

## Intergenerational education

We live in a world where great importance is placed on things that are new. No sooner do we have the latest phone than it becomes obsolete and the next model is released. However, in society, we are missing out if we do not see the value of our older generations. Within our families, our grandparents and elderly relatives strengthen the role of our parents as primary educators. After all, they raised our parents in the faith, taught them how to pray and showed them how to serve others. The experience of our grandparents enriches our understanding of a Christian family. They have shown and experienced care for others, mercy, justice, kindness, patience and love. The wisdom that our older generations bring to our families is so rich and deep that it cannot be compared to any other earthly family experience. They have lived the Good News for longer and they have been challenged by the Good News for longer. They have a lot to teach us. *Fr. Michael Carey*

### Mass intentions for Next Week

<b>Mon</b> 8.00am The Hoare Family	<b>Sat</b> 10.00am Morning Prayer (No Mass)
<b>Mon</b> 10.00am Eileen & John Shiel	
<b>Tues</b> 8.00am Sean O'Neill	<b>Sat</b> 6.30pm Richard & Eva Kearns
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Bernadette McGonagle	
<b>Wed</b> 8.00am Colette Hughes	
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am Brendan O'Driscoll	<b>Sun</b> 8.30am Kitty & Henry Dawson
<b>Thurs</b> 8.00am Helen Brophy	<b>Sun</b> 11.00 James Rooney
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00am Audrey Mullen	
<b>Fri</b> 8.00am Joe Dooley	<b>Sun</b> 6.30pm Bridie & Matthew McCormack & sons James & Matthew
<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Daniel Burke	Eileen McKitterick (MM)

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

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

Next Sunday 11th February, we will have an additional Mass at 12:15pm for the 'Do this in Memory' program for children from Holywell Educate Together School.

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading each Sunday is chosen because of a connection with the gospel of the day. Sometimes an incident occurring in the gospel is seen to be foreshadowed by an earlier event in the Hebrew Scriptures. Other times they will both contain a similar theme. However, before rushing to see how the first reading is fulfilled in the gospel, it is advisable to try to find out what the first reading meant in its own day. A second step can then be to see how both readings enlighten each other (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

### Saints for the Coming Week

**St. Agatha – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, died a Martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. Patron of bell-founders

**Ss Paul Miki and Companions – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. Martyred at Nagasaki, Japan in 1597. The 6 Franciscans, 17 Franciscan tertiaries and 3 Jesuits died suspended on crosses

**St Scholastica, virgin – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, died c.543 was a sister of St Benedict. When she met her brother for the last time, a sudden rainstorm providentially prolonged the meeting; three days later St. Benedict saw her soul ascend to heaven as a dove (her symbol in art)

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Called to be a Family of Families

*“O come, let us worship God”*

Newsletter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018



Catholic School week (CSW) 2018 has just ended. The theme for this year was **Catholic Schools: Called to be a Family of Families**, with an obvious connection to World Meeting of Families 2018. In this newsletter I will highlight some of the themes for this year's CSW.

The programme invites Catholic schools to reflect on and celebrate the relationship that exists between home, school and parish through participation in four sub-themed catechetical moments. Moment One: *Families of Hope* – November 2017 Moment Two: *Families of Faith* – January 2018 (Catholic Schools Week 2018) Moment Three: *Families of Love* – Lent 2018 Moment Four: *Families of Joy* – April/May 2018

### **Families of Love**

Love is a gift from God: 'We love because he first loved us' (1 Jn 4:19). In his document on love in the family, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis teaches us that love must go beyond our own desires. He tells us that 'generously serving others is far nobler than loving ourselves' (101). Each year, Christians from around the world celebrate Lent in preparation for Easter. In our Catholic school communities Lent has come to be synonymous with the arrival of the annual Trócaire Box. As part of Moment Three of the Catholic Schools Week 2018 catechetical programme, Catholic schools are invited to participate in the Trócaire Lenten Campaign.

### **Families of Joy**

This final moment of the year-long Catholic Schools Week 2018 catechetical programme is rooted in authentic Christian joy. Authentic Christian joy has been of central importance to Pope Francis since the beginning of his pontificate. The centrality of joy to the pontificate of Pope Francis becomes clear when one observes that the word 'joy' appears 221 times across his papal writings. The family is where joy and love can be found and it is through the spirituality of the family that we grow in love for the Lord and one another.

### **Our Family at Home**

Our family at home is the first school of faith and love. It is where we learn about Jesus. From a young age, our parents introduce us to the language and symbols of prayer and teach us how to live as good Christians. The family brings the good news of life. The life of a Christian family is a vital part of the life of the church. And yet, family life can be difficult. We face challenges in our families every day; however, the family is where we learn how to deal with these challenges. The care, mercy, patience and love we show to our family members are all founded on the teaching and example of Jesus. Our family home bears witness to the Good News. Our Christian family life teaches us good habits. It is the place we learn faith, prayer and to serve our neighbours

## 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*



### **First Penance**

This week the girls and boys of our Parish Schools celebrated their First Penance or First Confession. St. Colmcille's BNS will celebrate the Sacrament on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. St. Colmcille's GNS will celebrate the Sacrament on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

### **Parish Mass of healing and Anointing for the sick**

February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is when the Church celebrates the 'World Day of the Sick'. On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 11am** the Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick in St. Colmcille's. All parishioners are welcome. It is an ideal opportunity to reach out to a housebound neighbour or a neighbour who has no means of transport and bring them to the church for this celebration.

'The World Day of the Sick' is a call once again to all, to see in the face of their brother or sister who is sick the face of Christ who, suffering, dying and rising, brought salvation to humanity.' *Saint John Paul II*

*Morning prayer is getting established and will be celebrated at 10.00am*

**Brackenstown Grotto Rosary:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

You are invited to recite rosary every hour commencing 10am - 9pm. *Legion of Mary*

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

The outdoor monthly collection for St. Colmcille's Swords, VdP, will be taken up **next** weekend at all Masses

### **Take The First Step to Overseas Volunteering!**

Viatores Christi runs Overseas Volunteer training weekend courses in Dublin - if you are interested in becoming an overseas volunteer or just want to learn more about social justice at home or away, this course is for you. Call us today - Viatores Christi +353-1-8689986 or email [apply@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:apply@viatoreschristi.com) for more info.

### **Mass of Remembrance**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00pm, St Patrick's Church, Donabate will have a Mass of Remembrance for all children who died before or after birth, recently or in the distant past. A special book of remembrance is available in front of the altar and we invite and encourage you to enter the name of your child in the book.

### **8<sup>th</sup> February**

Today is *International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking*, first observed in 2015 and on the memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita. Each year, around 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. For those engaged in trafficking it has become one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world. Through the Day of Prayer, we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered but also we are called to reach out to victims and survivors.

**St Josephine Bakhita** 1868-1947, a native of Sudan, brought as a slave to Italy where she became a Christian and later entered the Institute of Canossian Daughters of Charity in Venice

### **Life to the Full (Jn 10:10) Book Club:**

Join other young adults (20's & 30's) each week to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose & how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts. Every Thursday 7.00-8:30pm, St Paul's Church Arran Quay (Smithfield).

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### **Radio Maria Ireland**

Is an Irish run Catholic Talk-Radio station. Their mission is to help spread the Gospel message of Joy, Hope, and Charity with a mixture of Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting sacred music, Talks, Interviews, and Testimonies- all commercial free. The station is on air 24/7. Radio Maria is free to download free by App Radio Maria World Family to your phone or tablet. Free streaming just click listen live on [www.RadioMaria.ie](http://www.RadioMaria.ie). You can also hear it directly on phone no 01/4373277 for the price of a phone call. Also [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)

### **World Meeting of Families (WMOF) – refectio**

The Lord's presence dwells in real and concrete families, with all their daily troubles and struggles, joys and hopes... The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures. In that variety of gifts and encounters which deepen communion,

God has his dwelling place. (*Amoris Laetitia*, 315)

*Quote from 'Love one another as I have loved you' by Fr. Gareth Byrne.*

### **St John Vianney's Bicentenary**

Tuesday 13 February is the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, going to the small parish of Ars, France, which he transformed and which became a centre of worldwide pilgrimage. The Curé of Ars is the Patron of Confessions and of Priests. To mark this occasion the Parish of St John Vianney, Ardlea Road, Artane will be having a special Mass at 10.00 am on Tuesday 13 February celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Okolo. There will also be Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7.30 pm on 13 February. There will be Veneration of the Relics and Confession after each service