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### MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Derek Cummins (Months Mind) Ellen Morgan (Anniv.) John & Josie Thornton (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Sarah-Kate Ferriter (Anniv.)
	10.00 am	Eoghan O'Suilleabhain (Anniv.)
	11.30 am	Esther Crimmins (Anniv.)
Mon.	11.00 am	Moya Louise Rafter (Rec. Dec.)
Tues.	10.00 am	Florence & Earnest Dicker and deceased family members
Weds.	10.00 am	Denis, Roseanna and Denis Dwyer Snr (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00 am	Trudy O'Neill & her son Wayne O'Neill (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00 am	Mary and Joseph Curtis (Anniv.)
Sat.	10.00 am	Carl Keller (Anniv.)

### THE DEEP END - LET ME SEE AGAIN

*"I can see clearly now the rain has gone... Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind  
It's gonna be a bright, bright, bright, sunshiny day."* (Johnny Nash)

Most of us have no idea what it is like to be physically blind. Spiritual blindness is another matter altogether – I'm sure we can all admit to bouts of that! The blind man in today's Gospel must not have been blind from birth. His request to Jesus is 'Master, let me see again.' He had the gift of sight in the past, and he knows what he is missing. He wants to be able to see again. Our faith journey can be a bit like that. Sometimes we see things clearly, and sometimes we are blind to the bigger picture and to where our lives are leading. Dark clouds can come down, perhaps when we are struggling to deal with a stressful time or an illness. We can stray off the path and forget to let God in or to ask for help. But if, like the blind man, we call to Jesus for help, he will come to our aid. 'I will bring them back' promises the Lord in our First Reading from Jeremiah, 'by a smooth path where they will not stumble'.

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### NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING



- in the church  
at 8pm, on  
Tuesday 27th  
October for  
Baptism on  
Sunday 1st  
November

### Upcoming Events:

Cemetery Mass & Annual Blessing of Graves in St. Mary's & Old Abbey Cemetery on Sun. 1st Nov at 3pm

Day Retreat: Wed. Nov 4th, 10am-4.30pm at Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Howth. Cost €50. To book: contact Sally at 087 6226620

"Living With Loss" an free information evening about bereavement  
Thurs 5th Nov 5.30-8pm Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian St. Dublin 2

Sale of Work (St. Anne's Court) Sat. 7th Nov 10am-4pm

The Miscarriage Association of Ireland's Annual Service of Remembrance Sun. 8th Nov at 3pm at St. Teresa's Church, Donore Ave, off South Circular Rd.

### This week's calendar

Wed: Feast of SS Simon and Jude, Apostles

✚ Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Kathleen Tormey, Ellen McDermott, Gertie Fagan and Tadg O'Sullivan - all of whom died recently. May they rest in peace ✚

### READINGS Next Sunday Feast of All Saints

Apoc 7:2-4,  
9-14  
Ps. 23  
Jn 3:1-3  
Mt 5:1-12

