Ballybunion Parish Newsletter	*1st November, 2026*	*Feast of All Saints*

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Schedule for the Week:	
Sat. 31st Oct. 7.00p.m.	Thomas O'Connor, Lahardane; Jean, Helen & Tom O'Connor Jimmy and Lizzie Lynch Tullamore
Sun. 1st Nov. 11.30am	Ellen Nellie O'Donoghue, Doonferris (Months Mind); Noreen Keane, (Months Mind); Eileen Holly; Phil Nagle Ryan; Ann Nagle; Helen O'Connor; John Snr, Imelda & John Jnr Barry, Sandhill Road; Jerry O'Sullivan Tullamore
Mon. 2nd Nov. 10 a.m.	Feast of All Souls – The Faithful Departed Ballydonoghue: Feast of All Souls:: Mass for The Faithful Departed: 7 p.m.
Wed 4th Nov. 10.00 a.m.	Private Intention,
Fri. 6th Nov. 10.00a.m.	Faithful Departed
Sat. 7th Nov. 7.00p.m.	Frank Whelan (Months Mind), Jet Costello, Con O'Gorman Lacca, Joe Lynch Lahesrough, Kitty Riordan, Ellen McAuliffe, John, Tom, Nora & Patrick Murphy, Deirdre O'Connor, Martin Flynn East End (2nd Anniv.),
Sun. 8th Nov. 11.30am	Frank & Bernadette Buckley

Parish Notes

Welcome to St. John's Church. This is a House of the Lord: Please speak to Him for yourself and those dear to you. This is a Sanctuary of God: Please maintain the silence and respect befitting its sacredness. This is a place of sacrifice: Please, let us be especially conscious of this as we prepare for the celebration of Mass.

Anniversaries: Catherine Carmody, Patrick Dominic Lyons, Eddie Houlihan, John Sonny O'Connor. Kitty Riordan, Ellen McAuliffe, Pat Gleeson & deceased family members.

Priest on Duty Sun., 1st Nov.: Fr. John Buckley Ballylongford: 087 2409624

Confession: Saturdays 6.15p.m. - 6.45p.m.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament: Monday 8.45a.m. – 9.45a.m.

Diocesan Collection for Irish Church Commissions & Agencies next weekend 7/8 Nov.

Presentation Sisters invite women aged 20-45 for day of exploration & reflection on Sat. 28th Nov. 10.30 to 4 p.m. in Mount St. Annes Portarlington. Register: 0578626153

Slua Spraoi: social club for 18-35 years. Buds Ballyduff. Launch: 5th Nov at 8 p.m.

Yoga Duagh Sports Complex: Contact: 085-8383922

Reflection: **The Saints as Stained Glass Windows** I think of the saints as stained-glass windows. An ordinary window lets in the sunlight but the stained-glass window gives colour, shape and story to the light. The saints in their various ways show us how to live the Christian life. The saints manifest the holy side of the Church. They give shape, story and colour to the light of God. They inspire us by their holy lives, instruct us by their teaching and give us their protection in answer to our prayers. Saint Therese of Lisieux promised, "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth." This November let us recall the light of our beautiful saints that are publicly venerated and especially those we have personally known and loved . See on You Tube Bravery Under Fire tells the story of Fr Willie Doyle SJ the Heroic Irish Priest & World War 0ne Army Chaplain Who Died Saving Soldiers

I know a lot of Saints, I do! So let me mention just a few: I know someone who runs a team and teaches kids to play and dream, Who stands in cold and wind and rain on days they play and nights they train; Someone who's there when we are sad The best the gentlest friend we've had ,Someone who says, 'Just do your best', when I am scared to take a test; A friend who takes the time to show how things were done so long ago; ; A teacher who just always knows where that comma always goes; and others who are kind and good, Who try to act as Jesus would, Who show God's love in all they do. I know a lot of saints, don't you? (by Christy Kenneally)

One of the most striking aspects of All Saints' Day is its universality. Unlike feasts dedicated to specific saints, this day commemorates all the holy men and women who have faithfully followed Christ, even if their names and deeds are lost to history. At its heart, All Saints' Day is an expression of hope. It points to the transformative power of God's grace, which turns ordinary people into extraordinary witnesses of love, charity, and faith. The saints, in all their diversity, provide us with a glimpse of what it means to live in communion with God. It reminds us that sainthood is not limited to a select few who achieved great fame or accomplished extraordinary feats; rather, it encompasses countless individuals whose lives, while perhaps quiet or humble, were nonetheless deeply rooted in faith. These are the mothers and fathers, the workers and neighbours, the ordinary people who lived out their discipleship in simple yet profound ways. This day calls us to remember that holiness is not reserved for the few but is open to all of us. In the Beatitudes which are often read on All Saints' Day Jesus lays out the path to holiness in a way that is both universal and personal. Blessed are the poor in spirit, the meek, the peacemakers, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. These words reveal that sainthood is less about perfection & more about a life oriented toward God & others. The saints are models for us, not because they were sinless, but because they allowed God's grace to work in and through them, even in their weakness

Prayer on Lighting a Candle during November: As you hold this candle in your hand, recall the memory of your loved one. Pray God's peace and rest on their soul. Pray also for yourself that God in His infinite love for you will give you peace of mind and heart at this time of brokenness and loss in your life. May the Souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. O Sacred Heart of Jesus grant them a place of peace and joy in your Kingdom. Amen

God Bless. **Fr. Gearóid Walsh, P.P.**