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Fr. Christy

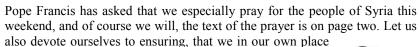
writes... TOUGH TIMES FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

If you travel to the top of the Mount Tabor in lower Galilee, you will arrive at a most beautiful Church. It is the site of the Transfiguration. The church was vandalised and desecrated. According to **The Jerusalem Post**, "the robbers stole chalices, looted the donation box and damaged icons. Unlike other Christian sites in Israel that have been attacked, no graffiti was painted." **Wadie Abunassar**, a spokesman for bishops in the Holy Land, also said that Communion bread was thrown on the ground.

Yet again, this past week has been a difficult one for Christians. Christians are in a minority, where the Hebrew Faith (Jews) and Muslim Faith dominate. Over the years there has been many attempts to reach out to each other and the Church, has always had to be careful to not be

particularly associated with one side or the other.

In Syria, they live under constant threat of attack, their places of worship vandalised or destroyed and their lives in danger. The people of Syria have been almost bombed off the face of the earth. As a people, we have, in our own painful history, endured the oppression of our faith. Many feel in the secular society that we live in, all religion is being undermined.



and time, always treat others with the respect they deserve, regardless of race, colour or religious belief.



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Graveyard Prayers November

The Annual Pravers & Blessing of the Graves for the dead in the gravevards of the parish will take place on Sunday November 6th as follows:

Sunday 6h **Ballvheada:**

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Killingley: 3.15pm **Ballinaboy:** 3.15pm Goggins Hill: 4.00pm

Please note:

Blessing of graves in two graveyards at the same time is correct as these will be done by the Parish Funeral Ministry Team.

Mass for Bereaved

The Annual Parish Mass for the Bereaved will be held in **Ballyheada Church** on **Tuesday November 15th** at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Rosary Group

0) **Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Praver Group** will hold their Annual Procession around *the Lough* on Sunday October **30th.** assemble in the church at 2.30pm. Conclude with Benediction and Enrolment of the 'Brown Scapular' All welcome.

St. James Cemetery

Prayers and Blessing of Graves at St. James Cemetery, Chetwynd on Sunday November 6th at 3.00pm. All welcome.

Remembrance /

Memorial /Cards

During November the month of the Holy Souls memorial /remembrance cards will be displayed on a wooden cross in the Sanctuary of Ballyheada and Ballygarvan churches. Anyone who wishes to remember their loved ones in this way are invited to hand in their cards to the church on or before the Novena begins.

Candle Lighting Service

There will be a candle lighting ceremony after the opening prayer on the first day of the Novena Mass. A 1 A Everyone who wishes to remember their loved ones **can collect a** candle at the door and light it at the altar before Mass begins. The candles will be lit daily and placed beside the

November Envelopes

altar for the duration of the Novena.

November offering envelopes are available in the churches. Please return your envelope with the list of your deceased love ones enclosed on or before the opening of the Novena on 2nd.

First Friday Visits

Friday is the First Friday of November. Fr. Christy will make the usual monthly visits to the housebound on Friday 4th.

Prayers for Syria

Pope Francis has asked us to include prayers for the people of *Svria* this weekend. Prayer:-Lord our God, Father of all humanity; change the

hearts of all peoples and their rulers, so that peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, love and righteousness. May the Spirit of Peace descend upon the people of Syria and upon our world until all conflicts cease and peace reigns on earth. Amen.

Remembering our

Loved Ones

Many people find November a difficult month, those who have been recently bereaved and those who carry the scars from a past painful bereavement. Most of November we concentrate on remembering our

deceased loved ones:- The Holy Souls Novena, the visits to the gravevard,

while these are spiritually good for us they make it impossible for people to avoid being revisited by the pain and loss of a loved one.

We hold dear the memory of those who have been a truly significant part of each of us. The gift of memory and its place within our hearts brings us great consolation. Our hearts are warmed by the comfort of others and slowly over time we begin to heal and embrace life once again as our loved ones would wish us to live. We ask God to heal our pain

and sadness as the month of November is a time of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the lives of our loved ones. (Mary O'Halloran writes..)

Remember in November

Take the *Short-Term Pledge* for the Month of November for deceased family and friends who have gone before us marked with the sign :A: of Faith. Contact your local Pioneer Group or join online www.pioneerassociation.ie

Ballygarvan National School

Congratulations to Ballygarvan N.S. boys on winning the DFI final of Sciath na Scol and the girls on reaching the DGFI final.

Reflection:-



Holy souls are special people Whom from us God did call We are left here broken hearted For we love them one and all. All we have left is just our memories Of the times when they were near Longing for those precious moments Wishing they were here. But death is not the end for us It is just an open door where some day we will be with them With more happiness that before.

Once again with all our loved ones All our sorrow it will end In God's home we'll be re united Parents, family and friends. So in this special holy month Remember them and pray Those holv souls our own dear loved ones to God are on their way.



Stations

Ballynagrumoolia/Briar Hill:-Saturday November 5th at **11.00am** in the home of Pauline Coomey.

Ballyheada School Bazaar

Ballyheada Parents Association annual christmas '**Bazaar**' in the school Hall on Saturday December 10th at 7.30pm. Unwanted baskets and non perishable items appreciated and can be handed in to the school during school hours.

Ballinhassig GAA Club

Secad are recruiting workers for Ballinhassig GAA Club. must be in receipt of Jobseekers payment for at least 12 months; must not have participated on a scheme for the last three years. Payment will be in excess of Jobseekers payment. Details 087/6579925.



