

herself to exercise this kind of authority which is service and exercises it not in her own name, but in the name of Jesus Christ... through the Pastors of the Church, in fact: it is he who guides, protects and corrects them, because he loves them deeply. But the Lord Jesus, the supreme Shepherd of our souls, has willed that the Apostolic College, today the Bishops, in communion with the Successor of Peter... to participate in his mission of taking care of God's People, of educating them in the faith and of guiding, inspiring and sustaining the Christian community, or, as the Council puts it, 'to see to it... that each member of the faithful shall be led in the Holy Spirit to the full development of his own vocation in accordance with Gospel preaching, and to sincere and active charity' and to exercise that liberty with which Christ has set us free.

So, the Church is Christ's – she is His bride – and all the bishops, in communion with the Successor of Peter, have the task and the duty of guarding her and serving her, not as masters but as servants. The Pope, in this context, is not the supreme lord but rather the supreme servant – the “servant of the servants of God”; the guarantor of the obedience and the conformity of the Church to the will of God, to the Gospel of Christ, and to the Tradition of the Church, putting aside every personal whim, despite being – by the will of Christ Himself – the “supreme Pastor and Teacher of all the faithful”

Fr. Michael Carey Adm.

Mass Intentions for this coming week: St Colmcille's:

Mon 8.00am Fr Michael O'Reilly	Sat 10.00am Brian McConnell
Mon 10.00am Catherine, Joseph & Thomas Salmon	
Tues 8.00am Breda Kisane	
Tues 10.00am Thomas McGrane	Sat 6.30pm Kathleen Flynn
Wed 8.00 am Gerry O'Hare	Sun 8.30 am Michael & Mary Vesey
Wed 10.00am Patrick Moore	Sun 10.00am Kathleen Moore
Thurs 8.00am Owen Kennedy	Sun 11.30 Morty Doyle
Thurs 10.00 Kay Young	Owen Kennedy MM
Fri 8.00 am Holy Souls	
Fri 10.00am Colm Wynne	Sun 7.30pm Ronald Kane

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM
Mass Times for Drynam: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: 9.20am. Sun, 10.00am 11.00am
(Irish) & 12 noon

The Drynam Pastoral Team would like to launch a Baptismal Team to provide a basic understanding of the meaning and importance of Baptism to the parents of children presenting for Baptism. Please let us know if you would like more information on what we are planning or if you think you may be able assist in this important work.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Joe O'Rourke	Dublin Road
Sean Rudden	Mulhuddart
John McMahon	Mount Drinan Grove
Albert Kidney	Rathbeale Court



Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC will meet this Monday 17th November at 8.15pm in the Parochial House, Seatown Road.

Fr. Michael Carey-8403378: Fr. Peter McCarron-8405948
 Parish Secretary: Colette Stokes - Parish Office, Seatown Road-8407277
 (Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm & Tues-Thurs 2pm-4pm)
 Sacristan: Stephanie Byrne-8400547 (Mon –Sat 9.30am-10.30am)
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Description of the Church and the role of the Pope

“The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.”



Newsletter Sunday 16th November 2014

Continuing the Pope's concluding speech to the Synod on the Family, he gave a good description of the Church and of the role of the Pope

This is the Church, the vineyard of the Lord, the fertile Mother and the caring Teacher, who is not afraid to roll up her sleeves to pour oil and wine on people's wound; who doesn't see humanity as a house of glass to judge or categorize people. This is the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and composed of sinners, needful of God's mercy. This is the Church, the true bride of Christ, who seeks to be faithful to her spouse and to her doctrine. It is the Church that is not afraid to eat and drink with prostitutes and publicans. The Church that has the doors wide open to receive the needy, the penitent, and not only the just or those who believe they are perfect! The Church that is not ashamed of the fallen brother/sister and pretends not to see him/her, but on the contrary feels involved and almost obliged to lift him/her up and to encourage him/her to take up the journey again and accompany him/her toward a definitive encounter with her Spouse, in the heavenly Jerusalem.

This is the Church, our Mother! And when the Church, in the variety of her charisms, expresses herself in communion, she cannot err: it is the beauty and the strength of the *sensus fidei*, of that supernatural sense of the faith which is bestowed by the Holy Spirit so that, together, we can all enter into the heart of the Gospel and learn to follow Jesus in our life. And this should never be seen as a source of confusion and discord.

Many commentators, or people who talk, have imagined that they see a disputatious Church where one part is against the other, doubting even the Holy Spirit, the true promoter and guarantor of the unity and harmony of the Church – the Holy Spirit who throughout history has always guided the barque, through her Ministers, even when the sea was rough and choppy, and the ministers unfaithful and sinners.

And, as I have dared to tell you, [as] I told you from the beginning of the Synod, it was necessary to live through all this with tranquillity, and with interior peace, so that the Synod would take place *cum Petro* and *sub Petro* (with Peter and under Peter), and the presence of the Pope is the guarantee of it all.

We will speak a little bit about the Pope, now, in relation to the Bishops. So, the duty of the Pope is that of guaranteeing the unity of the Church; it is that of reminding the faithful of their duty to faithfully follow the Gospel of Christ; it is that of reminding the pastors that their first duty is to nourish the flock – to nourish the flock – that the Lord has entrusted to them, and to seek to welcome – with fatherly care and mercy, and without false fears – the lost sheep. I made a mistake here. I said welcome: [rather] **to go out and find them.**

His duty is to remind everyone that authority in the Church is a service, as Pope Benedict XVI clearly explained, with words I cite verbatim: “The Church is called and commits

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon – “To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord”

The Parish Pastoral Collection- next weekend

Two collectors for each weekend Mass are required. These are hard to get! It's not fair to be relying on the same people all the time. Please give 5 minutes after Mass. If you volunteer for this task please leave your name with Stephanie



This fund will provide for the training and requirements of all the Pastoral Teams. It also provides for all art and décor, banners and flowers etc. There are other expenses throughout the year, such as the printing of booklets, prayers, candles, postage stamps etc. As a Parish we are very lucky to have so many dedicated and committed volunteers; they give their time freely for the benefit of us all. Please give what you can to this fund to help us ensure that they have the best possible support in their ministries. This collection takes place in St. Colmcille's only.

With the last collection we acquired a new Missal for the Presider's Chair and a new banner

Confirmation Classes

There was a great turn out of the boys and girls and their families to the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and the 10.00am Sunday Mass last weekend as part of our new Parish initiative as they journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation. Well done all especially those who read and brought up the gifts. For the few of your classmates who were not there, why not pass on the good news and invite them to the next special Mass on w/end 6th/7th Dec

Did you know?

Fr. Peter who is chaplain to St. Colmcille's BNS (*and I am chaplain to St. Colmcilles's GNS*), and in the Parish for a few years now experienced our wonderful Folk Group for the very first time last Saturday evening. When he presides at the 'Do This in Memory Mass' (DTIM) the Folk Group are not there and the singing is provided by the boys themselves, as the girls do at their DTIM Mass

Senior Citizens

The annual remembrance liturgy for deceased members of the Senior Citizens Community will take place in the Senior Citizens Hall on **Thursday 20th November at 2.30pm**. Canon Robert Deane and I will preside. All are welcome

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE: Speak about Christ only when you are asked. But live so that people ask about Christ – Paul Claudel (1868-1955, French Poet and dramatist)

Liturgy Team

The Liturgy Team will meet this Thursday 20th November at 7.30pm in the Parochial House, Seatown Road.

Feasts this week

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious – Monday 17th November, 1207-31, queen at fourteen, widowed and exiled at twenty. Franciscan tertiary until her death at twenty four. A woman of prayer and service of the poor

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Friday 21st November, On this day was the dedication in the year 543 of the Church of Our Lady near to the Temple in Jerusalem. This feast celebrates Mary in her grace filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit. This feast prepares for Advent and Christmas, when we celebrate the coming of her Divine Son into the world

St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr – Saturday 22nd November. The patroness of music and musicians, was a second or third century martyr under Marcus Aurelius.. According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded. She is mentioned in the Roman Canon

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What does God desire of us? This simple question is perhaps not asked frequently enough! It can be made quite personal: what does God want of me, from me? In the end, the answer has to be – in the words of the song – “all that I am” precisely because God loves all that I am. This will mean allowing ourselves to be loved. It will also mean responding with my whole self, including all the gifts of body, mind and soul that God has bestowed upon me. In the end, God does hope that we may be and become our true selves. Nothing less is adequate to God's own love of us.

Prayer - We are truly grateful to you, God our creator and redeemer, for your many gifts. We ask you help that we may use all you have given us for your glory and for the good of our neighbour.

Fresh-Start Fostering Services (FFS) are seeking families, couples & individuals to become foster Carers for children in the care of the state. We work in partnership with Tusla, the Child & Family Agency and would love to hear from you if you are considering becoming a Foster Carer or would like to receive some information or equally would like to talk to us about your interest please call 059 9139454, text 087 2846039 or email ffs@freshstart.ie

The Month of November

We remember our own dead and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord.

Swords Senior Citizens Centre Chapel Lane Swords 8407589

Music Recital, presented by Alice Hurley on: Monday 17th November at 2pm
Admission Free – All over 55's welcome

