

Living the Paschal Mystery

Living the paschal mystery means that we take a critical look at ourselves and root out whatever it is that keeps us from seeing who Jesus is, whether that is self-centredness, preoccupation with getting ahead, amassing more money and material goods, or seeking comfort above all else. All these kinds of actions demand dying to self, and only by dying can we rise to "see" the glory of new life. Living the paschal mystery means that, as we encounter Jesus, we recognise that Jesus gives us more than we ask. Jesus always responds to our faith in him by inviting is along his path to glory.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Des Donoghue

Tues 8.00am Kathleen Callis

Tues 10.00 Mary & Kevin Greenan

Wed 8.00am Leo Watson

Wed 10.00am Christopher Barnwell

Thurs 8.00am Joan & Edward J Walsh

Thurs 10.00am Dec members of Agnew & Rogers Families

Fri 8.00am Altar List of the Dead

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Sat 10.00am Hilda O'Neill

Sat 6.30pm Thomas Byrne

Imelda Hughes (1st An)

Sun 8.30am Kathleen Doyle

Sun 11.15am Patrick & Bridget Lenehan

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

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

St. Vincent de Paul will have their monthly collection outside the church today.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A feature of the Eucharistic Prayers we use is the mention of the word 'memorial' immediately after the words of institution, when the essential moments of the Paschal Mystery are recalled. There is a direct link to the words in institution, to the command of the Lord who said: 'Do this in memory of me.' This memorial, sometimes referred to as the anamnesis is an essential element of every Eucharistic Prayer. No Eucharistic Prayer confines itself to remembering the death of Christ but it is always the death and resurrection, in other words, the Paschal Mystery, which is called to mind. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

Saints for the coming week

All Saints –Thursday 1st November This Feast Day celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face – both those recognised by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession as we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfil our vocation to be saints.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

John McKittrick

Whitehall

Sylvester Ferris

Seatown Villas

Terry Finnegan

Rathbeale Road



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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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hang on to hope!

“Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice”

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Next Wednesday is the Feast of All Saints. The following is a reflection by Pope Francis regarding this Feast Day.



At the end of the feast of All Saints, just before the sun set, Pope Francis celebrated an outdoor Mass at Rome's Verano cemetery and urged Christians to hang on to hope as they reflect on the promise that earthly life ends with eternal life in heaven.

In his homily at the evening Mass Nov. 1, Pope Francis set aside his prepared text, looked out at the thousands of people gathered between long lines of tombs and told them, "We reflect and think about our own future and about all those who have gone before us and are now with the Lord."

"The Lord God, beauty, goodness, truth, tenderness, the fullness of love -- all that awaits us," the pope said. "And all those who preceded us and died in the Lord are there," in heaven with God.

Even the best of the saints were not saved by their good works, the pope said, but by the blood of Christ.

"God is the one who saves, he is the one who carries us like father -- at the end of our lives -- to that heaven where our forebears are," he said.

The feast day reading from the 7th chapter of the Book of Revelation described a multitude of people from every race and nation standing before God. They were dressed in white, the pope said, because they were "washed in the blood of the Lamb. We can enter into heaven only thanks to the blood of the lamb, the blood of Christ."

"If today we are remembering these brothers and sisters of ours who lived before us and are now in heaven, they are there because they were washed in the blood of Christ," he said.

"That is our hope, and this hope does not disappoint. If we live our lives with the Lord, he will never disappoint us."

"We are children of God," he said, and live in hope of one day seeing God as he is.

"On the feast of All Saints and before the Day of the Dead, it is important to think about hope," he said.

The early Christians used an anchor as a symbol of hope, he said, and "to have our hearts anchored up there where our loved ones are, where the saints are, where Jesus is, where God is -- that is hope. That is the hope that doesn't disappoint."

The feasts of All Saints and All Souls are "days of hope," he said. The virtue of "hope is like a bit of leaven that enlarges your soul. There are difficult moments in life, but with hope you go forward and keep your eyes on what awaits us. Today is a day of hope; our brothers and sisters are in the presence of God, and we, too, will be there in the Lord's arms if we follow the path of Jesus."

"Before sunset today, each one of us can think of the sunset of our lives," the pope said.

"Do we look forward to it with hope and with the joy of being welcomed by the Lord?"

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*



Bank Holiday

Monday 29th October is a Bank Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. *There is no 8.00am Mass*

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

To remember our beloved dead in the presence of God is wholesome and it is natural to remember them in love and thanksgiving. We thank God for the gifts bestowed on us through them – signs of his grace and presence. We entrust our beloved to the love and mercy of God because, even though we do not grieve as those who have no hope (1 Th 4:13), to remember the dead is holy and devout (2 Mac 12:45). All they have meant for us is not lost forever, for God – the God of the living – is their life now and always. This day also known as ‘All Souls Day’ is celebrated on November 2nd

Do This in Memory

I welcome the boys and girls and their families to the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil 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.

1st Saturday of the Month

Saturday 3rd November is the first Saturday of November, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am followed by Confessions

Feast of All Saints - 1st November

Thursday next 1st November is the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. Masses are as follows. Swords: 6.30pm (Vigil-Wednesday) and 8.00am and 10.00am (Thursday). Drynam: 9.20am (Thursday)

Mass of Remembrance

On Tuesday 6th November at 7.30pm, the Parish will celebrate Mass to remember and pray for all parishioners and friends who died during the past year. During this Mass each person will be remembered by name. All welcome especially family and friends.
If a family member of friend died during this past year but whose funeral was held in another parish and you would like their name called out. Please leave with Colette in the Parish Office.



Living with Loss

Bereavement Information Evening **Thursday 1st November, 5.30–8.00pm** at the Alex Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street, Dublin 2. Niamh Fitzpatrick, sister of Captain Dara Fitzpatrick, will address the gathering and speak on the theme ‘Living with Loss’. Admission is free. For more information, contact The Irish Hospice Foundation: www.hospicefoundation.ie

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 2nd 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’.

Aware - your supporting light through depression

A support and self care group for people who experience depression, bipolar disorder and mood related conditions takes place every Tuesday at 7.45pm in Senior Citizens Centre. The group is free to attend and no referral is needed.

Miscarriage Association of Ireland Annual Service of Remembrance: will take place on Sunday 11th November at 3.00pm in St Teresa's Church, Donore Ave, off South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All parents, siblings, grandparents & others affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.

Diocesan Priesthood - Vocation Exploration Retreat:

The National Vocations Office is running an overnight “**Come & See**” retreat for Young men aged between 18 – 40 in Mount St. Anne's in Killenard, near Portarlington. Starting at 6pm on Fri 23rd and concluding at 4pm on Saturday 24th November. Maybe you know some man in your parish that may be interested in exploring what is involved in becoming a priest and would like to find out more, without commitment or obligation. Perhaps if you do, you could bring this to his attention? For further information, email Deacon Eric Cooney in the National Vocations Office on: info@vocations.ie

Changes on our Journey

My love, let us love each other always even when things change because of health or sickness. Let us remain in love and in dignity.

If I am old or weak or weary or difficult, do not become nervous or give up on me. I pray with you in the Lord that you will find

- Strength for your burden
 - A way to listen and to be patient and that you will receive support as you support me
- Work at continuing to love and understand me as we have always struggled to do together, loving one another. Amen

Drop in silent Christian Meditation continues in the Emmaus Retreat centre each Monday (Except bank holidays) from 11AM til 12. All welcome. *Donation on the day*