

# DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER

*In November, we remember*



*In the rising of the sun and in its going down.*

***We remember them***

*In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter.*

***We remember them***

*In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of the summer.*

***We remember them***

*In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn.*

***We remember them***

*In the beginning of the year and when it ends.*

***We remember them***

*When we are lost and sick at heart.*

***We remember them***

*When we have joys we yearn to share.*

***We remember them***

*So long as we live, they too shall live.*

***We will remember them***

In November, we remember our dead in a special way. Resources for prayers in the home may be found on our diocesan website. Why not create a remembrance space in your home with a candle, and pictures of your loved ones and pray for them each day. Bishop Cullinan will unite with all the Bishop's in Ireland virtually on Sunday November 1st at 3pm and pray for all our dead from the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford. This event will be livestreamed on our facebook page. A remembrance service will be held on November 11th and will also be livestreamed from the Cathedral. (See page 4 for further details). As the blessing of the graves cannot take place publicly this year, you may as a family, wish to visit your own graves and pray a blessing and sprinkle holy water.

***'They go no further from us than God, and God is very near'***



### Alpha "Envision Experience"

An Alpha "Envision Experience" will take place online on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm. This event is open to all priests, Parish Pastoral Council members and parish volunteers who are interested in participating in a diocesan-wide Alpha programme commencing in January 2021. Email [emma.sisk@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:emma.sisk@waterfordlismore.ie) to RSVP and for the link to the Zoom meeting.

### Faith @ Home initiative

Faith @ Home is a new resource for parishes which is designed to help parents and families reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. Every week families will be invited to Hear, Pray and Talk about the Word of God together in their homes with prompts and guidance. You may wish to make it available on your parish website and social media platforms. It is available on our diocesan website for download.

### An honour for the Diocese

A special scholarship has been initiated in honour of Monsignor Michael G. Olden in recognition of the immense contribution he has made to St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a postgraduate student, lay or cleric. The first bursary has already been awarded to a lay doctoral student completing a PhD in ecclesiastical history.



### Special November Indulgences

SUMMARY of SPECIAL NOVEMBER INDULGENCES for 2020 (applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory) EXTENDED DATES In the Month of November 2020, plenary indulgences under the usual conditions, applicable only the souls in Purgatory, may be gained by the faithful:

- I. Each day between November 1 and 8 – or on any 8 (in total) freely chosen individual days in the month of November 2020 – by visiting a cemetery.
- II. On November 2 – or on any other freely chosen single day in the month of November– by piously visiting a church or a public oratory and reciting there one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed.



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## Online Advent series “*The Joy of Anticipation*”

**Dec 1: A God who speaks**

**Dec 8: Who is Jesus?**

**Dec 15: Creation, Fall, Salvation**

**Dec 22: The Gift of Faith**

Each night will include a video presentation followed by small group discussion. Please include the name of your parish when registering. Parishes across the diocese are invited to register and join as a group. To register email: [emma.sisk@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:emma.sisk@waterfordlismore.ie) Ages 18+.

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### *Living our faith in lockdown —ten tips*

#### *A Pastoral letter from Bishop Phonsie (see website for full document)*

1. Believe in God’s love—God is like the sun shining through the clouds
2. Slow down and look deeper—rest a while with the Lord
3. Live the present moment—’Lord I only have today’
4. Serve—who can I help?
5. Build up your family as a domestic church—family being creative together
6. Mark Sunday in a special way—simple acts of love including prayer
7. Small daily practices—simple prayers during the day
8. Tune into the Seasons—the Liturgical year
9. Discover the word of God—Reopen a bible
10. Make a pilgrimage—visit your local holy well or holy site



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### ***Rev Dr. Sahr John Yambasu elected to lead Methodist Church***

President-designate who was born in Sierra Leone, is the first African-born leader of one of Ireland’s main churches has been elected president-designate of the Methodist Church.

Rev Dr Sahr John Yambasu (63), a native of Sierra Leone, is currently superintendent of St Patrick’s Waterford Circuit, having previously served on Methodist Circuits in Wicklow, Arklow and Avoca, Galway and Ballinasloe (United Methodist and Presbyterian), as well as Kilkenny and Carlow. His wife, Clodagh, is also a Methodist minister and they have three adult children. Dr Yambasu, who became an Irish citizen in 1989, will lead the church from next June for a year.

Bishop Cullinan wishes Rev. Sahr with whom he is a members of the Interfaith Group in Waterford, every blessing and grace for his task of leading the Methodist Community. Bishop Cullinan congratulates Rev. Sahr on this honour for him, his family and Waterford.

# A Night of Hope

WITH BISHOP PHONSIE CULLINAN



**Wednesday, 11 November: 7 - 8 pm**



## Reflection - Prayer - Music

Join Bishop Phonsie for a virtual night of hope where we will pray together and ask for the Lord's guidance in our lives so that we can continue to live in hope during these uncertain times.

*All are  
welcome to  
participate!*

The evening will also include a special time of prayer to remember our loved ones who have passed away.

We encourage you to have a candle at home to light as part of the prayer service.

**The event will be live-streamed on the  
Waterford & Lismore Diocese Youtube Channel**



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