

Follow Me

Jesus' invitation to "Follow me" is addressed to everyone. Our baptism begins our paschal journey with Jesus and initiates our response to follow Jesus "to Jerusalem." We spend our whole lives working out what began at baptism: following Jesus through death into life. We spend our whole lives learning how to be resolutely determined and faithful on our journey.

Jesus invites us to follow him in the ordinary circumstances of our lives. This is where the going gets tough: not in the extraordinary, but in the ordinary things do we witness to our faithful following. Sometimes when we read the Scriptures we might be discouraged by the leadership of the prophets or early disciples. We always need extraordinary leaders to help us know where we are going in following Jesus. But the church is mostly made up of ordinary people whose very faithfulness to the gospel is an extraordinary way to follow Jesus (*Source: Living Liturgy*)

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Brigid Dunne

Mon 10.00am Nancy Lawless

Tues 8.00am Special intention

Tues 10.00am Frances Burke

Wed 8.00am Special intention

Wed 10.00am Mark Kildea

Thomas Hanratty

Thurs 8.00am John McNiece

Thurs 10.00am Cornelious Donovan

Fri 8.00am Altar List of the Dead

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Sat 10.00am Margaret O'Brien

Sun 6.30pm Charlie Clarke

Sun 8.30am Devin O'Toole

Sun 11.15am Christy Duignam & dec family members

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

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

The Irish Mass is finished for the Summer months it will resume again in September

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Thomas Hanratty

Liam Heffernan

St Colmille's Drive

Drynam



St. Vincent de Paul – Annual Clothing Appeal

The Appeal is for clean good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. Bags will be distributed next weekend **29th/30th June** in the porches of both our churches. They will be collected the following weekend **6th/7th July**. There will be no Sunday evening collection.

Thank you for your generous support for our Coffee Morning last Saturday. €915 was raised for St Francis Hospice.

Fr. Michael Carey-8403378: Fr John Collins 8405948

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

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended.

“All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy”

Newsletter Sunday 30th June 2019

On this Cemetery Sunday, the following reflection may be of interest.

Reflection: Compassion

They arrived at the appointed place
where He who bore all crosses stood,
welcoming saint and sinner with open arms.
He lifted the burden from each one's shoulder
And placed it in a circle around the Cross,
Which He for us had borne.

They sat around in silence.

And as His gaze looked with love into each heart
they knew instinctively that He knew and understood
the weight and burden of the crosses they carried.

He spoke in tongues but no sound came,

yet each one heard His words within the heart,

which changed the weight and texture of the crosses they carried.

He then raised His hands and gave a blessing.

And then He gave a strange direction and a choice –
whoever wished could exchange their cross for His,
or for the cross of those who had caused them pain,

or they could embrace their own,

now transformed with compassionate love.

And if they were to travel further with Him

in the peace and the joy they now experienced,

they must allow his compassion to flow,

which forgave the other

and sought forgiveness for themselves.

Strange as it may seem

none of them exchanged their crosses for His
and few if any took the crosses of their afflictors.

Those who did left them down again

for they realized that they were very heavy,

that their own crosses

fitted their own shoulders best

for the rest of the journey home.

(Frank Fahey)



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*



1st Saturday of the Month

Saturday 6th July is the first Saturday of July. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am followed by Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 30 minutes

Saturday Mornings - Summer

For the months of July and August there will be no morning prayer on the last Saturday of the month. The next Saturday morning prayer will be on Saturday 28th September. There will be Mass as normal on the First Saturday of the month.

1st Holy Communion 2018-19

Now that the First Holy Communions are finished for this year I'd like to sincerely thank Sr. Margaret and Sr. Mary who co-ordinate the 'Do This in Memory/Bridge' programme for the Parish. This is a tremendous programme which has greatly enhanced the preparation for this Sacrament both for the children and their parents. A lot of time and effort goes into its co-ordination and the programme could not happen without the participation of the parent's committee from St. Colmcille's GNS and BNS. Again a sincere thank you to the parents who were members of these committees.

Holywell Educate Together

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Holy Well Educate Together who received their 1st Holy Communion this year in the Church of Our Lady of the Visitation, Drynam.

I thank especially the team involved in their preparation throughout the year: Renata Behan; Susan Fitzgerald and Fr. John Collins They did tremendous work

Do This in Memory – Corpus Christi

Last Saturday evening was a beautiful evening and we rounded off the 'Do This in Memory' Programme for 2018-19 with a lovely Corpus Christi Procession. The turnout was dreadfully disappointing but for the few who did turn out they had a special evening and I sincerely thank the boys and girls and their parents. It was lovely to see the boys and girls wearing again their First Holy Communion outfits and dresses and we had a lovely little procession after the Mass. Thank you to Sr. Mary and Sr. Margaret who put a huge amount of work into this Mass and to Susan Rallo who served.

After the Mass there was a lovely glass of lemonade and 'bickies' provided by Betty McDonald, Mary Morgan and Sandrine Chemenbourg. All in all, a lovely occasion and hopefully a happy memory for the children and their parents

St Colmcille's Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Saturday 10th August. Details are on the notice board at the back of the Church

CEMETERY SUNDAY – 30th June

St. Colmcille's Cemetery Sunday

This Sunday 30th June the Parish will celebrate Cemetery Sunday here in Swords. The Cemetery Mass will take place at 4.00pm in the Church - followed by Blessing of the Cemetery

Cemetery Sunday – Collection

As always there will be a collection at this Cemetery Mass in which the amount collected goes towards the upkeep of the Cemetery.

Peter's Pence Collection

This Weekend Saturday/Sunday 29th/30th June, is the Sunday nearest the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul. To that end the 2nd Collection (Share) is replaced by the 'Peter's Pence' collection this collection is for the Pope and Pontifical Charities.

Property and Finance Committee

The Property and Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday 2nd July at 2.30pm in the Parochial House

Funeral Ministry Team

The Funeral Ministry Team will meet on Thursday 4th July at 11.00am in the Parochial House

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Luke is particularly sensitive to people's weakness and he presents them as interacting with a very compassionate Jesus. He portrays Jesus as someone who has a special concern for those who are sick, in trouble and on the margins of respectable society.

Reflection - The Holy Spirit occupies a prominent place in the gospel of Luke. Jesus is presented as a Spirit filled man. It is the Spirit who is Jesus' guiding light, drawing him into the desert and carrying him through his temptations.

In his gospel the Spirit animates the prayer of Jesus. At Pentecost the fearful disciples are transformed by the Spirit. He implies that the community for which he is writing already has the gift of the Spirit as does this community gathered here today. *(Source: St. Paul's Missal)*

Foundational Christian Leadership for young Adults

Would you like to learn more about being a leader in Your Church, Your parish, Your Community. Foundational Leadership Programme for young adults will run over 4 weekends from October 2019 - April 2020. Previous graduates changed careers, changed their approach to life and made a difference. For more information/www.evangelisation.ie/ 01 - 8379253-242