

ORDINARY TIME: On Monday last, 11th Jan'21, we began what is called 'Ordinary Time' in our liturgical year. Ordinary Time in the Church's year refers to that time which is neither the season of Advent, nor the season of Christmas, nor the seasons of Lent and Easter. The colour of the priest's vestments in Ordinary Time is green, which could be seen as an appropriate colour in all our all our lives right now. In a few weeks we can look forward to the green shoots of spring as the miracle of nature starts to unfold once again. At present, all of us are living through 'extra-ordinary' times as the numbers contracting the Covid virus have soared in recent weeks. Thankfully, most people are doing their very best to follow the health guidelines and we can all play our part in ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of one another. Let us also continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and look forward confidently to the on-going roll out of the vaccine in the coming months.

THE PATIENCE OF ORDINARY THINGS

It is a kind of love, is it not?
How the cup holds the tea,
How the chair stands sturdy and foursquare,
How the floor receives the bottoms of shoes
Or toes. How soles of feet know
Where they're supposed to be.
I've been thinking about the patience
Of ordinary things, how clothes
Hang respectfully in wardrobes
And soap dries quietly on the dish,
And towels drink the wet
From the skin of the back
And the lovely repetition of stairs
And what is more generous than a window?

SATURDAY 16th SUNDAY 17th
2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. SEAMUS O'ROURKE C.C. 071-9620054

ST.MARY'S

Saturday 11am: Jack O'Connor (Funeral Mass)

Sunday 10am: Brendan C. Kieran (1st Anniv) Shannon Lodge
Patsy Guckian (Anniv) Shannon Lodge

MASSES FROM MONDAY 18th – SATURDAY 23rd JANUARY

Monday 8pm: Rose Prior (Anniv)

Tuesday 10am: Vera Traynor (Anniv)

Wednesday 10am: Joe Brennan (5th Anniv)

Thursday 10am: Bridget (Bezie) Reilly (Months Mind)

Friday 8pm: Kenneth McGrath (Anniv)

Sat 10am: Janet Sturt (Months Mind)

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 16th & SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY

Sun 10am: Sean Cassidy (Months Mind)

Margaret McCorry (1st Anniv) & her husband Hugh
Thomas Christopher Reilly (1st Anniv)

DEATHS: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following people who died in recent days. Tommie Padden (Leitrim); Maureen Moran (St.Patrick's Park) and John O'Connor (Shannon Lodge). May they all rest in the peace of Christ.

NOTE: Weekday Masses take place at the usual time on our webcam. Sunday Mass will take place on webcam at 10am while lockdown continues. All the Sunday intentions will be included in this Mass.

NOVEMBER MASS: A quick reminder that there are still a number of candles and leaves left from our November Mass for all our deceased. You can call to the office any afternoon to pick them up if you wish to keep them.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.