

our neighbour must take a central position; that love that, in light of the Crucifix, allows us to recognize the face of Jesus in the poor, the weak, and in those who suffering.”

(Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI-audience 2013).

Fr Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Dec members of Smyth Family

Sat 10.00am Morning Prayer

Mon 10.00am Irene Greeley

Sun 6.30pm Joseph Tully

Tues 8.00am Daniel Roche

Kathleen Hogan (1st An)

Tues 10.00am Declan Garry

Wed 8.00am Patrick Coyle

Wed 10.00am Keith Ward

Sun 8.30am Colm & Dympna Wynne

Thurs 8.00am Marshall Hennigan

Sun 11.00am Annie, Thomas & James

Thurs 10.00am Catherine O'Brien

McKenna

Fri 8.00am Altar List of the Dead

Sun 6.30pm Patrick & Ella Kearns

Fri 10.00am Altar List of the Dead

Church of the Visitation Drynam *The Visitation of the BVM*

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)

Next Saturday, children from The Educate Together School will make their First Communion here in Drynam. There will be a practice tomorrow at 3:30. Today St Vincent de Paul will have their monthly collection after Mass.

World Meeting of Families

The Parish are doing a group booking for the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park and if you wish to be part of the Parish group, please leave your name and phone number in the Parish Office. Tickets are limited.

We are also organising a coach, but the distance from the coach to the Phoenix Park will be at least 5km walk. If you already have a ticket for the Papal Mass through the ticket office, please do not book again through the Parish as you will be taking up two tickets. You can still avail of the coach service

The Most Holy Trinity

The Christian teaching on the Most Holy Trinity is based on what has been revealed of God in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. It is Christianity's answer to the question: who is God? The Jewish people knew God only as one. With the proclamation of Jesus as divine this question took on a fresh urgency. Jesus the Christ reveals God fully. This God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

Corpus Christi Procession - Saturday 2nd June at the 6.30pm Mass

We will have a small Corpus Procession in our Parish next Saturday 2nd June at the Saturday evening 6.30pm Mass – the Feast of Corpus Christi. This weekend marks the last Mass of the 'Do This in Memory programme' for 2017/18. All boys and girls of our Parish no matter what school they attended are invited to this Mass. At the end of this Masses we will have a short Blessed Sacrament Procession followed by lemonade and biscuits. Please do come along and dress in your 1st Holy Communion clothes.

The Lambay Singers will hold their summer concert in aid of St Michael's House, Ballymun at St Colmcille's church on Sunday 27th May at 3pm. The programme will include Holst, Bartok, Vaughan Williams and Chilcott. Tickets available at the door.

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The Most Holy Trinity

SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD

“Blessed be God the Father, and Only Begotten Son of God and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love”

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The Old Testament narrates how, after creation, God, in spite of original sin, again offers human beings the possibility of His friendship "through the covenant with Abraham and the path of a small people, of Israel, whom He chooses not according to the criteria of earthly power but simply out of love. ... For this task He used mediators, like Moses and the prophets and judges, to communicate His will to the people. They recalled the necessity of faithfulness to the covenant and kept alive the hope of the full and definitive realisation of His divine promises."

God's revelation reaches its fullness in Jesus of Nazareth. In Him, "God visits His people, He visits humanity in a way that goes beyond all expectations. He sends His Only Begotten Son; God himself becomes man. Jesus does not tell us something about God's nearness, doesn't simply speak of the Father: ... He reveals the face of God to us." Within Jesus' statement, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father' ... the newness of the New Testament is contained. ... God could be seen, God has revealed His face, He is visible in Jesus Christ."

Benedict XVI recalled the importance of the search for the face of God throughout the Old Testament, that is, for "a 'You' who can enter into relationship, who is not locked away in His heaven, looking down on humanity from on high. Certainly, God is above all things, but He turns toward us and listens to us: He sees us, speaks, extends covenants, and is capable of loving. Salvation history is the story of God with humanity. It is the story of this relationship of God who progressively reveals Himself to mankind."

"Something completely new occurs, however, with the Incarnation. The search for the face of God is unimaginably changed because this face can now be seen. It is that of Jesus, of the Son of God who is made man. In Him God's path of revelation, which began with the call of Abraham, is fulfilled. He is the fullness of this revelation because He is the Son of God as well as 'the mediator and the fullness of all revelation'. In Him coincide the content of Revelation and the One who reveals ... Jesus, true God and true man, is not simply one of the mediators between God and humankind, but is 'the mediator' of the new and eternal covenant. ... In Him we see and encounter the Father. In Him we can call God by the name of 'Abba, Father'. In Him we are given salvation."

"The desire to truly know God, that is, to see the face of God, is inherent to every human being, including atheists. Perhaps we also, unconsciously, have this desire to simply see who He is. ... But this desire is fulfilled in following Christ thus ... we finally see God as a friend. What is important is that we follow Christ not only when we need Him or when we find a minute of time among our thousands of daily tasks. ... Our entire existence must be directed toward meeting Jesus Christ, toward love for Him. In such an existence, love for



ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*How much better our family life would be if we used the words....
Please... Thank you....and I'm sorry. Pope Francis.*



1st Holy Communion

Next Saturday-2nd June the boys and girls from Holy Well Educate Together will celebrate their 1st Holy Communion in St. Colmcille's at 11.00 am. I welcome the families and hope all have a lovely day.

Today is also the 1st Saturday of June but because of the 1st Holy Communion ceremony there will be no 10.00am Mass. For anyone who would like Mass on the First Saturday of the month you are very welcome to attend the Communion Ceremony

Golf Classic – St. Colmcille's Parish

Our annual Golf Classic will take place in Forrest Little Golf Club on **Friday 8th June** to raise funds for the Parish. Again I thank you for your support in previous years which raised the funds necessary for the Painting of the Church which has delighted us all in the Parish. The format is a 4-person Team event and the entry fee is €250 per team which includes a meal. If you think that this might be of interest to you, we would greatly appreciate your support. If you cannot submit a team, perhaps you would consider sponsoring a hole for €100 or even a prize for the event. If you wish to support this very worthy cause, please contact John Campbell 087 9079245.

Golf Classic – Bumper Raffle: tickets on sale at the church THIS weekend after all Masses – also on sale in sacristy

TICKETS €5.00 A STRIP OR 3 STRIPS FOR €10.00 ALL FUNDS TO GO TOWARDS PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND. Raffle will be held at our annual Golf classic Friday June 8th Great Prizes!

Congratulations - 1st Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys from **St. Colmcille's BNS** who received their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 12th May** last. I thank all involved – Sr. Mary, Parish Sister and Ms. Veronica McDermott, Chairperson of the Board of Management and the Principal and Teachers: Ms. Ciara Brangan (Principal), Ms. Orla Murtagh and Ms. Nessa Doherty (Class Teachers), Ms. Caroline Cottell; Ms Ethne Appenah & Ms Maria Moore (Resource Teachers) and the Music teachers Ms. Blaithe White (Choir Director) Mr Cormac O' Boyle and Ms Emma Taylor and organist Mr. John Burke and the 5th class choir.

Congratulations to the girls from **St. Colmcille's GNS** who received their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 19th May**. I thank all involved - Sr. Margaret, Parish Sister and Mr. David Begg, Chairperson of the Board of Management and the Principal and Teachers: Mrs. Karen Bourke-Logue (Principal), Ms Eileen O' Brien and Ms. Ann Mills (Class Teachers) and the Music teachers Ms. Emer Mc Hugh (Choir Director), and Organist Ms. Trish Enright and the 4th class choir. Again well done to all, it was a lovely occasion and congratulation to the girls' parents and families and to the Parents Association for the lovely reception held in the School Hall immediately afterwards.

Cemetery Sunday

St. Colmcille's Cemetery Mass will take place on Sunday 24th June at 4.00pm. Mass will take place in the Church - followed by Blessing of the Cemetery.

A General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR")

European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), is being introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

Inter - Parish Picnic

The three Parishes of Swords are planning a Parish Picnic on Sunday June 10th. It will commence with Concelebrated Mass at 12.30pm followed by the picnic and activities for children. To facilitate this Mass, the three parishes are cancelling their last Mass on the Sunday morning for this picnic – to that end the **11.00am Mass in Swords is cancelled for this Sunday**

Volunteers are required – Swords Parish have given a commitment to provide 10 volunteers to provide security and safety at this event. There is no heavy work involved. It mainly consists of directing people from the entrance to the altar and picnic area. If you are willing to do this, please ring Colette at 01- 8407277 *Thank You*

The Picnic – please bring your own food and sandwiches and flasks

Swords Tidy Towns Launches Tidiest Estate Competition

Swords Tidy Town Committee has announced, in conjunction with Greyhound Household, Sword's inaugural Tidy Estates Competition. Every estate in the town will be eligible to enter. The competition will begin on June the 1st, 2018. The winner will be selected in early August. Estates will be judged on the upkeep of communal areas (50%) and houses/gardens (50%). The winner will receive €500 cash for spending on common areas, a free skip and a winners plaque for the entrance to the estate. For further information or to enter your estate in the competition please contact Grace Dunne at dunnebg@eircom.net or telephone 087 627 2332.

Exam Mass

This takes place this **Sunday 3rd June at 6.30pm**. Students will be invited write their names on a piece of paper and place it in the identified basket. This basket will be left in front of the Altar for the duration of the exams. If you have a family member or friend or just know someone who is preparing for exams, please feel free to put their name in the basket. Also a special candle will be lit and kept lighting for the duration of the exams

A Student's Prayer

The following is a prayer for students, which I hope will help them through the stress of their exams.

*Lord, I have knowledge, so will you show me how to use it wisely and find a way to make the world I live in a better place, and make life with its problems a bit easier to face.
May I ever be aware in all that I do that knowledge come from learning and wisdom comes from you.*