

...It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but 'we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him' (Rom.8:28)

*Fr. Michael Carey Adm*

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

**Mon** 8.00am Special Intention  
Mary & Roisin Lally

**Mon** 10.00am Tom Clinton

**Tues** 8.00am Margaret Galvin

**Tues** 10.00am John Byrne

**Wed** 8.00am Gerard Thompson

**Wed** 10.00am Brendan Haughton

**Thurs** 8.00 am Fr Tom O'Connell

**Thurs** 10.00am Evelyn & Michael Dalton &  
dec members of the Dalton Family

**Fri** 8.00 Sheila Moore

**Fri** 10.00am John Farrell

**Sat** 10.00 am Lauri O'Connor

**Sat 6.30 pm** John McGrane

Ella Monks (MM)

**Sun 8.30am** Tom Clinton

**Sun 10.30am** Fiona Lynch

**Sun 11.30 am** Donal O'Toole

**Sun 7.30 pm** Michael Bonar

### **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The forty-two parables in the Gospels are designed to take us up short and make us think again. Today's parable is a good example. The actions of the employer and the treatment of the workers simply would not work today as a labour relations strategy and would also not have worked in the time of Jesus. And what is the point? Really that it doesn't matter when we come to the Gospel, early, middle or late, by routes direct or circuitous, in full stride or falteringly: all that matters is that we come to the Gospel. Achievement counts for nothing; grace is everything, thanks be to God!

**Prayer** - The door of faith is always open and you welcome us, O God, whenever our hearts are open. We are grateful for your loving patience and generosity

### **Living the Paschal Mystery**

Most of us think of work as a necessity; we need a paycheque to pay the bills, buy the necessities, and maybe have a little left over for some entertainment. This parable invites us to think of work in a different way: by our labours we are building up God's kingdom, spreading God's reign in our world. God calls us to be labourers in the divine vineyard – a call we first answer at baptism and then continually answer throughout our lives each time we say yes, reach out to others imitation of God's goodness and generosity, and cooperate with all God asks of us. This divine, saving "work" is a privilege – we actually share in God's saving deeds! God uses us to bring salvation to the world. This work has a great dignity about it. This work is privilege. This work is a lifelong response to God's invitation to be God's labourers. (Source: Living Liturgy)

### **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**

On Sunday 5th October, we will have blessing of animals after the 12:00 Midday Mass. The blessing will take place in the newly cultivated field beside the church. All your pets welcome.

The Look Sunday sheet is available at the back of the church. Put together by Redemptorist Publications it explains today's Gospel story in a fun way. Suitable for 4 – 9 year olds. Don't forget to bring a copy with you for children at home.



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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **The Devil and One Word**

*"I am the salvation of my people, says the Lord, Should they cry to me in distress, I will hear them, and I will their Lord for ever"*



### **Newsletter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014**

After a series of 'heavy' newsletters, I thought this week that I would relate a nice simple yet profound story that I came across in a book written by William J. Bausch called 'A world of stories'.

God, as everyone knows, created the heavens and the earth and everything in them, And, as we are now aware he created them through the use of words, for words, of course, are power. "Let it be done," God proclaimed, and it was done. And everything he made was good.

Well, God was especially proud and loving of the man and woman, he made, because he had breathed into them a part of himself, his spirit. But, not surprisingly, the devil was jealous and angry. So one day when God was enjoying the man and woman, the devil casually happened to walk by. He sauntered up to God and asked him what he liked so much about these creatures.

And when God opened his mouth to speak, the devil craftily put a bond upon his tongue so that he could not speak! God could not talk! And since God's creative power was in his words, the devil had bound that power.

The devil laughed at God and quite had his way with the man and the woman. Well, as some eons went by, the devil came back to mock God – he couldn't resist, such is his nature. Well, he came back to mock God. He scoffed at the silent deity and taunted this helpless God. God responded to all this by holding up one finger.

"One!" asked the devil. "Are you trying to tell me that you want to say just one word? Is that it?"

Yes, God nodded, pleading with his soft eyes and urgent hands. The confident devil thought to himself, "I don't suppose that even God could do very much harm with one word. OK." So the devil removed the bond from God's tongue.

And God spoke this one word, in a whisper. He spoke it for the man and woman, and it brought them great joy. It was a word that gathered up all the love, forgiveness and creativity God had been storing in his heart during the time of his silence.

The word he spoke was Jesus!

### **The Fall of the Angels**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) has the following to say: Behind the disobedient choice of our first parents lurks a seductive voice, opposed to God, which makes them fall into death out of envy. Scripture and the Church's Tradition see in this being a fallen angel, called 'Satan' or the 'devil' The Church teaches that Satan was at first a good angel, made by God: 'The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing'

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*Antiphon – "I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me."*



### DO THIS IN MEMORY

The programme for 2014-15 is starting again. There is great excitement for the girls and boys and we have held our initial parents meetings. Next weekend the girls and their families will be present at the 10.00am Sunday Mass as part of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Penance and First Eucharist. This is their first Mass - the Enrolment Mass. The boys will have theirs the following weekend. We look forward to seeing them and praying with them

### Pastoral Outreach

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has undertaken a number of initiatives in this area. Last November there was in 'Open Evening' in the Parochial House for a volunteers and members of Ministry Teams. This was to say 'thank you' for their commitment and to 'show off' the newly refurbished Parochial House.

In the summer months of July and August just gone, members of the PPC and parishioners visited Carlton Court and Highfields. This was to say 'hello' to the residents and give them an information pack and to let them know that are part of our Parish of St. Colmcille's. A lot of the residents appreciated our call and were delighted to have had been visited by the Parish.

The next step is again to hold an 'open evening' in the coming months for all parishioners. In order to prepare for this the PPC is inviting all Parish Groups and Ministry Teams *to send a representative to an information and preparation meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Parochial House, Seatown Rd at 7.30pm. If you are interested please leave your name with Colette in the Parish Office*

### Blessing of pets

This will happen in Drynam on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October – see front of newsletter

### Clonliffe Seminar

On the notice board at the back of the Church, there are details of a morning seminar in Clonliffe College organised by the Liturgical Resource Centre. If you are interested please leave your name with Colette in the Parish Office. The seminar is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept from 9.30am to 1.00pm. The Tipperary and Kilkenny teams will be going and then playing a game of hurling after it!!

**A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE** The soul speaks: I am called to be the compassion of the angels, because I am the living breath that God sent forth into dry clay..... St. Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179, Benedictine mystic)

### Crosscare

The annual collection for CROSSCARE, – Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will take place at all Masses this weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> September. This collection is for Community and homeless services. The collection will replace the usual Share collection

**The Readers Roster for October & November is now available on the Parish website and at the back of the Church**

## SWORDS HERITAGE WEEK 2014 – St. Colmcille's.

Among the many events presented during the week was the 'Walkabout' St. Colmcille's Graveyard. The committee would like to thank most sincerely all those who turned up on the day and enjoyed the many stories from the past, prompted by the headstones of people who have seen our Parish and Swords grow into the town it is today. The people like Andrew Kettle who was known as 'Parnell's Right hand Man', Dr. R.J. May who healed the sick for over 50 years, while breeding Irish Wolfhounds and promoting the local Mummers as a pastime. The O'Colmain family who were teachers in the local school and lost a son during the fight for Irish Freedom. Paddy Cleary and humble ploughman who was cured of Rabies by the great Louis Pasteur and the much loved Col. Forster who had done so much for the poor of Swords but wished to be buried in an unmarked grave. His Uncle James Taylor of Swords House gave the site for our present St. Colmcille's Church in 1827.

There are many more stories to be told and with the launch of two publications during the week there is no excuse but to learn a little more about your Parish and the town of Swords.

The 21<sup>st</sup> in the Swords Voices series now available at Swords Museum, Carnegie Library., and XL Newsagents, Main Street.

While 'Images of Swords', a photographic publication by the boys of St. Colmcille's School is available at the School – St. Colmcille's BNS.

If you have any queries about the history of the area please get in touch with us at the Carnegie Library, North Street. **Phone 01- 8400080.** We are always glad of donations of old photos for our collection.

*Bernadette Marks*

A public talk on Loss and Bereavement will take place in **St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock** on Thursday 2nd October at 8.00pm. Guest Speaker Christy Kenneally; "Life After Loss". All welcome. For further information please contact Portmarnock Parish Office at 8461561.

### Feasts this Week

**St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest - Tuesday 23rd September.** 1887-1968, was born in Pietrelcina in Campania (Italy). He joined the Capuchian community and was ordained in 1910. He moved six years later to San Giovanni Rotondo. Bearing the wounds of Christ's passion on his body (known as stigmata), he became famous for his ministry in the confessional, his spiritual direction and his miracles. In 1956 he opened the 'Home to Relieve Suffering' near his friary. Despite his popularity, he faced much opposition, even from Church authorities. He was canonized in 2002.

**St. Vincent de Paul, priest – Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September.** 1580-1660, was born in Gascony (France) and ordained a priest at the early age of twenty. After being falsely accused of theft, he dedicated himself to evangelising the poor, and unfortunate and the suffering. He founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission (Vincentians) and, together with St. Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity. These congregations, together with the well-known Society of St. Vincent de Paul, continue his charitable work today

### Liturgical Bits and Bites

**Sanctuary** - This refers to the space in which the action that is the focus of the liturgy takes place. It includes the altar, ambo, and chair for the presider. There is usually a credence table for the items that will be brought up to the altar during the preparation of the altar and gifts. Chairs for the servers are most often located there.