

Granaghan Parish Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 October 2020

Regulations Governing Church Activities

Regulations are legally binding, which means that the restrictions are enforceable in law.

Face Coverings

It is mandatory in civil law that face coverings are worn when entering or leaving a place of worship, or being in a place of worship but not seated. The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has a reasonable excuse.

Marriages

It is illegal to organise, operate or participate in a gathering of more than 25 persons for the purpose of solemnising a marriage.

Funerals and Committals

It is illegal to attend a funeral or wake in a private dwelling. It is only permissible to view the remains of the deceased in a funeral home.

It is illegal to organise, operate or participate in a gathering of more than 25 persons for the purpose of a funeral or the committal of a body.

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AT 3PM

SERVICE TO DEDICATE NOVEMBER AS A MONTH OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE FOR THE DEAD AND THE BEREAVED.

Readings for 30th Sunday

First Reading: This teaching from the time of Moses 1250 BC teaches something new at the time. As much as the Lord himself cares for his beloved creation, he vehemently requires us to care for one another also, especially the weakest and most defenceless among us. There is a strict prohibition here against the taking of interest upon loans. It shows us how far the world has drifted from God's plan.

Second Reading: This letter is the earliest writing of the New Testament. Paul compliments his converts from Thessaly on having received the Gospel "with the joy of the Holy Spirit", and in deeds not just in words, in spite of the great opposition all around them. News of how they had broken with idolatry had "spread everywhere".

Gospel: Jesus is now in Jerusalem. Before long he will be arrested by the chief priests and elders. In this passage he goes head to head with the Pharisees as they try to trap him with carefully contrived questions. But Jesus uses every occasion as a platform upon which to reveal ever more about God and our relationship with Him. On this occasion he teaches us that other side of the coin of true love of God is love of the neighbour, God's child.

INDULGENCES:

1. From 12 noon on 1st Nov until midnight on 2nd Nov, all who have confessed and prayed for the pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed.

2. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1st to 8th Nov. The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

Feasts during the Week: Wednesday - Ss. Simon & Jude: The teaching of the apostles is the living gospel for all to hear. Their authority comes from their fidelity to Christ and his message. St. Jude is patron saint of hopeless causes.

Diocesan 'Net' Newspaper: The October edition of the diocesan newspaper is available on the parish or diocesan websites. For inclusion of articles for coverage of our parish or faith activities to be included - email: editorthenet15@gmail.com or ring/text 07809292852.

A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK:

Creator God,
as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament
in the wearing of this cloth -
let it be "an outward sign
of an inward grace" -
a tangible and visible way of living
love for my neighbours,
as I love myself.

Christ, the Son,
since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
help me to speak clearly,
not only with my words,
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully -
and full of care -
to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth be
shield and banner,
and each breath that it holds,
be filled with your love.

In your Triune Name and
in that love,
I pray.

May it be so.
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