## Kilcloon, Batterstown & Little Chapel Parish.

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October 25th. 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year.

Sun 25<sup>th</sup>, 11am. Larry Norris. Paul Ennis. Patrick Callinan.

Barney Collins & dec.d members of Collins & Kilduff families.

Sun 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am. Daniel Monahan. Tess Cox & family members.

RIP; Nancy O'Halloran, Dolanstown.

All public masses are current suspended at present.

**Nov List of the dead;** Can be dropped in at this time for inclusion in the Nov masses and throughout the year.

To arrange family members anniversary Masses you may email above address or call telephone No above.

Blackhall GAA: Due to Covid 19 restrictions we were unable to follow through on a number of fundraising and special events to mark the clubs 25 year anniversary, these included the hosting of a challenge game between Meath and Kildare in Kilcloon and our Walkathon. We have decided to relaunch our Development Draw to help us maintain our fantastic facilities and continue with our upgrades namely improved lighting in both Batterstown and Kilcloon and the upgrading of the Clubhouse in Batterstown. We are asking you to support us to ensure that the Club has adequate finance to maintain the necessary standards in the coming years. Entry forms for the draw are available from club committee members, team management and Bill Clarkes. First draw is in November

<u>Parish Donations</u>: Details on making donations to the Parish and offerings are available on the website; <u>www.kilcloonparish.com</u>

Many thanks to all who have made bank payments handed in subscriptions recently.

## **Expand Your Neighborhood**

The greatest commandment is clear: "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart." The second greatest commandment is equally clear: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." What is not clear, perhaps, is what these commandments mean.

The juxtaposition of these two commandments, both chosen from the Hebrew Scriptures, would seem to clarify at least to some extent what it means to love God: one way we humans express our love for God is by loving our neighbour.

Today's liturgy attempts to clarify the matter of loving one's neighbour by another juxtaposition, preceding the Gospel with the passage from Exodus about treating justly the most vulnerable people in society.

The implication is that loving our neighbour means more than being kind to our friends and relatives, or to the person who lives next door. Loving one's neighbour means doing right by any widow or orphan: seeing that the hungry are fed and the homeless sheltered, that the poor have their basic needs met, that the unemployed do not suffer from want, that the young are educated and the old are cared for.

To do less is to fail in our love for neighbour. To do less is also to keep us from singing with joy: "I love you, Lord, my strength."

The commandments to love God with all one's heart and to love one's neighbour as oneself are the heart and soul of Christian morality. ... These commands point out the path toward true human fulfilment and happiness.

They are not arbitrary restrictions on human freedom. Only active love of God and neighbour makes the fullness of community happen. Christians look forward in hope to a true communion among all persons with each other and with God.

U.S. Bishops, *Economic Justice for All*:

The Responsibilities of Social Living,