



Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows :

Sat	2nd	Nov	8.00pm	All Souls Day: Patrick & Margaret Mulvihill, and remembering Bridge, Loughfarn,
Sun	3rd	Nov	10.30am	Rose Slevin, her husband Frank, their son Frank Slevin Jr & daughter Frances Campbell. All whose anniversaries occur at this time & all other DFM.
Mon	4th	Nov	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Tues	5th	Nov	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Wed	6th	Nov	No Mass.	
Thurs	7th	Nov	9.30am	
Fri	8th	Nov	7.00pm	Re: Station Mass.
Sat	9th	Nov	8.00pm	Bea (Bridget) Mulvihill, Dermeana.
Sun	10th	Nov	10.30am	The Healy Family of Drummec, Tim & Kitty & D.F.M.
Mon	11th	Nov	8.00pm	John Drake, Pollagh.

Rosary continues on Saturday before Mass at 7.40pm.

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday 3-9pm and Friday 7.30-8pm.

November List of the Dead: During this month we remember our families and friends who have gone to their rest. Please fill in names on sheets provided at each entrance and drop them in the box at the altar starting on Friday 1st November. Those included on the list will be prayed for at each Mass during November.

Open Day: Ballymahon Vocational School invite all fifth and sixth class students and their parents/guardians to our Open Day on Saturday 9th November 2019. It will be an informative day and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

Eucharistic Ministers:

8.00pm Sat 9th Nov Teresa Costello & Bernadette Farrell.

10.30am Sun 10th Nov Oliver Costello & Teresa Farrell.

Readers:

8.00pm Sat 9th Nov Maureen Sheehy.

10.30am Sun 10th Nov Joseph Kenny.

Stations booked as follows:

Fri 9th Nov 8.00pm: Peg Boyce.

Jack & Anne Bannon, Ballinahinch. To be arranged later.

Stations held already:

Margaret & Pat Brennan, Derrygowna.

Ger & Anne Hand. Newpark/Clonmcc.

John & Antoinette Flood. Greenhall Lwr/Fortwilliam.

Paddy Donlon, Derryshannogue/Derrylosh.

Angela & Frank Carberry, Derrahaun.

Reflection:

Below is **an actual letter** sent to a bank. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the **New York Times**.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my cheque with which I endeavoured to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, **three nanoseconds** must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque and the arrival in my account of the **funds needed to honour it**. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of **my entire salary**, an arrangement which, I admit, has only been in place for **eight years**.

You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and

also for debiting my account to the tune of **\$50** by way of penalty for the **inconvenience** caused to your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I **personally attend** to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the **impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded faceless entity** which your bank has become.

From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a **flesh-and-blood person**. My mortgage and loan repayments will, therefore and hereafter, **no longer be automatic**, but will arrive at your bank by cheque addressed personally and confidentially **to an employee** at your bank whom you must nominate. Be aware that it is an offense under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an **Application Contact Status** which I require your chosen employee to complete.

I am sorry it runs to **eight pages**, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her **medical history** must be countersigned by a **Notary Public**, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by **documented proof**. In due course, I will issue your employee with a **PIN number** which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than **28 digits** but, again, I have modelled it on the number of button presses required **to access my account balance** on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further. Press buttons as follows:

- 1.- To make an appointment to see me.
- 2.- To query a missing payment.
- 3.- To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
- 4.- To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
- 5.- To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
- 6.- To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.
- 7.- To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. Password will be communicated at a later date to the Authorized Contact.
- 8.- To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7.
- 9.- To make a general complaint or inquiry.

The contact will then be **put on hold**, pending the attention of my automated answering service. While on hold, as this may involve a lengthy wait, **uplifting music** will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an **establishment fee** to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever-so-slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client.

Moral: Modern life is becoming more and more complex and stressful. The story of Zachaeus reminds us that with Jesus ... everything remains very simple. As soon as we decide to trust Him and change our ways He welcomes us back with open arms. Advent is a time for returning to the security of the One who never changes ... our true Home Base ... when the whole world around us is entering into a crazy tailspin.