

is the kingdom of heaven'. 'Blessed are the gentle, for they shall have the earth for their heritage.'...He spoke with an authority they had never heard the likes of... 'you have heard it said...but **I say** this to you.'

Healer:

They saw him heal the sick and release the possessed, 'He cast out the spirits with a word and cured all who were sick.' He calmed the seas and raised the dead. He walked on the water and fed the 5,000 and yet, for all that, he wept. He wept over Jerusalem and at the death of His friend Lazarus. All he said and did was for others. He once said that he came so that we might have life and have it to the full and he said that he was the door to life. I am the way, the truth and the life, he said. It was only towards the end of His life that he admitted to being the Messiah. He preferred to call himself 'Son of Man'.

In the Gospels he tells us He is the Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd. He is the love, the compassion and the empathy of God in a human being, '**And the word was made flesh and lived among us.**' And he tells us 'Come to me, all you who labour and are over burdened and I will give you rest.'

Finally after his passion, death and resurrection the disciples came to realise who He truly was, in the words of Peter He is - the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus asks each one of us, '**Who do you say I am?**'

Fr. Paddy Boyle

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

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| Mon 8.00am Gillian Webb | Sat 6.30 Patrick & Mary Kate Gallagher |
| Mon 10.00am Josephine, Sylvester & Denis Phelan | |
| Tues 8.00am Siobhán Sullivan | |
| Tues 10.00am Frances Burke | Sun 8.30am Devin o'Toole |
| Wed 8.00 am Holy Souls | |
| Wed 10.00am Carmel Kelly | Sun 11.30am Michael Caul |
| Thurs 8.00am Sr Labouré Cuddihy | |
| Thurs 10.00 am Frances Brennan | Sun 7.30pm Sean Andrews |
| Fri 8.00 Altar list of the Dead | |
| Fri 10.00am Muriel Harford | |
| Sat 10.00 am Gary Loughran | |

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.

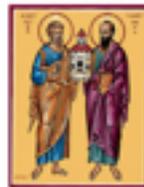
The Drynam committee is taking a break during July and August. Some highlights of the past year include: First Holy Communions for children from Holywell ETNS; the visit of Bishop Field, Amir and Rahim's Baptism on Holy Saturday; Blessing of the animals in October; hosting a Swords/River Valley/Brackenstown Cluster Meeting; many repairs and improvements to maintain the church and hall; Irish Mass broadcast on RTE; memorial plaques installed for dear Maura and dear Lena.



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 second & last Monday of each month from 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. at the Parish Office, Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords. Next Meeting 30th June. For further information 'phone Mary 8402652 or Brid 086 6006397 after 6 p.m. Open to all Fingal Residents - You are most welcome to attend

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(Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm & Tues-Thurs 2pm-4pm)
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Saints Peter and Paul

"These are the ones, who living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood"



Newsletter Sunday 29th June 2014

At a crucial point in the public ministry of Jesus he puts this question to his disciples; "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

The answers they give show the variety of opinions concerning Jesus among the people. "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." All of the answers indicate that they recognised that Jesus was someone very special, that he was close to God, that he was sent from God. Their encounters with him, listening to him, seeing him healing and comforting people in all kinds of stressful and difficult situations, confronting the religious authorities of the day, reminded them of some of the great figures of their history or, more recently, of the latest of the great prophets, John the Baptist.

Jesus now puts the question directly to his disciples, the ones who were closest to him, some of whom were probably related to him: "But you," He said, "Who do you say I am?"

Who was Jesus, really?

Facts:

Matthew begins his gospel by telling us that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the anointed one. He is also the Son of Abraham, the Son of David. We know a lot of facts about Jesus. He was born in Bethlehem, during the reign of the emperor Augustus. His mother's name was Mary. His foster father was a man named Joseph. He was raised in Nazareth. He was a good Jew from a Jewish family. He was a man, a human being, who experienced the human condition as we do; he felt hunger, thirst, joy and sadness, tiredness, grief and pain. He was like us in all things except sin. But he was so much more than that. He died a terrible death on the Cross and He rose from the dead.

Teacher:

When he was about thirty He began, what we call, his public ministry. He gathered a group of disciples around him, ordinary men and women, who for one reason or another left everything and followed him. He taught them many things, about how they should relate to God and to one another. He often spoke in parables and many of the things he said were, and indeed still are, radical and thought provoking: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon - "And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."



Corpus Christi in the Parish

Last weekend saw the end of the 'Do This in Memory' programme for 2014. It finished beautifully with a Corpus Christi procession in the grounds of the Church. The boys had theirs at the Saturday evening Mass at 6.30pm and the girls at the 10.00am Sunday morning Mass. At the end of the procession they had lemonade and biscuits organised by Betty McDonald; Mary Morgan; Sr. Margaret and Sr. Mary. I thank them most sincerely as it's a lovely gesture. At the 10.00 Mass three of the servers ministered at the altar and as always they enhanced the liturgy. Thanks to Susan Rallo; Avril O'Reilly and Paddy Walsh. Also at the 10.00 Mass there were visitors from England who were staying in Emmaus retreat centre and they were mightily impressed. Thank you again to the parents committees who met during the course of the year to help prepare each Sunday's special DTiM Mass. It was a wonderful year.

Pastoral Outreach

Over the years members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Parish Volunteers have visited different areas of the Parish. This was at its simplest a 'Visitation' and an opportunity to leave an information leaflet. In times gone by Parishes had many priests and the Parish was divided into areas of responsibility for each priest and expected in that was a visit by the Priest to each home in his allotted area. This model of Parish and Parish visitation has changed. At a recent meeting of the PPC it was decided to visit two areas/estates in the Parish: Highfields and Carlton Court. Would you like to help? It is not a fundraising initiative, we are simply calling and saying hello and providing each home with a 'new' information sheet. It is very simple and the bigger the team of volunteers, the fewer the houses that each team will call to. If interested, please see the box below - 'Request for Volunteers'.

Corpus Christi Procession - Clonliffe

Last Thursday evening there was the annual Corpus Christi through the grounds of Clonliffe led by the Archbishop. It was a beautiful summer's evening and the procession went off very well. A lovely smell of incense despite the vast open space and the music was beautiful. There was also a wonderful display of colour from the many Parish banners and the uniforms of the Dames and Knights of Malta. Thanks to all who attended from Swords - we proudly displayed our Parish banner. Fr. Paul Thornton, Administrator of Brackenstown Parish was on the organising committee and he did a great job!

St. Colmcille's - Summer Schedule

There will be no 10.00am Sunday Morning Mass from next Sunday until 14th September when it will resume. I am sorry for the disappointment that this will cause to the 'regulars' at this Mass. There is a 10.00am Mass in the Church of the Visitation, Drynam and St. Finian's, River Valley

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE The glory of God is man fully alive; moreover, man's life is the vision of God....Saint Irenaeus of Lyons (135-202)

St. Colmcille's Cemetery Sunday

On Sunday 29th June the Parish will celebrate the Annual Blessing of Graves at 4pm. This year will be slightly different. The priests will divide the graveyard into roughly 10 stations/sections and at each station/section, the Scripture will be proclaimed followed by a Prayer of Blessing and then the sprinkling of the graves. On this Sunday Morning one the 11.30am Masse will be offered for all who are buried in the Cemetery

Saints Peter and Paul - Apostles

The Church is like the human person: we are both body and spirit at the one time. The body of Christ - which is what we are - has both a bodily reality (membership, structure and sacraments) and a spiritual reality (the life of faith and prayer, the indwelling Spirit). The institutional and the prophetic dimensions of Church are sometimes in tension and that is really normal. To be part of the living body of Christ is to hear again Jesus' question, who do you say I am? As St Paul reminds us, no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:3).

Prayer - Christ, Son of the living God, you call us to confess your name and to acknowledge you as Lord. Help us to live our faith and find new words for what we believe so that we may proclaim your Gospel to our contemporaries in words they can understand.

Church Choir

The Church Choir is asking for your help. They need new members from September next. Membership of the choir is not very onerous; it involves singing at Mass at 11.30am on Sundays and singing at the Christmas and Easter celebrations. Practice is normally held for half an hour before Mass. You don't have to have a great voice to join the choir. As long as you can hold a tune you would be very welcome. *Remember that to sing is to pray twice.* The current members are coming to retirement stage so **the choir will come to an end** if we do not have new members. So please give it some thought and if you can come along at 11.00 am to talk to myself on Sunday 7th

September to give it a try until Christmas for the Carol Service.

Anne McDonagh - Choir Director



REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Parish Pastoral Council intends to visit each house in Carlton Court and Highfield estates for one week during July and August. (7th to 13th July and 11th to 17th August) We are looking for your assistance to help distribute a parish information pack. We will **visit in pairs**. This is not a fund raising appeal. Please leave your name and contact details with Colette in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you.