

In the pages of the Gospel we meet Jesus' friends and enemies, his enthusiasms and dislikes; we are caught up in his struggle for what is right; we are challenged to keep alive the values he cherished. In the three years of his public ministry the light from light shone among us. In Jesus we are still able to taste and see the goodness of God. God's particulars are revealed in him. "He who has seen me has seen the father." To look on the Son of God is to begin to understand the mystery of God.

Loving is the highest form of understanding. Our journey towards God and towards each other is made along the same road. And when we journey that road in love and respect, the way we travel assures us of our destination. That is the Gospel.

The feast of Pentecost that we celebrated last week reminded us that we cannot begin to understand the truth of God unless we are gifted with the power of the Spirit. Even the apostles could not recognise the full truth about the Jesus they knew and loved without the gift of the Spirit. To reach the father we need to go via the Son. So it is the mystery of the Trinity that is at the heart of the Christian life of faith. Which is why we begin and end everything in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions for this coming week St Colmcille's

Mon 10.00am Dec members of McLoughney Family

Tues 8.00am Special intention

Tues 10.00 Patrick Quinn

Wed 8.00am Special Intention

Wed 10.00am Mass in Thanksgiving

Thurs 8.00 Edward & Annie Coppinger

Thurs 10.00am Johnny Melia

Fri 8.00am Altar List of the Dead

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Sat 10am Ann Pugh

Sat 6.30pm Patrick Flynn

Sun 8.30am Anna Redmond

Sun 11.00am Dec members

Geraghty & McGreevy Families

Sun 11.00pm Eileen & Nora O'Sullivan

Sun 6.30pm Annie, Thomas & James McKenna

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

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

At our Pastoral Team meeting on Monday evening we discussed organising an evening in early July to reach out to some people in our parish and let them know that we are here and provide them with information on the services we provide. We will need as many parishioners as possible to join us for about 2 hours on the evening and help in this visitation work. More information to follow.



Do not be a 'part-time' Christian

Do not be a 'part-time' Christian, at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain choices, be Christian at all times! The truth of Christ, that the Holy Spirit teaches us and gives us, always and forever involves our daily lives. Let us invoke him more often, to guide us on the path of Christ's disciples. **Pope Francis**

PURE IN HEART

Prayer meeting every Thursday at 7.30pm at 23 Merrion Square Dublin 2, including Youth Mass reflective prayer, music, food and friendship, also available for talks and retreats. Ages 18 - 35 Tel. No. (01) 6629543

St Colmcille's Annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 8th August 2015. For details contact Mary @ 087 2711376, or Ita @ 01 8402268

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The Most Holy Trinity
Trinity – Growing into Mystery

“Bless be God the Father, and the only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit”

Newsletter Sunday 31st May 2015



The Trinity is a conundrum which Catholics have grappled with and tried to explain since time immemorial. And yet if we are honest it is very difficult if not impossible to explain. The best insights into the Trinity are always in terms of relationships. A source I sometimes use for newsletters are the articles by Fr. Denis McBride CSSR and he wrote the following which I hope helps. Titled 'Growing into Mystery' and the first part is called:

Understanding each other

John and Josephine have just celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary. Since their four children have left home and married, they have spent seventeen years on their own, a time they describe as "a new growing towards each other". When they were asked why they still enjoyed each other's company, Josephine replied: "We always had a healthy respect for each other's differences. And we're still growing to know each other better. I just wish that we could have communicated with each other years ago the way we do now. But perhaps our easiness with each other now could only come about because of the struggles we went through."

The longer we are acquainted with people, the more we grow to realise how little we know them. Family and friends continue to surprise us, reminding us that they are always more than our understanding of them. We can all give instant impressions of people after knowing them for only a week, but if we're honest with ourselves we have to admit that our clarity is born of ignorance. We can have epic conversations about a new acquaintance, but the lengthy talk is mostly guesswork, makeshift images built from a few clues.

Unless we settle for stereotypes, understanding other people is a lifetime's task. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that when it comes to understanding God we can become paralysed by the sheer magnitude of the mystery.

The mystery of God

The more we discover about God, the greater becomes the mystery of his presence and love. The considerable knowledge of the Church can never dispel the mystery of ages. Mystery means that we can never say the final word about God; there is always more to experience. In that sense the mystery of God invites us never to abandon the endless task of growing to understand the power behind the world we live in. and each year, Trinity Sunday calls us to reflect on the life of God.

As Christians our principal entry into the mystery of God is the person of Jesus. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, the Word made flesh among us. As Jesus said to the apostle Philip. "He who has seen me has seen the Father." Jesus is God's adventure among us. To make our journey to God we begin with him. And the Good News we heard today tells us that Jesus has promised to accompany us until the journey to God is completed: "Know that I am with you always, to the end of time." In the person of Jesus the mystery of God has a face, a voice, a language, a love, a life.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon – “God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.”



Trinity

The Trinity is not just a dogma but an indwelling presence of three Persons who continually create, save, and sustain us and all of creation.

Exam Mass

This takes place this **Sunday 31st May 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

A Student's Prayer

The following is a prayer students to help them through the stress of their exams.

Lord, I have knowledge, so will you show me how to use it wisely and find a way to make the world I live in a better place, and make life with its problems a bit easier to face.

May I ever be aware in all that I do, that knowledge comes from learning and wisdom comes from you.

Corpus Christi Procession

This will take place again this year in the grounds of Clonliffe College on **Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm**. I will be heading in and I invite as many of you as possible to join me. The event is very colourful and prayerful with many parishes represented from all over the Diocese. There is ample parking in the grounds of Clonliffe if people would like to ‘car share’ and of course the 41 and the 33 stop outside Clonliffe.

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE 21: What was visible in our Saviour has passed over into the mysteries.... St. Leo the Great (400-461) Pope and Father of the Church

Lectio Divina The group meets every Tuesday in the Parochial House, Seatown Road, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm for anyone interested in developing scripture in their lives *All welcome*



Cemetery Mass

This will take place on **Sunday 28th June at 4.00pm**. Mass with the participation of the Choir. If you want to ‘hear’, celebrate the Mass I invite you to come into the Church, or at least gather around the front door. There will be no use of a sound system that will reach the ‘four corners’ of the cemetery. A request has gone out for Ministers of the Eucharist so we will be able to distribute Holy Communion around the Cemetery. The blessing of the graves will take place immediately after Mass and depending on the number of Priests we will either bless the graves individually or bless different sections of the graveyard.

Golf Classic – Raffle

Our annual Golf Classic will take place in Forrest Little Golf Club on Friday 5th June to raise funds for the re-decoration of our Parish Church of St. Colmcille. A raffle is normally held at this event. If you are not participating but would like to help in the fundraising, then you can buy tickets after all Masses this weekend 30th/31st May. Cost €5 per strip or three strips for €10. The first prize is €100 and there are 15 prizes. Committee members will be selling the tickets. Thank you

The Most Holy Trinity

The Christian teaching on the Most Holy Trinity is based on what has been revealed of God in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. It is Christianity’s answer to the question: who is God? The Jewish people knew God only as one. With the proclamation of Jesus as divine this question took on a fresh urgency. Jesus the Christ reveals God fully. This God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Feasts this Week

St. Justin, Martyr, – Monday 1st June, was born in the Holy Land and settles in Rome. He became a Christian at 33 and is remembered for his defence of Christian belief and practice. Martyred c. 165 AD during the reign of Marcus Aurelius

St. Kevin, abbot – Wednesday 3rd June grew up in Kilnamagh and baptised by St. Cronan. Wishing to be a hermit he settles in Glendalough. But disciples gathered around him. Gradually a great monastic settlement grew and spread through the glen after his death in 618

Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions – Thursday 4th June twenty-two Ugandan youths martyred in 1886.

St. Boniface, bishop and martyr, – Friday 5th June 673-754, was born at Crediton in Devonshire and educated in monastery schools in England. He was a missionary to Germany and eventually named Archbishop of Mainz.. He founded monasteries in Bavaria, including Fulda, in 735

Mass times for Monday 1st June,-Bank Holiday-: St Colmcille's 10.00am