Ballybunion Parish Newsletter	*8th November, 2026*	*Thirty-second Sunday in ordinary Time*

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Schedule for the Week:	
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;
Mon. 9th Nov. 10 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
Wed 11th Nov. 10.00 a.m.	Faithful Departed
Fri. 13th Nov. 10.00a.m.	Private Intention
Sat. 14th Nov. 7.00p.m.	Edward Walsh; Mary O'Sullivan (2nd Anniv.); Noreen & Christopher McNamara, Molly, Paddy, Paudie & Tom Joe Walsh, Padraig O'Sullivan Ballydwyer (Birthday Remembrance), Special Intention
Sun. 15th Nov. 11.30am	Liz Coleman (Months Mind, Carmel McCarron, Margaret & Joe McCarron & the Beasley Family Riverview, Michael Walsh Ballyeigh (1st Anniv.), David, John & Helen Walsh Ahafon & UK,

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

Anniversaries: Maureen Browne (1st Anniv.), Bridie Enright East End, Noones & Moss Greaney, Noreen & Jimmy McGowan, Richard O'Donoghue, Thomas O'Connor Dromin, Neville Asregadoo

Priest on Duty Sun., 8th Nov.: Fr. Anthony O'Sullivan Lixnaw: 087 2461749

Annual Memorial Mass for Decd. of Kerry Ingredients: St Michaels Lixnaw 11th Nov: 7.30pm

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

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

Cumann na Sagairt invites you to a bi-lingual lecture on Fr. Francis martyred by Cromwellian Forces on Scariff Island in the Killarney Friary Mon. 9th Nov. 8 p.m. Ceoil agus stair.

Visual Arts Exhibition Listowel: St. Johns 19th Nov at 7 p.m. Free event.

Reflection: In the framing of today's parable, Jesus is referring to early Palestinian Jewish marriage customs, which tell us that the waiting maidens are likely young family members of the bridegroom. In other words, they know him. They may have grown up with him. They have a relationship with him. Furthermore, a delay in his arrival is to be expected because the final marriage contract needs to be negotiated before the celebration can take place. The maidens who love the bridegroom dearly—the wise ones—are excited enough in their anticipation of this event to prepare. Their focus is on their love for him and the celebration (the party) that will commence upon his arrival.

The "foolish" virgins on the other hand—and notice the word is "foolish," not forgetful—don't bother to prepare. They, like the wise, also know the groom, but their focus is not on him or his important day. The celebration these maidens know will be coming isn't enough of a priority to pull them away from their foolish pursuits to prepare themselves.

The foolish virgins love for him is not the same as that of the wise. We know this because what we love always guides our actions and choices, always guides how we spend our time.

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

Community News

World Day of Remembrance for Road traffic Victims: Mass in St. Mary's Church Listowel on
Sunday 15th November at 9 a.m.

A Christmas Celebration: Kerry Choral Union with St. Joseph's Secondary School in St. John's Church on Wed. 25th Nov at 7 p.m. Tickets 15 Euro.

Beale Responders Recruitment &Information evenings:
Mon 16th Nov: Asdee Community Centre; Tues 17th Nov Ballydonoghue Clubhouse; Wednesday 18th Nov. Ballylongford Community Centre; Thursday 19th Nov: Bunker Bar Ballybunion. Aged 18 plus invited. Further info:0879502167/0874652527

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