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SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:

St Malachy's @ 6.00pm
SUNDAY MORNING MASS:

St Brigid's @ 10.00am St Teresa's @11.30am

CONFESSIONS: Each Saturday at 5.30pm

Tuesday: St Brigid's @10.00am
Wednesday: St Teresa's @ 10.00am
Thursday: St Malachy's @ 10.00am
First Friday Only: St Brigid's @ 7.00pm

(In the event of a Funeral, 10am Mass will be cancelled)

NORMAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

ADORATION:

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm & 1st Friday 6-7pm in St Brigid's Church.

BAPTISMS:

1st Saturday of the Month in St Malachy's at 5.00pm. (*Book on Parish Website*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00am-2.00pm

SVP Helpline: 07561011117

Weekly Parish Bulletin – 24th August 2025



Our Recently

Deceased ...

Redmond O'Hanlon

LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:

<u>Saturday 23rd August – St Malachy's @ 6.00pm</u> Tracey Crossan 1st Anniversary

Tommy Murphy Eddie Cooney

Sunday 24th August – St Brigid's @ 10.00am

Martin Moley 1st Anniversary

Kathleen Savage

Sean McDonnell

Sunday 24th August – St Teresa's @ 11.30am

Frank Kenny & DM

Sunday 31st August – St Brigid's @ 10.00am

Pat Connolly

Sunday 31st August – St Teresa's @ 11.30am

Redmond O'Hanlon MM

Mary Ryan

MASS CHANGE

There will be No Mass this coming Tuesday.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

15th August – Student Priests Education £592.42 17th August - £1353.16 – 116 Envelopes

WELCOME BACK!

As School returns, we hope all children had a wonderful and refreshing summer break, filled with joy and relaxation. As you step into this new academic year, we pray for success, happiness, and growth in all your endeavours.

For those beginning their journey in secondary school, we pray for courage, confidence, and wisdom as you face new challenges and adventures. May this year be filled with learning, friendship, and memorable moments. Wishing all staff and pupils a blessed and fruitful school year ahead!



Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza this Sunday.

The Catholic Bishops of Ireland call on all Parishioners to set aside Sunday 24th August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

The people of Gaza continue to be cruelly crushed by hunger, violence, death and destruction. Pope Leo has called for "a ceasefire, the release of hostages, and full respect for international humanitarian law." As the Holy Father said, "Every human being has an intrinsic dignity bestowed by God Himself."

Irish people across the country are deeply troubled by stark and horrific images from Gaza of starving children and helpless, hungry families.

Please join in this day of prayer and reflection. Light a candle in your family home or local Church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.

Isaiah 32:14-18

Please offer the following Prayer privately at home for Peace in Gaza!

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN GAZA

Christ, Prince of Peace,
hear our prayer and petition,
for our suffering sisters and brothers.
Our hearts are heavy as we witness lives
torn apart,
as we see the faces of frightened children
and hear the pleas of those without water
or food.

We pray for the dead and the grieving, for the injured and the afraid.

We pray for courage and perseverance, for those working for healing and to bring aid.

We pray for world leaders, that they may strive for a just and lasting peace.

God of new beginnings,
in your ways are compassion and hope.
Open our hearts to dialogue and
understanding.
Lead us all to answer your call

to become peacemakers today, and all the days of our life.

Amen.



Activities planned for Season of Creation will be highlighted in the coming weeks.

Season of Creation begins on 1st September and ends on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi (4th October).



We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their patience and understanding during the ongoing refurbishment works at St. Laurence O'Toole's Church. Please be assured that the Parish is actively working with a dedicated team of professionals and partners to complete these works as swiftly as possible. Our primary goal remains to ensure that the refurbishment is carried out to the highest standards, respecting the historic integrity of our beloved church.

As with any project involving old and historic buildings, unforeseen issues may arise, necessitating adjustments to our plans. While these necessary changes may cause temporary pauses in the work, please rest assured that, as with the successful completions of the two other churches, this project will also be completed in due course.

We are deeply concerned to report that some individuals have been found entering the construction site.

Such actions are unacceptable and jeopardize the progress and safety of the refurbishment.

If this behaviour continues, we will have no alternative but to further restrict access to the site.

We sincerely hope that this will not be necessary, as it would be unfortunate for the community and visitors alike due to the actions of a small minority.

While we are eager to see the church fully completed, we

would like to remind everyone that there remains a significant amount of fundraising to be done. We warmly welcome parishioners and friends to use their talents and efforts to support these initiatives.

In particular, we encourage participation in efforts such as the "Captured in Time" fundraiser led by Frances McLoughlin. Every contribution, whether through fundraising, volunteering, or prayer, brings us closer to restoring our beautiful church.

We ask for your continued patience, understanding, and respect for the ongoing work, so that we can all enjoy the restored beauty of St. Laurence O'Toole's Church in the coming months.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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