

Going to Mass is not like going to see a film. One can come straight off the street into a cinema and be bowled over by a drama on a screen. One is caught up in a story which begins and ends within a couple of hours. But the Eucharist is the drama one's whole life – birth to death and beyond. It reshapes one's heart and mind as someone whose happiness is to be found in God.

*Fr. Michael Carey*

### ***Mass intentions for Next Week***

**Mon** 8.00am Lily Conneely

**Mon** 10.00am Peter Osborne

**Tues** 8.00am Francis Kirwan

**Tues** 10.00 Mary Barr

**Wed** 8.00am Jimmy Murtagh

**Wed** 10.00am Rosetta Cullenton

**Thurs** 8.00am Lily Conneely

**Thurs** 10.00am John & Bridget McNulty

**Fri** 8.00am Special Intention

**Fri** 10.00am Maureen & Har Donnelly

**Sat** 6.30pm John & Brendan Clarke

Jack & Charley McGrane

David Dunne (MM)

Ken Slye (MM)

**Sun** 8.30am John McGreevy

**Sun** 11.15am Fergus O'Toole

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

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

Next Sunday, Raidio Na Gaeltachta will broadcast the 11:00 AM Irish Mass from our church in Drynam. Today and for the next 2 Sundays we will carry out a survey of Mass Attendance as requested by the Archdiocese.

### ***Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

There is a point during the Eucharistic Prayer at which the priest prays that the Holy Spirit may make holy the gifts of bread and wine. The Holy Spirit's role is to sanctify. At this point we ask the Spirit to carry out this work. Remembering the great mystery which the Lord left us and thanking God, for it engenders confidence in the present.

Therefore, this petition is saying to God: what you did then, do now. (*Source: St. Paul's Missal*)

**Anam Cara North Dublin**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 17th of October at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

For more information see [anamcara.ie](http://anamcara.ie) or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** - Bethany Residential Weekend by Fr. Myles O'Reilly S.J. and the Bethany Bereavement Support Group - takes place in Manresa Retreat Centre, 426 Clontarf Road, Dollymount, Dublin 3 from Friday 23rd November 2018 at 7.30pm - Sunday 25th November 2018 at 4.30pm. This weekend explores the loss of our loved ones and the meaning of death from a Christian perspective through prayer, meditation, discussion, videos and sharing. Cost is €225.00 (deposit €50.00). Apply to Anne @ 0872050514 or email [bethanysupport@eircom.net](mailto:bethanysupport@eircom.net). This cost can be subsidised by the Bethany General Executive Council if needed

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

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**Website: [www.swords-parish.com](http://www.swords-parish.com) Email: [stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com)**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **Why go to Church?**

*"Within your will, O Lord, all things are established"*

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Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP wrote a book ten years ago called "Why go to Church".

Fr. Timothy was at one stage Master of the Dominican Order. In the introduction to his book he has the following to say:

"If Christianity is to flourish in our society, and not become the practice of a dwindling minority, then we have to recapture some sense of it as 'a huge event' that grants me life, to which I simply *must* go.

What counts as 'a huge event'? We live in a society of pre-packaged experiences. People no longer just shop. We want 'the shopping experience'. Airlines invite us to have 'a flying experience' on our way to San Francisco, where, on Fisherman's Wharf, we can have the 'San Francisco experience'. Someone wrote: 'It is sobering to reflect how many deprived souls in the past visited the Grand Canyon without knowing that they were having the Grand Canyon Experience. (In our own country how many have in the past visited the Cliffs of Moher without realising that they were having the 'Cliffs of Moher' experience or driven along the Western Seaboard without realising that they were experiencing 'The Wild Atlantic Way'?) What we consume now is not objects or events, but our experience of them. Just as we never need to leave our cars, so we never need to leave our own skulls. The experience is already out there, as ready-made as a pizza, as bluntly objective as a boulder, and all we have need to do is to receive it.

What Fr. Timothy wishes to argue in his book is that the 'huge event' of the Eucharist works in our lives in ways that are profound but often barely noticeable and hardly register as experiences at all. It is marvellous if the celebration of the Eucharist is a beautiful, emotional and appealing experience. It should be so, but that is just the tip of the iceberg. The liturgy works in the depths of our minds and hearts a very gradual, barely perceptible transformation of who we are, so quietly that we might easily think that nothing is happening at all

The Eucharist/Mass enacts the fundamental drama of human existence. It forms us as a people who believe, hope and have charity. The Eucharist/Mass is a drama of three acts, through which we share God's life and begin even now to be touched by God's happiness. Each act prepares for the next. By listening to the word of God, we grow in faith and so become ready to proclaim the Creed and ask for what we need. In the second act, belief leads to hope. From the preparation of the gifts to the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, we remember how on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, blessed it and gave it to the disciples saying, 'This is my body, given for you.' Faced with failure, violence and death, we are given hope, repeating Christ's own prayer. In the final act, from the 'Our Father' onwards, our hope culminates in love. We prepare for Communion. We encounter the risen Christ and his victory over death and hatred, and receive the bread of life. Finally, we are sent on our way – 'Go and serve the Lord' – as a sign of God's love for the world.



## 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*



### **Saturday Morning Prayer**

**Next Saturday-13<sup>th</sup> October**, Morning Prayer will be celebrated at 10.00am. In terms of the Prayer Book it is week 3. Not many people attend this liturgy so I invite you to drop in. If you say morning prayers, then why not join in with your faith community and say the morning of prayer of the church – the books are provided.

### **Why Not?**

Are you interested in joining a group of people who look at the Gospel for the following Sunday and reflect upon it? If so then why not come along to the Parochial house, Seatown Road on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm. you will be made most welcome. Don't be afraid if you are even slightly interested – just give it a go!

### **The Rosary – A Living Tradition**

The month of October is the Month of Our Lady (along with May) but October is in particular the month of the Rosary due to the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

The rosary has been a living, growing tradition within the Church over many centuries. The practice originated in the Middle Ages, with the recitation, 150 times, of the first part of what later became the Hail Mary. This was a kind of 'Psalter of Mary', mirroring the use of the 150 psalms in the Liturgy of the Hours. The medieval practice of reciting the Our Father fifteen times in honour of the Passion of Christ seems to have merged with the Marian prayers, one Our Father being attached to each decade. The second half of the Hail Mary gradually developed, and from around the sixteenth century, was generally included as part of the decade. The form of rosary as is best known today was finally established by 1569.

### **God's Housekeepers**

The next date for cleaning the Church is next **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** after the 10.00am Mass. Can cleaning group 2 for this Friday please turn up! Also if anyone has a half hour to spare you would be most welcome

### **Fundraising Committee**

This Committee will meet on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am in the Parochial House, Seatown Rd.

### **Young Church Dublin**

**Week of Guided Prayer** - St Paul's Arran Quay invites you to take time for yourself by joining us for our Week of Guided Prayer from 7-13 October. This is a retreat with a difference – sometimes called a 'Retreat in Daily Life', or a 'Busy Person's Retreat', as you don't have to go away to a quiet, beautiful place to find God. If you are interested in participating please download the registration form available at [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie).

### **Funeral Ministry Team**

A Pastoral Reflection Evening for Funeral Ministry teams will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> October from 7.30pm - 9.30pm in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre. This evening is for those who have been in this Ministry for some time. Register by email [litsec@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:litsec@dublindiocese.ie) by 17<sup>th</sup> October

### **Altar List of the Dead**

These lists are now available at the back of the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – The Feast of All Souls. All Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

**Drynam** - The Church of Our Lady of the Visitation will make its own arrangement for the celebration of Mass for the 'altar list of the dead'.

### **The Franciscan Brothers.**

Brother Brian Johnson of the Franciscan Brothers will speak at all Masses this weekend October 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>. This Congregation have Missions in Kenya and Uganda and they work in education, sustainable agriculture and rural development – food security and famine relief. Brother Brian is very welcome!

### **Swords Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group.**

Have you suffered the loss of someone special in your life through bereavement? Are you suffering the pain of that loss? Would you like to talk to a trained bereavement support person who will listen and help you understand your grief and distress? You are welcome to attend our bereavement support meetings on the second and last Mondays of every month at - The Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords. Start time 7.30pm. This is a free, confidential service and is offered to all Fingal residents." Date of next meeting Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm Further information please phone Terri 8403243".

**An evening of prayer Music & Reflection** will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm in Monastery of St Alphonsus, Drumcondra Dublin 9. The evening will explore the call to holiness of Pope Francis - Rejoice and be Glad

**Safety and security of older people workshop:** will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October in Stillorgan Park Hotel at 10.00am. For further information contact Sergeant Georgina Reilly 01 6665900