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# Abbeystrewry Union of Parishes

## November Newsletter



Artwork created by Sundal Club last month. Sunday Club meets on the fourth Sunday of the month in Abbeystrewry Hall at 11.30 am.

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November is a time of remembering, on the first of November we have the feast of All Saints where we recall the saints who have inspired us, and have gone before us. All Souls' day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November is traditionally a time where the departed are remembered. We also observe Remembrance Sunday as usual on the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

This year, a Memorial Service for all the departed of the parish will be held on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 5 pm** in Abbeystrewry Church. This will be time of reflection and thanksgiving for all we have loved who are no longer with us. All welcome.

As a parish we remember Tom Stoutt whose funeral was held in St. Matthew's Church, Aughadown on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and we pray for his family. We also pray for Sonia Bidwell who mourns the loss of her daughter Kate. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



**Baltimore Film Club** in St. Matthew's Church on the First Friday of every month. To book you place, and for more information please visit: [www.liveatstmatthews.com](http://www.liveatstmatthews.com) There is also a special event in association with West Cork Film Studios - "An Evening with Paul Laverty" featuring the special screening of "The Old Oak," Ken Loach's latest

masterpiece. Get ready for an insightful cinematic experience and an exclusive Q&A session with the award-winning screenwriter himself. To book tickets visit [www.liveatstmatthews.com](http://www.liveatstmatthews.com)

**Retiring Collection** ~ The retiring collection for charity this month will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November and will be in aid of Protestant Aid. This charity, established over 180 years to relieve deprivation in Ireland, Protestant Aid treats all genuine calls for help equally, regardless of religious, ethnic or social backgrounds. More information can be found from <https://protestantaid.org/> If any parishioners have any suggestions of charities they would like the parish to support, please contact the rector.



**Christmas sale planning meeting** ~ There is a planning meeting for all who would like to help with next month's Christmas sale on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 8 pm in Abbeystrewry Hall.. The Christmas Sale will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Abbeystrewry Hall

**Lay ministry celebration.** There will be a diocesan service commemorating lay ministry in St. Fin Barre's Cathedral on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. If you are not able to make this service, we will be marking this service at a local level as well, and I encourage all present and past members of select vestry and all those who help in parish to attend so we can mark the importance of lay ministry in the Church

**Table Quiz** many thanks to all who supported the Family Fun Quiz on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. Just under €600 was raised for parish funds.

If any children would like to help in the Church services by becoming a crucifer, (being demonstrated by a former crucifer on the right) please do contact the rector!



**Confirmation** ~ If you are interested in being confirmed next year (2024), please let the rector know. Attendance at the Diocesan confirmation morning in Douglas is compulsory, as are attendance at confirmation classes. Last month it was mentioned that there would be confirmation in 2025, however due to unexpected demand there will be confirmation both in 2024 and 2025.



**Table tennis** will be held on occasional Sunday afternoons. For November it will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and November 26<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 4.30pm in Abbeystrewry Hall. Tea and Coffee will be served!

**House Communion** ~ Please contact the rector if you, or someone you know wish to receive house Communion. Similarly, if you have been in hospital or are coming out of hospital, please also let the Rector know, don't assume that someone has told him!!



**Concerts** ~ The parish wishes to thank Madrigal 75 for performing a wonderful fundraising concert in Abbeystrewry Church (pictured left). €500 was raised jointly for the parish and the Skibbereen Geriatric Society. There are two great concerts coming up this month:

On November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm there will be concert in Myross Wood House, Leap featuring **The Vanburgh and Friends**. This is organised by St. Barrahan's Festival of Music, in

collaboration with the National String Quartet Foundation. Online tickets, and information on the concert can be found at <https://barrahanmusic.ie/events/vanburgh-and-friends/> or tickets can be purchased at Thornhill Electrical Skibbereen.

**Andy Irvine** will be performing in St. Matthew's Baltimore on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Andy has enjoyed a long and successful career as a traditional Irish musician. He has travelled the world as a solo artist and as a member of legendary Irish groups such as Planxty and Patrick Street and more recently Mozaik. For more information, and to purchase tickets online please visit [www.liveatstmatthews.com](http://www.liveatstmatthews.com)

Please note the Rector will be away from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. In case of pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Canon Paul Willoughby on 027 61011 or Rev. Carole Pound.

# Services in November

## **NEW SERVICE TIMES.**

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church (every Sunday)
- 10.00 Castletownshend (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)
- 10.00 Caheragh (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month)
- 10.00 Baltimore (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month)
- 11.30 Abbeystrewry (every Sun)

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November ~ The Fourth Sunday before Advent**

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 17.00 Memorial Service for the departed of the parish.

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November ~ The Third Sunday before Advent**

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Matthew's, Baltimore
- 11.30 Service of the word for remembrance Sunday in Abbeystrewry Church.

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November ~ The Second Sunday before Advent**

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Morning Prayer in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November ~ The Kingship of Christ**

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Morning Prayer in St. Matthew's, Baltimore
- 11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen  
(with Sunday Club in Abbeystrewry Hall.)

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December ~ The First Sunday of Advent**

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

The Eucharist will also be celebrated on Wednesdays at 10.30 am in the Creagh Chapel, Abbeystrewry Church.

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