumen Fidei' – the Light of Faith' was published in 2013.

Pope Francis has been reminding us that humanity is faced with a crucial choice. The Coronavirus pandemic is a crisis affecting the whole world. He says: 'you can't get out of a crisis the same. We come out better or we come out worse. After the crisis will we continue with this economic system of social injustice and contempt for the care of the environment, of creation, or the common home?' He has been spelling out how he sees the challenge: 'On the one hand, it is imperative to find the cure for a small but terrible virus, which is bringing the whole world to its knees. On the other hand, we must cure a great virus, that of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalisation and the lack of protection for the weakest.' Pope Francis emphasises that the Church's social teaching cannot dictate public policy but it can and should set priorities for that policy. Above all it can point out the soaring injustices in our world and help open the eyes of public opinion to new possibilities.