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Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

Sat 15th Sept 8.00pm Patrick Brennan Jnr. Derrygowra.
Sun 16th Sept 10.30am
Mon 17th Sept 8.00pm
Tues 18th Sept 8.00pm Mass for the people of the Parish.
Wed 19th Sept No Mass Adoration as usual.
Thurs 20th Sept 9.30am Special Intention.
Fri 21st Sept 8.00pm Special Intention.
Sat 22nd Sept 8.00pm Pat Clarke, Curroole.
Sun 23rd Sept 10.30am

Eucharistic Adoration continues on Wednesday 3pm-9pm and Friday 8.30pm-9pm

Eucharistic Roster: 8.00pm Sat 22nd Sept Anna Costello & Thomas Dennigan.
10.30am Sun 23rd Sept Brendan Bannon & Margaret Boyce.

Readers' Roster: 8.00pm Sat 22nd Sept Mary Casey.
10.30am Sun 23rd Sept Gerry Farrell.

First Holy Communion enrolment will take place on Sunday 30th September at 10.30am Mass.

Coffee Day in aid of Cancer Research is on Thursday 20th September from 10am to 5pm in the Hill.

Stations: For Station Mass please contact me at 086 0603433.

Already booked:

Friday 28th Sept Sean Skelly, Caltramore.
Friday 5th Oct Lorraine & Eddie Kearney, Fortwilliam / Greenhall
Thurs 25th Oct Kathleen & Michael Casey, Derraghan Beg.
Friday 26th Oct Chris and Seamus Casey, Greenhall Upper, Aughnacross, Carrickduncan.
Friday 2nd Nov Lorraine and Justin Murtagh Newpark and Clonmee.

Reflection:

When there is a prairie fire ... the Indians saved their wigwams from the blaze by setting fire to the dry grass all around the adjoining settlement. *"The fire cannot come," they say, "where the fire has already been"*. That is why Jesus calls us to the Cross. Judgment and Guilt for our sins has already fallen there and can never come again. The one who claims the victory of the cross is safe ever afterwards. They can never come into condemnation; They have passed from death unto life.

If you ever ran into Nokesville dad Thomas Vander, chances are you would also see his son Joseph. Whether Vander Woude was volunteering at church, coaching basketball or working on his farm, Joseph was often right there with him, pitching in with a smile, friends and neighbours said yesterday. When Joseph, 20, who has Down syndrome, fell into a septic tank Monday in his back yard, Vander Woude jumped in after him. He saved him. And he died where he spent so much time living: at his son's side.

"That's how he lived," Vander Woude's daughter-in-law and neighbour, Maryan Vander Woude, said yesterday. "He lived sacrificing his life ... everything, for his family."

Vander Woude, 66, had gone to Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville on Monday, just as he did every day, and then worked in the yard with Joseph, the youngest of his seven sons, affectionately known as Josie. Joseph apparently fell through a piece of metal that covered a 2-by-2-foot opening in the septic tank, according to Prince William County police and family members.

Vander Woude rushed to the tank; a workman at the house saw what was happening and told Vander Woude's wife, Mary Ellen, police said. They called 911 about 12 p.m. and tried to help the father and son in the meantime.

At some point, Vander Woude jumped in the tank, submerging himself in sewage so he could push his son up from below and keep his head above the muck, while Joseph's mom and the workman pulled from above.

When rescue workers arrived, they pulled the two out, police said. Vander Woude, who had been in the tank for 15 to 20 minutes, was unconscious. Efforts to revive him were unsuccessful, and he was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead, police said.

For those who knew him, Vander Woude's sacrifice was in keeping with a lifetime of giving.

"He's the kind of guy who would give you the shirt off his back," said neighbour Lee DeBrish. "And if he didn't have one, he'd buy one for you."

Vander Woude worked as a commercial airline pilot and in the early 1980s and moved his family to Prince William from Georgia. In the years to come, he would wear many hats: farmer, athletic director, volunteer coach, parishioner, handy neighbour, grandfather of 24, husband for 43 years. He divided his Nokesville farm into multiple plots, offering land to all his sons so they could stay close to home if they wanted, the daughter-in-law said. His eldest, Tom, became a priest. Five others – Steve, Dan, Bob, Chris and Pat – all married. And there was Joseph, who loved helping with all the odd jobs that filled the retired days of his father.

Vander Woude volunteered as coach of the boys' soccer and basketball teams for about 10 years, said the school's director, Anne Carroll.

"He never took a cent for it," she said. Carroll said that Vander Woude was a successful coach, winning multiple championships, but that his greatest strength was his ability to guide kids through challenges off the field.

"He was a mentor," she said. "He wanted them to be good young men, not just good players."

Vander Woude also served as athletic director at Christendom College in Front Royal for about five years, the school's president, Timothy T. O'Donnell, said.

But loved ones said his favourite job was the one he did last: being a good dad.

"They always considered Joseph a wonderful blessing to the family," said Francis Pefley, pastor at Holy Trinity, where Vander Woude served as a sacristan and also trained altar servers. "His whole life was spent serving people and sacrificing himself. ... He gave the ultimate sacrifice. ... Giving his life to save his son" ...

Moral: This is what Jesus has done for me and you ... to make up for our sins and win for us Eternal Life. "The one who loses his life for my sake will save it", He says. Very few of us will have to make a sacrifice like Thomas. But Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that we will be asked to do in many smaller ways. By joining our little crosses to His ... the Christian will share in His Resurrection.