

encountered the Lord, do we return to the dead, digging up regrets, reproaches, hurts and dissatisfactions, without letting the Risen One change us?

Dear brothers and sisters: let us put the Living One at the centre of our lives. Let us ask for the grace not to be carried by the current, the sea of our problems; the grace not to run aground on the shoals of sin or crash on the reefs of discouragement and fear. Let us seek him, let us allow ourselves to be sought out by him, let us seek him in all things and above all things. And with him, we will rise again

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Patrick & Ella Kearns

Tues 8.00am Daniel Rooney

Tues 10.00am Mack Madden

Wed 8.00am Special Intention

Wed 10.00am Esther & William Spencer

Thurs 8.00am Holy Souls

Thurs 10.00am Nancy Lynch

Fri 8.00am Altar List of the Dead

Fri 10.00am Altar List of the Dead

Sat 6.30pm Liam Gargan

Sun 8.30am Aisling Burke

Sun 11.15am Annie, Tomas & James
McKenna

At our Masses next weekend we also remember: Patrick Feehan

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

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

We will have a Pastoral Team meeting on Tuesday at 8:00pm. We will have Mass for the First Friday on the 7th June. Next Saturday 8th June, the children from Holywell ETNS will make their First Holy Communion here in Drynam.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Denis O'Connell

Mary Byrne

Christina Noble

Melesian Ave

Seatown Terrace

Broadmeadow



Parents Prayer – Exam Time.

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

Fr. Michael Carey-8403378: Fr John Collins 8405948

Parish Secretary: Colette Stokes - Parish Office, Seatown Road-8407277

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

Sacristy: -8400547 (Mon –Sat 9.30am-9.55am and 10.30am to 10.50am)

Website: www.swords-parish.com Email: stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com

Feast of the Ascension

Jesus is a specialist at turning our deaths into life.

“Proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia”

Newsletter Sunday 2nd June 2019



Concluding Pope's Francis Easter 2019 homily from last week:

God asks us to view life as he views it, for in each of us he never ceases to see an irrepressible kernel of beauty. In sin, he sees sons and daughters to be restored; in death, brothers and sisters to be reborn; in desolation, hearts to be revived. Do not fear, then: The Lord loves your life, even when you are afraid to look at it and take it in hand. In Easter he shows you how much he loves that life: even to the point of living it completely, experiencing anguish, abandonment, death and hell, in order to emerge triumphant to tell you: “You are not alone; put your trust in me!”

Jesus is a specialist at turning our deaths into life, our mourning into dancing (cf. Ps 30:11). With him, we too can experience a Pasch, that is, a Passover – from self-centredness to communion, from desolation to consolation, from fear to confidence. Let us not keep our faces bowed to the ground in fear, but raise our eyes to the risen Jesus. His gaze fills us with hope, for it tells us that we are loved unflinchingly, and that however much we make a mess of things, his love remains unchanged. This is the one, non-negotiable certitude we have in life: his love does not change. Let us ask ourselves: *In my life, where am I looking?* Am I gazing at graveyards, or looking for the Living One?

Why do you seek the living among the dead? The women hear the words of the angels, who go on to say: “Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee” (Lk 24:6). Those women had lost hope, because they could not recall the words of Jesus, his call that took place in Galilee. Having lost the living memory of Jesus, they kept looking at the tomb. Faith always needs to go back to Galilee, to reawaken its first love for Jesus and his call: *to remember him, to turn back to him with all our mind and all our heart.* To return to a lively love of the Lord is essential. Otherwise, ours is a “museum” faith, not an Easter faith. Jesus is not a personage from the past; he is a person living today. We do not know him from history books; we encounter him in life. Today, let us remember how Jesus first called us, how he overcame our darkness, our resistance, our sins, and how he touched our hearts with his word.

Brothers and sisters, let us return to Galilee. The women, remembering Jesus, left the tomb. Easter teaches us that believers do not linger at graveyards, for they are called to go forth to meet the Living One. Let us ask ourselves: *In my life, where am I going?* Sometimes we go only in the direction of our problems, of which there are plenty, and go to the Lord only for help. But then, it is our own needs, not Jesus, to guide our steps. We keep seeking the Living One among the dead. Or again, how many times, once we have

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*



Exams

The Leaving and Junior Cert exams start this Wednesday. I wish all who are sitting these exams all the best. Don't let the worry about your upcoming Leaving Cert and Junior Cert indeed don't let normal human worries take you over so completely that nothing else seems to matter.

The Month of June

June is proving to be a busy month in the Parish. On Friday next 7th June we hold the Annual Golf Classic. This will be immediately followed by the Annual Swords Parishes Pilgrimage Walk on Sunday 9th June. Then towards the end of the month we will hold a Coffee Morning on Saturday 22nd June (*More on this in a later newsletter*) and on that evening the First Communicants will join us for a Corpus Christi Procession and then on Sunday 30th June we celebrate the Annual Cemetery Mass.

Golf Classic – St. Colmcille's Parish

Our annual Golf Classic will take place in Forrest Little Golf Club this coming Friday. I hope everybody involved has a lovely day.

Golf Classic – Bumper Raffle

Tickets on sale at the church this weekend after all Masses – also on sale in sacristy. TICKETS €5.00 A STRIP OR 3 STRIPS FOR €10.00 ALL FUNDS TO GO TOWARDS PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND. Raffle will be held at our annual Golf classic Friday June 7th. GreatPrizes!



God's Housekeepers

The next date for cleaning the Church is next **Friday 7th June** after the 10.00am Mass. Can cleaning group 1 for this Friday please turn up! Also if anyone has a half hour to spare you would be most welcome

St. Vincent de Paul

The outdoor monthly collection for St. Colmcille's Swords, VdP, will be taken up **next** weekend at all Masses

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee will meet on Wednesday 5th June at 3.30pm in the Parochial House

Swords Camino Pilgrim Walk

This will take place on Sunday 9th June starting in **St. Finian's Church, River Valley at 2.00pm**. The theme of the Walk will be a reflection on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. At each station (see below) a Psalm will be prayer relevant to the particular gift of the Holy Spirit. A bookmark with a prayer on the back will be provided and this will be said before leaving each stop. Also each pilgrim will be given a passport and this will be stamped at each stop

Beginning

- St Finian's Church – **Right Judgement and Wisdom**
- St Columba's Church - **Understanding**
- St Colmcille's Well - **Courage**
- St Colmcille's Church - **Knowledge**

Ending

- St Cronan's Church – **Wonder & Awe and Reverence**
-

Refreshments of Tea & Coffee

At each stop we will have:

- Welcome and a word on the relevant Gift of the Holy Spirit
- Reflection from Book of Psalms on the relevant Gift of the Holy Spirit
- Prayer from the Bookmark

A lot of work has gone into preparing this. Please do come along and join in. I suppose it should take about 2 hours.

Student's Prayer – Exam Time

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 come from learning and wisdom comes from you.

Loving God be with me now, as I prepare for my exams.

Thank you for the many talents and gifts

You have given me and for the opportunity of education.

Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied,

To express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best that I can.

Holy Spirit, be with me in my exam – and always.

In Jesus' name. Amen

Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land- 13th - 21st September 2019

The Pilgrimage will be led by Fr Paul, direct flights from Dublin to Tel Aviv. Cost €1765 per person sharing. Brochures are at the back of the Church with full details

June Bank Holiday Weekend

Monday 3rd June is a Bank Holiday. Mass will be celebrated in St. Colmcille's at 10.00am (*No 8.00am*)