

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 14th November, for the celebration of Baptism on Sunday, November 19th.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Christine Walsh (M.M.) Bridget Moran M.M. Catherine Bennett B'day. Rem. Sheile Moran Anniv. Freda Russell Anniv.
Sun.	8.30 am	Susan Fogarty (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Jimmy & Margaret McGuire (Anniv.) Health Intention.
	11.30am	Maureen Malloy (1st Anniv.) Nora Abraham (Anniv.) Cora & Bridgie Casey,(Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Funeral - Rhona Bracken
Tues.	10.00am	Liam St John Devlin (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed.	10.00am	Marel & Hugh McGreevy (Anniv.) Margaret & Willie McGreevy (Anniv.)
Thur	10.00am	Robert McCracken (Anniv.) Deceased members of McCaughey Family
Fri.	10.00am	Thomas & Mary Connolly (Anniv.) Christopher Mulcahy (B'day Rem..)

THE DEEP END: Are you ready?

'It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any.' (Hugh Laurie)

I'm not ready – we all think it or say it from time to time. It could be as simple as not being able to find your shoes to leave the house, or a more serious situation like being under-prepared for a work presentation. It can also refer to our emotional state – we might not be ready to talk about an experience, to change a habit, to enter into a relationship, or to let go of a loved one. No one else can tell us if we are ready for a situation or not. It is something only we know. But there is some wisdom in the quote above, in that sometimes we need to push ourselves, to just dive in.

The parable in today's gospel pits two groups in stark contrast – the foolish bridesmaids who failed to prepare, and the sensible ones who were ready with their lamps and oil. Both groups fell asleep on the job, but only one group had laid the groundwork and so were ready for action. Jesus tells us we need to be watchful and ready. As well as having the light of faith, we need the fuel – the actions – to keep it lit so we are ready when the Lord comes.

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co Roscommon. (Email trionad@gmail.com)

A Liturgy Meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th Nov. at 10.30am

Please pray for Brid Rush, Lilly Henegan and Rhona Bracken who died recently. May they rest in peace.

READINGS Next Sunday

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16

Ps. 62

1 Th. 4:13-18

Matt. 25:1-13



The Priory Institute is offering a five-day online Advent retreat for those interested in thinking more deeply about Christmas. The course, given by Rev. John Littleton, is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online and is available to start on either Sunday the 3rd, 10th or 17th December. It continues over the following four days. Reflections are available cumulatively as the retreat progresses. Each of the reflections will help you to contemplate different aspects of Advent, the topics for the five reflections are:

Advent is about waiting

Advent is about listening and seeing

Advent is about patience, hope and being awake

Advent People - John the Baptist

Advent People - Mary and Joseph

The reflections will remain available online until Christmas. The cost is €40.

For more Information, email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com or phone **01 4048124**

Church-gate collection next Sunday will be for the local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

Holy Hour, including Adoration and Rosary, takes place on Thursdays, after 10am Mass in the Lady Chapel.

Mass, offered for deceased children, and those who died as a result of miscarriage, will take place on next Saturday, 19th November at 6pm. People will be invited to put leaves on a special tree to remember their children.

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill - at home, in hospital, nursing homes, the Hospice.

