

At this time when so many of our communities are affected by the scourge of alcohol and substance misuse, God has chosen Matt to be set as a model of temperance and a source of strength and support for all who suffer from addiction and addictive behaviors.

"You must therefore be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect," (Matt.5:47-48)
Christ told his followers. What Matt found sobriety, his desire for drink was replaced by a desire for Christian perfection.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

Prayer for Venerable Matt Talbot's Canonisation

Lord, in your servant Matt Talbot, you have given us a wonderful example of triumph over addiction, of devotion to duty and of lifelong reverence for the Most Holy Sacrament. May his life of prayer and penance give us courage to take up our crosses and follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Father, if it is your will that your beloved servant should be glorified by your Church, make known by your heavenly favours the power he enjoys in your sight. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Mass Intentions for this coming week: St Colmcille's:

Mon 8.00am People of the Parish

Mon 10.00am Kathleen & Tommy Powderly
Peggy & Michael Merrity

Tues 8.00am Mary Bergin

Tues 10.00am Sean Henigan

Wed 8.00 am Seamus Rossiter

Wed 10.00am Kathleen McNally

Thurs 8.00am Michael Byrne

Thurs 10.00 am Margaret Delaney

Fri 8.00 Kathleen White

Fri 10.00am Dec members of the Hoare Family

Sat 10.00 am Anthony, Bridget & Linda Ryan

Sat 6.30 pm Charlie Clarke

Sun 8.30am Liam Maxwell

Sun 11.30am Jack & Brigid McNulty

Sun 7.30pm Patricia Russell, Gerry Bates &
members of Russell & McKenna Family

Church of the Visitation Drynam

The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri:9.20am. Sun, 10.00am 11.00am (Irish)& 12 noon.

This weekend Paul McLoughlin is representing Drynam at the Irish Church Music Association Summer School in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. It is the 45th annual summer school and this year's theme will on Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation the Joy of the Gospel, Evangelii Gaudium



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord understands us and knows us better than we know ourselves. O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways (Ps 139:1-3). He knows of what we are made and so we can come confidently before him with our brokenness and need of his grace. It might be good during Mass today to become aware of whatever is a burden to us now in our life and ask the Lord for his love and healing touch.

Prayer - Lord, you bore the weight of our humanity to come as near to us as possible. Help us to realise that you stand beside us and walk with us the journey of life.

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matt Talbot Sunday

"Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth"

Newsletter Sunday 6th July 2014

This Sunday is set aside for us to reflect, to pray and to focus our attention on the person and life of Matt Talbot with particular focus on his tremendous faith and how he lived out that faith in his daily life amidst very difficult times in Dublin.



Today we live in an age of addictions more sophisticated perhaps than those of Matt's day, addictions to substances such as alcohol and other drugs soft or hard, prescription or illegal, addictions to gambling, pornography and the internet, addictions to work, professional advancement, sex, money and power.

Matt sets before us a radical example which demonstrates that ordinary people can do extraordinary things. His life is a witness to the fact that people can by God's grace and their own self acceptance say no to that which leads to addiction or addictive behaviours and that in the meantime our communities must never lose hope and must continue to care for them.

In the gospel today Jesus says, *"Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest shoulder my yoke and learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls"* Matt 11:28-30. Matt Talbot's life as a labourer who was overburdened by addiction and guilt gradually grew in awareness through the gift of grace and the Holy Spirit that a life of meekness and humility of heart will lead to rest for our souls, and towards a better world where all self destructive drive will come to an end, where people will live in harmony of body, mind and spirit, in harmony too with each other, with creation and with God.

Matt's example has inspired many institutions, movements and individuals around the world giving hope of recovery to those who are willing to accept their weakness and need. Such people stand as beacons in our world to the truth that we can overcome addictions rise above our weakness and achieve great things even sainthood.

By following the example of Matt Talbot you tell the world that there is more to life than "sex drugs and rock n roll", that there is hope for every broken heart and that by God's love his kingdom comes into our hearts, our homes and our world.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon - "Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord."

Cemetery Sunday-St. Colmcille's

This is a very important day in the Parish's annual calendar. It was a beautiful afternoon and there was a great turnout. I want to take this opportunity to say a special 'thank you' to Paddy Gerrard. He is focused on this event before anyone else. Paddy, Domnic Temple and Noel Markey do a great job in maintaining and cleaning the Cemetery and Paddy also organises the collectors for the day of the blessing and I thank most sincerely the collectors for this. Paddy and Noel also put up the flags and the bunting. Thanks also to the Swords Lions Club and the Cloughran group who assist greatly in the cleaning in the run up to the day

The Liturgy of Blessing was a simple combination of Scripture Readings and a blessing prayer at different stations throughout the cemetery. Thank you to Sr. Margaret who proclaimed the Word. The Ministers of the Altar were a wonderful assistance and I thank Stephanie Byrne; Susan Rallo and Avril O'Reilly. I also thank Stephanie for her preparatory work leading up to the day. Finally I thank my brother priests: Fr. Peter; Fr. Pat and Fr. John who assisted me in the blessing.

The ceremony began promptly at 4.00pm and finished at 4.50pm. During those 50 minutes every grave in the cemetery was sprinkled with Holy Water. Finally, I again apologise to anyone who was expecting a Cemetery Mass. It is a Church graveyard and Mass is celebrated every day of the year. Next year, all going well, the plan will be the same. Offer the 11.30am Mass on the Sunday for all buried in St. Colmcille's Cemetery and Bless each individual grave at 4.00pm.

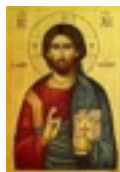
Ordinary Time

We are now in what the Church calls Ordinary Time. The term "Ordinary Time" may be misleading. In the context of the liturgical year the term "ordinary" does not mean "usual or average." Ordinary here means "not seasonal." Ordinary Time is that part of the Liturgical Year that lies outside the seasons of Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas. In Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ not in one specific aspect but in all its aspects. The readings during the liturgies of Ordinary Time help to instruct us on how to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives.

Living the Paschal Mystery

Sheer force of outside power cannot usually ease life's burdens; but the gentle breeze of a helping hand, a good listener, a calming voice can. We all know how quickly a task can be accomplished when we have help. What a relief it is for someone to come along to help us when our car has a puncture, or to open a door for us when we are laden down with bags. Light burdens are the result of sharing, of relationships that are dependable and honest, self-giving and loving.

To be yoked to Jesus means that we are yoked to his saving mission. This doesn't mean that we all become missionaries! It does mean that we make a concerted effort to live as Jesus did. Only in this way is our burden truly light. (Source: *Living Liturgy*)



Brackenstown, Rivervalley & Swords

Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage

Sunday 7th – Friday 12th September 2014

Spiritual Leader Fr Michael Carey Adm.

Price: €669.00 per person sharing

Price includes: Return flights Dublin Lourdes; Return airport transfers to Lourdes. 5 nights accommodation at Hotel Roissy (3*); Full board basis; Services of a Travel representative in Lourdes Extras: Single room supplement €175.00 for duration of stay Airport taxes: €75.00 Insurance: €25.00 . Bookings: Parish Office, Colette, 8407277..



Feasts

St. Oliver Plunkett – Tuesday 1st July. He was ordained in Rome in 1654 and became professor of theology from 1654 to 1669, when he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh. He was arrested and tried in Dundalk in 1679 for conspiring against the state. So as not to be convicted in Ireland he was moved to Newgate prison where he was found guilty of high treason 'for promoting the Catholic faith'. He was martyred at Tyburn by being hung, drawn and quartered. He was the last catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn, and the first of the Irish martyrs to be beatified. His head is in St. Peter's Drogheda and most of his body is at Downside Abbey, England.

St. Colmcille's - Summer Schedule

There will be no 10.00am Sunday Morning Mass until 14th September when it will resume. There is a 10.00am Mass in the Church of the Visitation, Drynam and St. Finian's, River Valley

St Colmcille's Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

St Colmcille's Parish Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 9th August. Coach departs from 'The Star' at 8am sharp. Cost for coach only is €15. Stopover for breakfast/snack en-route. Evening meal/carvery on return at Percy French Hotel, Strokestown. For booking contact Mary 087 2711376 or Ita 01 8402268

Come to me

The Lord said to me, 'Come to me.' But I said, 'I'm not worthy.'
'Come to me,' he repeated. And I said, 'I'm afraid.'
'Come to me,' 'I'm too proud.'
'Come to me,' 'But I've no appointment.'
'Come to me,' 'But I can't afford the time right now.'
'Come to me,' With that I felt silent.

Then he said,
'Come...sit down...take the load off your feet.
'Sit here as in the shade of a tree.
'Refresh yourself as at a running stream.
'Here you will find rest. Here you will find peace.
And your yoke will become easy, and your burden light.'

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE God whispers in our joys; he speaks in our conscience. But in our sorrows he shouts. They are the megaphone with which he awakens a deaf world. ...Clive Staples CS Lewis (1898-1963 author of the Chronicles of Narnia)