

4. Now consider this: is gathering today for this Eucharist just people together in the sense of the plane (all want the same thing and cannot get 'it' individually) or the bus (people just joining in for the bits they need) or is it a celebration: all invited to be the party at the banquet?

5. Jesus came to form a community. We say that we are called to his supper, and he wants the way we behave here at his table to be a model for how we treat one another and all people.

6. But is this our attitude? We offer a sign of peace, but are we ready to make common cause with those around us? Do we seek to get to know them? This is the great open meal, so if someone has just joined us today, would they feel welcome?

7. We have to learn to be Christians by learning to live and work together; but Jesus realised that a primary first step was to learn how to share with one another at this meal. Here we learn how to be Christians; here we learn how we must communicate the welcoming love of the Father; here we are acclimatised as a group for the banquet prepared for us in heaven.

Fr Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Molly Hatch

Tues 10.00am Charles Stefanazzi

Wed 10.00 Michael Briody &
Frances Leyden

Thurs 10.00am Harry Sheridan

Fri 8.00am Altar list of the Dead

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Sat 6.30pm Irene Bracken

Sun 8.30am Mary McGuirk

Sun 11.00pm Paddy Dillon

Sun 6.30pm Michael Murphy

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)& 12 noon.

From today, we will continue to have Sunday Masses in Scoil an Duinínigh Hall with entrance from the rear of the school.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our conviction is that God loves us wholly, in the double sense that he loves us fully and completely and his desire is that grace should touch every dimension of our lives. Anyone who has made the discovery of faith, like the merchant in search of fine pearls, will know what is meant: it is so wonderful that it leads to a discipleship costing not less than everything. It can be daunting, of course, but it leads to life in abundance (Jn 10:10).

Prayer - God of the covenant, faithful and true, you offer us both love and a way of living. As we embrace your love for each of us, help us so to live that we may fully be alive with your Good News. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Dermot Byrne

Melesian Ave



Fr. Michael Carey-8403378: Fr. Peter McCarron-8405948.

Parish Secretary: Colette Stokes - Parish Office, Seatown Road-8407277

(Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm & Tues-Thurs 2pm-4pm)

Sacristy: -8400547 (Mon -Sat 9.30am-9.55am and 10.30am to 10.50am)

Website: www.swords-parish.com Email: stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How do we learn to be Christian?

“God is in his holy place”

Newsletter Sunday 30th July 2017



I came across an article written by Thomas O'Loughlin, in his book

‘Liturgical Resources for the Year of Matthew’. It makes, in my opinion, for a lovely newsletter

“Sisters and brothers, each week when we assemble for the Eucharist we enter into the presence of the Father, and offer him the sacrifice of praise in union with Christ Jesus. We enter into the presence of Christ, and through him into the presence of the Father. Today we reflect that as the people of the Lord Jesus we are called to be always awake and ready to bring his wisdom to our world and to be his presence among all the people we encounter.

1. How do we learn to be Christians? This question assumes that we already have a clear sense of who we are when we gather here.

2. Let's think of some groups that we are all familiar with. The first is a group of people on a plane: they all want to go to the same place at the same time, so they have something distinctive in common; but would you call them a community? They are really a collection of individuals who just happen to have something in common, and it is easier to get a service if the costs are distributed. Imagine someone offered that group a free lottery: ten lucky people could win a chance to travel in a private jet to the same destination at the same time: there would be them (either on her/his own, or if they are travelling as a couple or a family, then just the couple or family on the private jet). How many would want his/her name in the draw? I suspect, virtually everyone. The group travelling together is only a collection with little that matters in common.

Now imagine a long-distance train or bus journey: the train/bus goes along a fixed route each day from A to Z, and there are a few who are on it for the whole journey. Others get on at C and off at K, while others get on at K and go on to X; still more get on somewhere else and get off at yet another stop. It is a friendly train, the conductor reminds people that they are approaching a station and warns them to be ready to get off, if that is their stop and reminds them to check that each has all personal belongings with them. Sometimes those who take a train often, recognise other travellers by sight, sometimes they might even speak, sometimes not a word is uttered. And, while they all go along the same journey together, each has individual interests: some are reading, some chatting to friends, others listening to music on headphones, others texting on their mobiles, and here and there you can see people with a look of deep concentration: they are doing Sudoku.

3. Now shift your imagination to a birthday party. Again, lots of people in the same place at the same time with a common interest. But the dynamics are completely different: they all have a sense of being there because of something that unites them. There would be no sense in asking if they wanted to eat separately or go off on their own: their whole purpose is to be together. This is what celebration means. People are doing different things, but it is the whole group that makes the party.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon - 'The Lord, the gracious, the merciful...gives food to those who fear him'

Garda Vetting

Just before the summer break, all members of the PPC underwent the Garda vetting process. In the autumn it will be rolled out for the rest of the Parish. The difference this time is that instead of writing all your addresses on a page, you will enter them into a computer. To that end all will need an email address – this can be your own or a family member's. No matter what organisation you belong to, all vetting at the stipulation of An Garda Siochana is to be submitted by a computer. There will be more information in the autumn – Don't panic, everything can be sorted!



Summer Schedule

Saturday Morning Liturgies

Brackenstown – celebrates Saturday Morning Mass at 10.00am followed by confessions from 10.30am to 11.30am

River Valley - celebrates Saturday Morning Mass at 11.00am followed by confessions until 11.30am

Confessions:

Saturday confessions are available on Saturday evenings from 6.00pm to 6.20pm

Dates for the first fortnight of August

First Friday – 4h August

There will be two Masses celebrated today – 8.00am and 10.00am

Sat 5th/Sun 6th August

The Legion of Mary will hold their annual outdoor collection in aid of the Lourdes Pilgrimage Trust. The monies from this very worthwhile collection goes to the Lourdes Office at Archbishop's house and helps sponsoring the cost of sending sick pilgrims to Lourdes with the Diocesan annual pilgrimage on September each year.

Monday 7th August

Today is a bank holiday – there will be one Mass at 10.00am

Sat 12th/Sun 13th August

The outdoor monthly collection for the VdP, will be taken up after all Masses this weekend

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

Help is at hand. Bethany trained members are available to provide support to those grieving after the loss of a loved one. This is a free, confidential service. The Group meet on the last Monday of each month from 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. at the Parochial House, Seatown Road - Next Meeting 31st July. For further information please 'phone Mary 8402652 or Brid 086 6006397 after 6 p.m.

Open to all Fingal Residents - You are most welcome to attend.

World Meeting Of Families 2018

Bring All the Family! 21st August 2017 – One Year to World Meeting of Families 2018: We invite you and all your family to come along to the launch of the one-year programme of preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018, which will take place at the Knock Shrine, County Mayo, on Monday 21st August 2017, the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady. This day of celebration will include the celebration of the Eucharist, workshops and faith and fun activities for all the family. The WMOF2018 Icon will be presented at Mass in the Basilica at 3pm and then begin its journey around the Dioceses of Ireland.



Registration & Tickets for WMOF2018 Registration for the World Meeting of families in 2018 is now open. Visit the Tickets Section on www.worldmeeting2018.ie to access information on the different type of tickets and registration available.

Faith4Life is a new course designed to help you to discover more energising and empowering ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world: through relationships, family, home, parish, work and the events of daily life. It aims to help you to be more active, open, faithful, confident, trusting and willing to work for change. *Faith for Life* takes place over four weekends in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Rd, Dublin 3

- Called to Become (21st/22nd October)
- Church in and for the World (2nd/3rd December)
- Centered on the Word of God (20th/21st January)
- Living Faithfully (3rd/4th March)

The course will benefit everyone who wants to make a deeper connection between faith and life.

Further details and application forms are available by emailing Rosemary Lavelle rlavelle@abhouse.org or evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie or phone 8373732 ext 247/239

Local charity CASA (Caring and Sharing Association) which has been supporting people with disabilities for 35 years through regular social events, respite breaks and pilgrimages to Lourdes are currently looking for more volunteers to assist with their monthly social events which happen approximately one Sunday per month in various locations around Ireland, including Dublin Northside. Minimum commitment six months. If you are interested in volunteering with CASA please contact Rebecca by emailing rebecca@casa.ie or phoning 01 8725300

The weekday 8.00am Mass will resume on Friday August 4th