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**CONFESSIONS**: Each Saturday at 5.30pm
**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:**
St Malachy's @ 6.00pm
**SUNDAY MORNING MASS:**
St Brigid's @ 10.00am
St Teresa's @11.30am

**NORMAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

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| Tuesday: | St Brigid's @ 10.00am |
| Wednesday: | St Teresa's @ 7.00pm |
| 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)***

**ADORATION:**
*Tuesday 7pm – 8pm in Assisi Centre.*
*First Friday -6pm – 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**

# *Parish Bulletin – Sunday 15th Nov 2026*

## LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:

**Saturday 14th Nov – St. Malachy's @ 6pm**
Patrick Finnegan
**Sunday 15th Nov – St. Brigid's @ 10am**
James Murray
Bill McDonnell
John, Kathleen & Desmond Loughran
Eileen Doherty
**Sunday 15th Nov – St. Teresa's @ 11.30am**
Harry O'Hare
**Saturday 21st Nov– St. Malachy's @ 6pm**
Noel, James & Patricia Bradley & DM
**Sunday 22nd November – St. Brigid's @ 10am**
**Teresa Reavey 1st Anniversary**
Kevin Murphy
Gary Toner
Peter & Annie Hayes & DM
John Reavey
**Sunday 22nd Nov – St. Teresa's @ 11.30am**
Judy, Thomas & Eugene Ferris & DM
Kevin Oliver Lonergan
Bernie Carter
Jean Reynolds
Barbara O'Neill

## PARISH COLLECTIONS

8th Nov - Main Collection - £1440.33 – 113 Env
Priest Dues - £1764.78 – 114 Env

## PADRE PIO NOVENA

This Wednesday at 7pm in St Teresa's Church will be the final night of our Novena to Padre Pio, the relic will be available on the night. We invite people to attend this final evening.

## ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE DONORS

As works are progressing well in the Church we are now requesting that all those who donated funds for items such as windows, stations etc please contact the Parish by email or letter confirming the text they wish to have entered on the Church plaque and also in the Parish Website. Please note these will be placed on the website within the next week so that if any errors have occurred these can be amended.

## MESSAGE FROM LOUGHGILLY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Dear Parishioners,**

As Fr Murphy prepares to leave Loughgilly Parish for his new appointment, we wanted to reflect on his Ministry with us….. and invite you to join us in expressing our gratitude for the fourteen years he has spent among us.

Over these years, Fr Murphy has shared in some of the most important moments in the lives of our families. He has baptised 178 children, celebrated First Holy Communion and Confirmation with over 1000 children, and accompanied families at around 110 funerals many of them sadly of Children. Behind each of these figures are people and stories: children welcomed into the Church, families celebrating a new beginning, and loved ones remembered with tenderness. He has been alongside parishioners in moments of joy, hope and sorrow, offering his presence and support through the sacraments and his pastoral care.

Our parish life has also been enriched by many opportunities for prayer and reflection. We have gathered for Lenten reflections, Novenas, Holy Hours for peace, Corpus Christi processions, May altars, Easter gardens and Mass Rock celebrations. Light in the Night gave parishioners an opportunity to prepare in prayer for major feasts such as Easter and Christmas. We marked the Year of the Holy Face and the Year of Consecrated Life with special events and celebrations. Lourdes has held a special place in parish life through pilgrimages and Masses, including the Mass for the Anointing of the Sick. The annual blessing of the graves and the November Mass for the deceased have brought us together to remember those who have died, and to allow us an opportunity to pray for them and their grieving families.

Fr Murphy's ministry has reached people at every stage of life. He has watched many school Nativity and arranged many retreats for sacramental classes, created Parish prayer cards, and welcomed our newly baptised children to Mass. He established the parish youth group and gave young people the opportunity to travel to Dublin to see the Pope. Catholic Schools Week, the Carlo Acutis Football Tournament, the 2018 Family Fun Day and the 2024 St Brigid's Fun Day have all provided occasions for people to come together. Other memorable events include the family planting event at Ballymoyer Forest, the Senior Citizens' Party, the St Brigid's Cross-making night and the celebration of the Season of Creation.

At Christmas, the Christmas Star and Angels offered children a joyful way to offer a prayer and take part in the season's celebration. The parish's care for others has also been expressed through the establishment of the St Vincent de Paul group, Trócaire fundraising and the Syria food appeal. The 25th Anniversary of Fr Murphy's ordination was another significant milestone in his years of service.

There have been important developments in our parish buildings and pastoral life. Refurbishment work is at St Malachy's, Ballymoyer; St Brigid's, Carrickannaney; St Teresa's, Tullyherron; and the ongoing work at St Laurence O'Toole's, Belleeks. The establishment of the Assisi Pastoral Centre has also provided an important focus for parish life. Memorials to children who died before, during or after birth have been placed in each of our graveyards, creating places for families to remember children whose lives are precious and deeply missed.

Many parishioners will remember the Covid years, and the effort made to keep the parish connected through that difficult time. Fr Murphy continued to celebrate Masses during the restrictions, concluding each one with the words, ***"God bless—stay safe."*** A particularly moving example of his commitment was that he celebrated Mass even on the morning of his father's death, because he did not want to let people down. We remember this with gratitude and sensitivity to the personal sorrow he was carrying.

It is impossible to capture fourteen years of parish life in one letter. The events and initiatives recalled here are only some of what has taken place. Together, they tell a story of prayer, service, celebration, remembrance and community—and of Fr Murphy's presence among us through so many different seasons of parish life.

As Fr Murphy begins his new appointment, we would like him to know that his ministry here is valued and will be remembered with gratitude. We invite parishioners who wish to contribute towards a farewell gift to do so by using the envelope provided at the rear of the Church or by scanning the QR code below, we ask that contributions be returned to the Collection Baskets, Parish Office, Sacristans, Parish Pastoral Council or Finance Committee members by next weekend.

Fr Murphy will celebrate his last Masses on the Weekend of 28th/29th November.

We invite all Parishioners to attend a farewell Celebration at 12.30pm in St Killian's Hall Whitecross on Sunday 29th November.

**With sincere gratitude,**

**Loughgilly Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee**