

## Our Parish Feast Day

**St. Colmcille, abbot and missionary** – Sunday 9th June, c. 521-597, one of the ‘Twelve Apostles of Ireland’, was born in Gartan, Co. Donegal. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow and Kells but felt compelled to leave Ireland as an act of penance around 563. With twelve companions he settles at Iona, just off the Isle of Mull, and this became the effective base for the evangelisation of Scotland and northern England. He died in 597 and his relics were later translated to Dunkeld



## Mass intentions for Next Week

**Mon** 8.00am Gary Dempsey

**Mon** 10.00am Vera Barker

**Tues** 8.00am Liz Martin

**Tues** 10.00am John & Mary Mulligan

**Wed** 8.00am Special Intention

**Wed** 10.00am Cindy Foran

**Thurs** 8.00am Special Intention

**Thurs** 10.00am Peter Curran

**Fri** 8.00am Liz Martin

**Fri** 10.00am Helen Clarke

**Sat** 6.30pm Dec members of

McLoughney Family

Noeleen Smith Walsh MM

**Sun** 8.30am Paddy Barker

**Sun** 11.15am Jim Nevin Jnr & James  
& Una Nevin

**At our Masses next weekend we also remember:** Liam Gargan, Patricia Caul, Christine & Frances Loughran

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

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

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Holywell Educate Together National School who made their First Holy Communion yesterday. Next Saturday the 15th June, pupils from the same school will make their Confirmation here in Drynam.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:**

Mary Morris

Balheary

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

“Come, Holy Spirit!” Where truth, love, goodness, peace, kindness, wisdom, courage, patience, and many others of his fruits are present, there the Spirit is active. In so many different ways, the Spirit reminds the world of the Gospel.

Pentecost, the second feast in rank of the Jews, means the “fiftieth day” after Passover. For the Christians it is celebrated ten days after the Ascension, to commemorate the descent of the Spirit and the beginning of the Church.

In the Jewish calendar there was a tradition of celebrating the fiftieth day after Passover, which they called Pentecost. Today the Christian Church reaches the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season when we commemorate the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the scriptures the Spirit is also known as ‘the Spirit of the promise’, ‘the Spirit of adoption’, ‘the Spirit of the Lord’, ‘the Spirit of Christ’, ‘the Spirit of God’ and ‘the Spirit of Glory’.

**Reflection** - The Church is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. The mission of Christ and of the Spirit and now also of the Church is to bring humankind to share in the communion which Father, Son and Spirit share. It is the Spirit who makes present the mystery of Christ, particularly at the Eucharist in order to reconcile humanity and to bring them into relationship with God. (Source: *St. Paul's Missal*)

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

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## Pentecost Sunday: **To be open to the Holy Spirit**

*“The love of God has been poured into our hearts, alleluia”*

### **Newsletter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Just before his Ascension, Jesus said these words to the Apostles: ‘You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit which will come upon you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout

Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to earth’s remotest end’ (Acts 1:8).

These words of Christ to the Apostles are also addressed to each believer. The Holy Spirit comes to us as a teacher of the meaning and depth of Revelation. He also fills us with power, the grace to understand the Church’s teachings and the wisdom to see how they apply to our lives. Finally, the Spirit puts courage into our hearts so that we can witness what we believe to believer and unbeliever alike.

The Acts of the Apostles shows how the Holy Spirit transformed the Apostles from being fearful disciples, huddling behind closed doors, into courageous witnesses for Christ. Beginning with the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost, the disciples became dynamic missionaries. He filled those disciples with the gift of courage so that nothing stopped them from proclaiming the love of Christ for all people.

When we learn how to be open to the Holy Spirit, he shares with us the gift of understanding that contains the power to know Jesus and to give witness to him. At our Baptism, the Spirit works through the waters which takes away Original sin and actual sins and give us new life with the triune God. At confirmation, the Holy Spirit is conferred by the anointing of Chrism, by which the bishop seals us so that the Holy Spirit can strengthen us to pursue the mission of Christ to transform the world. At every Mass, the Holy Spirit changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ by the ministry of the priest.

The Holy Spirit is dynamic, transforming our bodies into temples of God and our souls into dwellings for Christ. Sometimes called the *Paraclete*, a term that describes him as advocate and consoler, the holy Spirit wants to fill us with inspiration and encouragement.

We may not have to do great things, but we are called to do everyday duties with great love. The Holy Spirit is essentially Love. Love can change those we meet and change ourselves in each encounter. Because of the Holy Spirit our whole being, mind, heart, souls and body can be permeated with Love.

A rich example of the Holy Spirit’s transforming power can be seen in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. She is God’s masterpiece, transformed by him into luminous witness of grace from the moment of her conception. The angel Gabriel rightly addressed her as ‘full of grace’. It is also by the power of the Holy Spirit that Mary conceived Jesus, the Son of God.

Finally, through Mary, the Holy Spirit begins to bring women and men, the objects of God’s merciful love, *into communion* with Christ. And the humble are always the first to accept him: shepherds, magi, Simeon and Anna, the bride and groom at Cana, and the first disciples. (CCC, no.725) (Source: *Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults*) **Fr Michael Carey**



## 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*



### Golf Classic – St. Colmcille's Parish

This happened on Friday just gone. I'll write more about it in a fortnight's time - But for now a big thank you to one and all

### Ordinary Time

The Feast of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season and we now return to the Ordinary Time in the Church's calendar. This will resume at week 10 and will continue to week 34 with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King

### Swords Cemetery Sunday – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm

This Mass (with the participation of the Choir) will take place in St. Colmcille's Church. Before the final blessing, I will pray a prayer of blessing for all buried in the Cemetery

#### **CEMETERY BLESSING**

Grant that this cemetery,  
Placed under the sign of the cross,  
May, by the power of your blessing,  
Be a place of rest and hope.  
May the bodies buried here sleep in your peace,  
To rise immortal at the coming of your Son.  
May this place be a comfort to the living,  
A sign of their hope for unending life.  
May prayers be offered here continually  
In supplication for those who sleep in Christ  
and in constant praise of your mercy.  
We ask this Through Christ our Lord

**R. Amen**

This is always a significant event in our parish Calendar and is an important annual occasion, therefore as you would expect a lot of work goes into this Mass by the Liturgy Team. If you want to 'hear', celebrate the Mass I invite you **to come into the Church**, or at least gather around the front door. There will be no use of a sound system that will reach the 'four corners' of the cemetery.

#### **Individual Graves**

The Mass itself, is offered for all buried in our cemetery and as you can see from the prayer of blessing (above), it refers again to all buried 'in this cemetery'. To that end **there is no need** for all graves to be individually sprinkled and nor will that happen. What I will do after the Mass is 'sprinkle' the different sections of the graveyard.

#### **Holy Communion**

Holy Communion will be distributed in the Church and immediately outside the front door. Ministers will not be stationed in the cemetery as the demand is not there.

**Why not?** Bring a small bottle of holy water and sprinkle your family grave during the Mass.

**The Parish Office is closed for holidays and will re-open on Tuesday  
18th June 2019**

### Swords Camino Pilgrim Walk

This will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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**



### Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning on  
Saturday 22nd June from 10.00am - 12 noon  
in the Parochial House Seatown Road.

All proceeds will go to St Francis Hospice.

**All welcome Please come along and support this great cause**

*Coffee Morning*

*Everyone Welcome*



- The monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul will be taken up after all Masses this weekend.
- The Parish PPC will meet on Monday 10th June at 8.00pm in the Parochial House