

### Mass intentions for Next Week

**Mon** 8.00am Mary Barry

**Mon** 10.00am Catherine Callaghan

**Tues** 8.00am Margaret Comber

**Tues** 10.00am Special Intention

**Wed** 8.00am Declan Hanratty

**Wed** 10.00 Richard Dillon

**Thurs** 8.00am Thomas & Elizabeth O'Brien

**Thurs** 10.00am Brendan Callaghan

**Fri** 8.00am Joseph Ryan

**Fri** 10.00am Imelda Sheridan

**Sat** 10.00am Joe Ryan

**Sat** 6.30pm Pauline Temple

**Sun** 8.30am Rose Geoghegan

**Sun** 11.00am Desmond Walsh

**Sun** 6.30pm Nick Bates

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

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

We will have the 'Do this in memory' program for Holywell ETNS children at 12:00 Mass today.

There will be no weekday Masses in Drynam next week.

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The heart of Jesus' proclamation is given in today's Gospel. As is often noted, the word "repent" is not the best translation of the original Greek and it would be better to use some other expression such as "convert." It really means a new way of looking at everything, a new mind or outlook. It may of course include being sorry about the past, but the real energy is towards the future: "convert and put your trust in the Good News." We could put it like this: from what are we called to conversion is important; more important is towards what are we being called?

**Prayer** - Open our hearts, loving Father, that we may know both healing and hope. Touch our inmost selves and bring us the wholeness we need. Plant in our hearts the vision of your reign that we be people of hope, faith and love. (*Source: St. Paul's Missal*)

### Love One Another as I Have Loved You

Fr. Gareth Byrne's new book of prayers, meditations and reflections, *Love One Another as I Have Loved You* is a response to the publication by Pope Francis of *Amoris laetitia*, his apostolic exhortation 'on Love in the Family' (2016). This collection includes reflective pieces on love, family, friendship, community and on the Church as the family of Christ. With the World Meeting of Families to be hosted by the Archdiocese of Dublin in August 2018, this is an opportunity to begin to think and pray in new ways about what family and relationships mean to us. *Love One Another as I Have Loved You* is available from Veritas stores for €4.99

### CHURCH UNITY WEEK CROSSING BARRIERS

The Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the Swords area will take place in St. Columba's Church at 8:00pm on Wednesday 25th January (The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul). At a time when there is so much division in our world and where the message of God is being used as a tool of violence, there is a great need for those of different parts of the Christian family to come together and pray. **All are welcome**

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

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **POSTURE DURING THE MASS**

*"O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord,  
all the earth"*



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In 2011 the new English edition of the Roman Missal, was introduced.

This led in the Swords grouping of Parishes and indeed across the Diocese a reflection and harmonisation on the importance of posture in Mass. Now that it is well established, I think a reflection on posture and why we do what we do is a good topic for a newsletter.

We show our unity as an assembled people not only by our sung and said responses during Mass, but also externally. We worship the Lord with our whole being; with our hands, feet and bodies as well as with our eyes, ears and mouth. Because of their unspoken power, gestures and posture in the liturgy deserve as much care as the words we use.

God calls us together as members of Christ's body, as members of an organic whole and not as disparate individuals. Therefore, a Christian assembly that believes 'with one heart and soul' (Acts 4:32) adopts common postures as signs of its unity in worship. These postures both express and foster the spiritual attitude of those taking part.

There are many actions and gestures that we do together during Mass: we make the Sign of the Cross, we stand to pray, sit to listen, bow to show reverence, we move forward to present gifts and to receive, we exchange the sign of peace.

When Mass begins we stand. We stand up to greet people, to honour someone important, to express our readiness for action, and (especially at sporting events) when gripped by excitement! For example, we stand when the national anthem is played.

In terms of the Eucharist we stand before God as **a Resurrection People**, lifted up to greet our Risen Lord, called to stand in God's presence and serve through the celebration of the Eucharist – **a Priestly People** fully engaged in the liturgical action. In this way, standing reflects the assembly at work actively given to participation.

There are appropriate times during the Liturgy when **standing** reflects this reality. Another important element during Mass is sacred **Silence**. Silence allows us to truly listen to the Lord, to hear what's going on in our hearts and minds and to gather on a deeper level. This should especially happen after the priest says 'Let us Pray' before the Opening Prayer/Collect and before the 'Prayer after Communion'. This silence only takes a few seconds but can greatly help our prayer, just as in any piece of music, we need silence in which to hear the separate notes.

I hope this newsletter highlights and helps you to appreciate the importance of Posture and Silence. (*Fr Damian McNeice-Liturgy Office and Master of Ceremonies to the Archbishop*)

**Fr. Michael Carey Adm**

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*Antiphon - I am the light of the world, says the Lord*



### Can You Help?

There are about 60 planned Giving Envelope boxes that need to be delivered around the Parish. There are no more than 3 or 4 per road. Can you collect your own box? Can volunteers drop them to people's houses? The roads/areas involved are:

**Seatown Park; Seatown Drive; St. Colmcille's Park; Watery Lane; Oaklands Park; Seamount View; Kettleslane; Ashleigh Ave; Ashleigh Grove; Chapel Lane; Glen Ellan; Highfields; Balheary; Nevinstown; Lomglands; Castle Grove and Castle Park.**

The boxes are available for collection in the Sacristy. Thanking you in anticipation.

### DO THIS IN MEMORY

I welcome the boys and girls and their families to the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass and the 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass as part of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. I would also like to thank the parents who are part of the organising committee who met during the week to prepare these Masses.

### Confirmation

Just a reminder to the parents of this year's Confirmation classes (boys and girls) that there is a meeting/reflection evening on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm** in St. Colmcille's GNS hall. It will be presented by myself and Sr. Maureen Matthews and Breda Holmes from the Education Secretariat of the Diocese

### Catholic Schools Week (CSW)

Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January begins Catholic Schools Week. It coincides with the Do This in Memory programme and therefore emphasises the wonderful work that our Parish Schools do in preparing your children for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. CSW is an All-Ireland event celebrated in all Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools. The purpose of the week is to highlight and celebrate the wonderful contribution that Catholic Schools make to our local communities and society in general; this year's theme is **'CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – Learning with Pope Francis to Care for our Common Home'**. During the coming week, we invite you to join us in celebrating the contribution that our Catholic schools (St. Colmcille's GNS and St. Colmcille's BNS and Scoil an Duinninigh) make to the life of the faith community here in our parish. *More in next week's newsletter*

### Living the Paschal Mystery

Just as one candle can dispel darkness, so can the little light each of us is, dispel the darkness of sin and confusion, indifference and selfishness, greed and despair that tend to surround us. All we need to do is heed Jesus' two commands: repent and follow. (*Source: Living Liturgy*)

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:  
**Christina Kealy** Formerly Cloghran  
**Helen Gibson** St Andrew's Park



### Enrolment St. Colmcille's Girls School

Enrolment for girls starting school in September 2017 takes place from January 23rd – 27th, 9am – 10.30 am each morning.

**Baptismal & Birth Certificate must accompany all forms**

### Enrolment St. Colmcille's Boy's School.

Application forms for enrolment for boys starting school in September 2017 are available from the school, 9.00am – 4.00pm daily. Completed forms must be returned by January 31st

**Baptismal & Birth Certificate must accompany all forms**



### Brackenstown Bible Study 2017

During 2017 we will study Jeff Cavins 23 week DVD course "The Bible Timeline; The Story of Salvation" This is the foundational study in *The Great Adventure Bible Study Series* that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible. **Course Duration:** Spring classes commence Monday 30/01/17; twelve sessions. Autumn classes commence Monday 04/09/17; eleven sessions. **Course Cost:** €20.00 to cover the cost of the DVDs & the study book **Course Time:** Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m. **Venue:** St Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre. **Contact;** Louise 01-4401188; Email brackenstownparish@gmail.com

**St Finian's Community College** is proudly celebrating 60 years of providing education to the people of Swords and North Co. Dublin. All past students and parents are welcome to join us for our diamond jubilee dinner at the Carnegie Court Hotel on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Tickets are €35 and are available at the school. Contact 8402623 or anniversary60@gmail.com

### Ewe Thina:

We Walk God's Way. Want to get fit? Embrace God in nature and build true friendships? Join other young adults (20's & 30's) for reflective hikes around Dublin area. Monthly event. Contact: [siobhan.tighe@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:siobhan.tighe@dublindiocese.ie) <https://www.facebook.com/wewalkgodsway>

**Mass of Remembrance:** Donabate Parish will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance on 5th February at 5.00pm in St Patrick's Church for all children who died before or after birth, recently or in the distance past. Our speaker this year will be Deirdre NI Chinneide a well-known singer, writer, bereavement counsellor and spiritual director. A special Book of Remembrance will be available in front of the altar and we invite and encourage you to enter the name of your child in the book.

### Liturgy Group

The Liturgy group will meet on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 8.00pm