



October 25, 2026

NEWSLETTER

ST. MARY'S PARISH, MAYNOOTH & LADYCHAPEL

MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS

St Mary's:

Family Mass: Sat 5.00 pm

Vigil Mass: Sat 7.00 pm

Sunday: 8.45 am, 11.30 am, & 1.00 pm

Ladychapel:

Sunday: 10.00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

St Mary's

Mon – Sat – 10.00 am

First Friday – 10.00 am

WORKING HOLY DAYS

St Mary's

Vigil Mass: Sat 7.00 pm

Morning Mass: 10.00 am

Ladychapel:

Vigil Mass: 8.00 pm

CONFESSION

St Mary's

Saturdays after the 10.00 am Mass



Dear Friends,

Do you use *Artificial Intelligence* on your phone? *AI*, as it is called, can be used for many good purposes, particularly in the field of medicine. And yet, as with many good things, it would be wise to use it with vigilance. Hence the subtitle of *Magnifica humanitas*, Pope Leo's recent encyclical: *On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*. The encyclical, freely available online, appeals for the safeguarding of humanity and the promotion of truth, the dignity of work, social justice and peace. Published on the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum novarum* (of new things), *Magnifica humanitas* tells us that "**Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel, or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together.**" Technology is obviously a good thing, but Pope Leo reminds us that it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it. And while *AI* can imitate a human being, it doesn't have a moral conscience or empathy, and it isn't capable of personal relationship or spirituality. Hence the need for safeguarding.

God bless.

Fr Tom

PARISH COLLECTIONS WEEKEND OF 17TH / 18TH OCTOBER, 2026

First Collection: € 1,167 (support of Diocesan Priests)

Missions: € 2,446 (Replaced SHARE)

Family Envelope & Standing Orders: € 2,375

NOTICES

SERVICE OF THE WORD

There will be no **10.00 am** Mass on **Monday 26th October** – we will have Service of the Word at 10.00 am.

CANCELLATION OF MASS

There will be no **5.00 pm** Mass on Saturday **31st October**.

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

PRAYERS & ROSARY AT LARAGHBRYAN

There will be Prayers & Rosary at Laraghbryan Cemetery at **2.00 pm** for those who are buried there and especially for those who died during the past year. All welcome to attend.



MAYNOOTH PARISH

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

This year, the Maynooth Parish Young Adult Group is organising a series of monthly talks on topics of faith and general interest that are open to the public. The upcoming talk of the cycle, on the theme of '**Hope**', will take place at St Mary's Parish Pastoral Centre at **7 pm** on Wednesday, **11th November** and will be led by **Helen English**. All are welcome to attend!

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

The Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners and those who were buried from our Church from the 1st November, 2025 will take place on **Tuesday 17th November** in St Mary's Church at **8.00 pm**. All welcome.



NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

The Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available in the porches. You are invited to take one and place the names of all those of your family and friends who have died on the *Altar List of the Dead*. All those whose names that are entered will be prayed for at all the Masses during the month of November and on every First Friday for the coming year. When you have it filled in, please return it in the Parish Office, Sunday Collections or to the Sacristy..

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Have you suffered a loss? We would like to invite you to our Bethany Group Support Meeting, There will be **no meeting in October**. The next meeting will take place on the **30th November** in the Parish Pastoral Centre at **7.30 pm**. For more information, please contact 086 2700740.

Bethany Team: Jean Kennedy, Anne Gallagher & Antoinette O'Brien

RCIA - INVITATION TO ADULTS SEEKING BAPTISM IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Parish RCIA team welcomes, supports and accompanies adults seeking to become members of the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which people enter into the fullness of the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The RCIA team will meet and guide candidates through the different stages of the process. If you know someone who is interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a Catholic, then please invite them to contact Martina in the Parish office. They will then be put in touch with a member of the RCIA team.



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