

# NEWSLETTER

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Monday 26th October – Sunday 1st November 2020

Monday	10:00am	Melanie McGowan R.I.P
Tuesday	10:00am	Intention of Denis
Wednesday	7:00pm	Henry Topp R.I.P
Thursday	10:00am	Saoine R.I.P
Friday	10:00am	Jon White
Saturday	6:00pm	Peace in the World
<i>All Saints Holyday of Obligation</i>		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30am	The Housebound
	10:00am	Nurturing our Planet
	12 noon	People of the Parish

## *All Saints*

Next Sunday is the feast of All Saints. The Gospel is the Beatitudes. Here I hope to give you a few pointers to help you reflect on and discuss next week's readings.

The saints are those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. They are those who lived not according to the civil religion of their day but according to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Their platform was the upside down world of the beatitudes:

The world sets up the rich in first place;

*Jesus put the poor on top of the world.*

The world tells us to seek happiness at all cost;

*Jesus saw happiness in grieving.*

The world values power over others;

*Jesus praised the meek.*

The world encourages self-fulfilment;

*Jesus told us to work for justice.*

The world says that the merciless succeed;

*Jesus proclaimed blessed the merciful.*

The world announces: go for the gold!

*Jesus taught us to keep our hearts pure.*

The world honours the winners of wars;

*Jesus celebrated peacemakers.*

The world sees the persecuted as losers;

*Jesus declared them the winners.*

**Anyone with housing or tenancy problems,  
please check the website for information:**

## Fr Jack

Our readings today are straight talking and if we read carefully there is no ambiguity about what we should do.

The Book of Exodus originated in the exiled Jewish community of 6th-century BC and was written a lot later, around 1450 to 1400 BC.

The need to take care of the stranger / migrant / immigrant, the widow and orphan, we could add many more to that list.

The Gospel talks about loving God and each other and again we could add in the planet.

I have included with the newsletter, an open letter on the protection of the Amazon to the world leaders from Ecuador Indigenous leader Nemonte Nenquimo. The Amazon is one of the most vital landscapes on our planet: it not only contains 30% of the world's rainforest but it is also home to 10% of all known species. More crucially, the Amazon plays a critical role in regulating global climate, the water cycle as well as its role in system resilience which is fundamental for planetary health. We also recognise that it is also a crucial economic resource for Brazil, for both now and in the future. Last year, widespread fires and destruction in the Amazon made news across the globe.

Please read the letter, it is also on the web site and you can also get it on google.



Waorani leader, Nemonte Nenquimo holds up an oily hand to show the impact of pollution in the Ecuador Amazon Region.

## FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION.

Please get a form from Fr Jack, if you wish to sign up your child for the programme this year.

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms are also happening, so again book in.