

Primary Diocesan Advisor News Blog November Blog 2021

Dear Principal,

This November:

- We focus on the Synodal Pathway, launched by Archbishop Farrell on 17 October 2021.
- We look forward to the upcoming COPs 26, (UN Conference of Parties on Climate Change). As we follow the Conference, we reflect on Archbishop Dermot Farrell's Pastoral Letter on 'The Season of Creation.'
- We pray for the dead that their souls may rest in peace.
- On 28th November, the Church celebrates the First Sunday of Advent.

Diocesan Synodal Pathway October 2021-April 2022



Logo for Synod

The Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev Dermot Farrell opened the Diocesan Synodal Pathway in the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin at 3.00 p.m. on 17 October 2021. This date was significant for every diocese in the whole world who launched their individual Diocesan Processes. The Archbishop invited a representative from each parish in the Archdiocese to attend the Pro-Cathedral and he invited all others to attend online. In the celebration of the Liturgy, the Archbishop explained the history and process of the Synodal Pathway. He encouraged every single person to involvement at local parish level. He invited all the baptised 'to embark on the journey, because all the baptised are in the boat together.' This journey is one of listening and enlightenment guided by the Holy Spirit in Communion, Participation and Mission.

Please log on to the Dublin Diocesan website, www.dublindiocese.ie to read Archbishop Dermot Farrell's reflections at the launch. You will also see the liturgy that took place in the Pro-Cathedral.

'There is a time for everything...'

The Word of God (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8) reminds God's people that 'there is a time for everything'. Pertinent to the month of November, Scripture reads, 'there's a time to be born and a time to die.' In this month, the Church remembers loved ones who died. Remembering awakens one's memory to those gone before us 'marked with the sign of peace'. Feelings of sadness, joy, loss, regret, consolation and hope all find their way into remembering the dead. The Church helps God's people in their grief and remembrance THROUGH:

- Prayer, which is an important way to remember the dead. A prayer invoked many times during November reads, 'Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen'
- The invitation to parishioners to recall the names of loved ones, write them on the *Altar List of the Dead* and return the list with an offering to the Church. These lists of names take a special place on the sanctuary and on the altar during the celebration of Mass and prayers in November
- The parish prompting its parishioners to place memorial cards in a prayer space in the church remembering those who died
- The invitation to parishioners to celebrate All Saints Day (1 November) by reflecting on the lives of the saints and interceding through them. Also to celebrate All Souls Day (2 November) by attending Mass, visiting the graveyard, praying, receiving Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation to gain indulgences
- The invitation to celebrate All the Saints of Ireland (6 November) and give God thanks
- The invitation to the parishioners to make little acts of sacrifice in honour of the Holy Souls in purgatory

In addition, we invite you to log on to www.missionministry.ie for resources for the month of November for 'Families Walking Together in Hope.'

FEAST OF ST LAURENCE O' TOOLE 14 NOVEMBER

Check out the following link and you will find a PowerPoint, worksheet and a prayer to St Laurence O'Toole

<https://education.dublindiocese.ie/st-laurence-otoole>

FEAST IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL 27 TH NOVEMBER AND

FEAST OF ST CATHERINE LABOURÉ 28 NOVEMBER



Check out the PowerPoint on the education website to find out:

- The Story of the Miraculous Medal
- St Catherine Labouré's encounter with Mary
- The Meaning behind the Medal
- Reasons why a person wears a miraculous medal

'O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.'

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