

- 1) St Colmcille's Church – Clothe the Naked
- 2) St. Colmcille's Graveyard – Bury the Dead
- 3) Sr. Colmcille's Well – Visit those in Prison
- 4) St. Columba's (CoI) Church – Shelter the Traveller/Homeless
- 5) St. Cronan's Church – Feed the Hungry
- 6) St. Cronan's Well/Monastery – Give drink to the Thirsty
- 7) St. Finian's Church – Comfort the Sick

### Conclusion

The most common effect of a pilgrimage is that it solidifies something that is growing within you. Perhaps you're doubting what you're doing now with your life: the pilgrimage may end that doubt, or may give it shape so that you can change course with confidence. So please do join in on the walk. Swords itself has a wonderful spiritual inheritance – the presence of Christ's disciples down through the centuries. Let us go on this local pilgrimage and honour our shared inheritance.

*Fr. Michael Carey*

### Mass intentions for Next Week

<b>Mon</b> 8.00am Mary Greenan	
<b>Mon</b> 10.00am Paul Walls	<b>Sat</b> 10.00am Mary Greenan
<b>Tues</b> 8.00am Nuala Ryan	
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Mary Greenan	<b>Sat</b> 6.30pm Patrick & Ella Kearns
<b>Wed</b> 8.00am Special intention	
<b>Wed</b> 10.00 Dympna & Colin Wynne	<b>Sun</b> 8.30am Thomas Brennan
<b>Thurs</b> 8.00am Oona McCarron	
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00 Kevin & Donnie Wynne	<b>Sun</b> 11.00am Esther & William Spencer
<b>Fri</b> 8.00am Altar List of the Dead	
<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Altar List of the Dead	<b>Sun</b> 6.30pm Thomas, Annie & James McKenna

### Church of the Visitation Drynam – The Visitation of the BVM

**Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am-11.00am(Irish)& 12 noon , Mon & Tues 9.20am**

There will be a Drynam Pastoral Team meeting tomorrow at 8:00pm.



### Cemetery Sunday

St. Colmcille's Cemetery Mass will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm. Mass will take place in the Church - followed by Blessing of the Cemetery.

### **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

(Corpus Christi) Since the Fourteenth Century the Church of the West has celebrated this feast in every place where she is established. It commemorates the institution of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist and so it is closely linked with Holy Thursday. It was felt that other elements of the celebration of the Easter Triduum tended to obscure the aspect of the Eucharist. Therefore it was considered that a special day outside the Easter season in which the focus would be on this aspect would be useful. And so today's feast.

**Reflection** - The Church has reserved the consecrated bread and occasionally wine in a tabernacle from the earliest times. Today theological concerns tend to link the reserved sacrament more closely with the celebration of the Eucharist. At the last supper, Jesus took, blessed, broke and gave the bread to his disciples to eat. Similarly with the wine. Reserving the sacrament enables the Church to give the sacred gifts for the communion of those who are sick and also allows the Church to worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. (Source: St. Paul's Missal).

**The Bethany Bereavement Support Group** will meet on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parochial House, Seatown Road. All Fingal residents are welcome

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## Corpus Christi Swords Jubilee of Mercy Pilgrimage Walk.

*“He fed them with finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock”*

**Newsletter Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016**



We are still in the great Jubilee Year of Mercy, about

halfway through. The Parish Pastoral Councils of the three Swords

Parishes wanted to do something together to continue to highlight this wonderful Year and to that end they have decided on the lovely idea of the ‘Swords Jubilee of Mercy Pilgrimage Walk’. This will provoke memories in some of you of the Pilgrimage walk that was done in 2012 to celebrate the International Eucharistic Congress coming to Dublin. I'll begin with a comment on Pilgrimage

### What is a Pilgrimage

The idea of sacred travel runs deep in human religion, dating back to when early humans would climb hilltops to be closer to God or the sky, or go to a specific spot to dance around in circles. "One of the many great spiritual discoveries of Judaism is that we are all pilgrims strangers seeking God. Even God's chosen had to wander the wilderness to get their souls right. Spiritual talk is full of the language of travel: walking the walk, leaving behind and stepping forward, processing and recessing (that is, moving in and out) from worship services, the way of Christ and wandering from that way, or following God's paths on our spiritual journey of life. And overall, we still haven't found what we're looking for, or going to.

Christians have had spiritual pilgrimages almost from the beginning, going to where Christ was born and where He died, where He may have spoken and walked, where His family lived, where the apostles spoke, where they died, where other key leaders bore their witness and where their work ceased due to martyrdom.

**Pilgrimage** is a way God answers that yearning to physically travel to discover God and the truths about ourselves. By going to a specific place where God and God's own have moved mightily in the past, it sinks in that God really *does* exist, and really *is* at work among us. Trusting that, we can search for (and be eager for) what God is doing within us right now. The pilgrimage, done out of devotion and true eagerness, lets us answer a yearning to be intimate with God, and sends wisdom to soul and mind. It helps to set aside our doubts and make our surrender to God less half-hearted. In that way, it turns us into truer disciples of Christ and gives us a purer sense of mission and purpose.

### The Walk Itself

The pilgrimage walk will take place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**, two days after the Feast of St. Colmcille which falls on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The walk will commence at **2.00pm at St. Colmcille's Church Swords**. It will have seven stations or stopping points finishing in St. Finian's River Valley. The duration of the walk is two to two half hours. The theme for the walk in this Year of Mercy are the **‘Seven Corporal Works of Mercy’**, with a reflection on one of them at each stopping station. So the route and plan is as follows:

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*Year of Mercy – “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Lk.6:36)*

### A Very Important Meeting

At the invitation of the Pastoral Council, members of the Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Service spoke at all Masses last weekend, in Swords giving an outline of their work. I sincerely thank the speakers: Mr. Andrew Fagan; Mr. Gary Kehoe and Ms. Julie McCullough

On This **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm** in St. Colmcille's Church they are holding an information meeting for all involved in Ministry and all Volunteers in both Churches in our Parish (St. Colmcille's and Church of Our Lady of the Visitation – Drynam). Please do come along. An excellent attendance is very important



### World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis has decided that the World Meeting of Families will be held in Dublin on 22nd to 26th August 2018, with the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”. As was done for the International Eucharistic Congress in 2012 there will be three annual collections. The first takes place this weekend and it replaces the Share Collection

### Church Cleaners

The next date for cleaning the Church is next **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** after the 10.00am Mass. Can the cleaners for this first Friday of the month please turn up! Also if anyone has a half hour to spare you would be most welcome

### Corpus Christi Procession-St. Colmcille's

We will have a small Corpus Procession in our Parish this Corpus Christi weekend-Sat May 28<sup>th</sup>/Sun May 29<sup>th</sup>. This weekend marks the last Do This in Memory programme for 2015/16. The boys attend the Sat Vigil 6.30pm Mass and the girls attend the Sun evening 6.30pm Mass. At the end of both of these Masses we will have a short Blessed Sacrament Procession

### Golf Classic – St. Colmcille's Parish

Our annual Golf Classic will take place in Forrest Little Golf Club on Friday 10th June to raise funds for the re-decoration of our Parish Church of St. Colmcille. 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 or Susan Rallo 086 8152255

### Golf Classic – Bumper Raffle

Tickets on sale outside the church next weekend after all weekend Masses also on sale in sacristy.

**TICKETS €5.00 A STRIP OR 3 STRIPS FOR €10.00 ALL FUNDS TO GO TOWARDS PARISH RE-DECORATING OF the CHURCH.**

Raffle will be held @ our annual Golf classic Friday June 10<sup>TH</sup> Great Prizes !  
If you are not participating but would like to help in the fundraising, then please buy some tickets



### Exam Mass

This takes place this **Sunday 5th 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  
***The following is a prayer for parents to help them, as they try to support their child through the stress of these exams.***

**Dear Lord,**

*I pray for my child and all students about to sit exams.*

*Help them to keep calm and clear-minded.*

*Fill them with your peace so that they may be able to make best use of their abilities, the study they have done and the education they have been blessed with.*

*Do not let the burden of fear and nervousness prevent them from doing as well as they deserve. However, teach them not to measure their self worth by the mark they receive but rather by the effort they put in.*

*Guide their footsteps when they walk alone, but help them also to be there for each other;*

*supporting and encouraging in the truest spirit of friendship.*

*Lord, bless everyone today who has given of themselves to these students on their journey,*

*teachers, family, friends and fellow classmates.*

*Teach them to be thankful, that despite the stress and worry that exams bring, they have this opportunity that many young people all over the world are deprived of.*

*May the light of Jesus shine gently on them now and during any difficult times they might face on their journey through life. Amen*

### Annual May Procession

You are invited to join in the Annual May Procession for Mary Our Mother which this year will be held on Monday 30th May 2016 Assembly points are as follows: Entrance to Glasmore Park (From Rathbeale Road), Bottom of steps from Elmwood, Junction Brackenstown Road & St. Cronan's Avenue Junction Brackenstown Road & Brackenstown Avenue (Top Rathbeale). Please be at assembly point nearest you at 7:10pm. Celebrant Fr. Paul Thornton Adm.