

The Sacrament of Confession was discussed with the men and they too were delighted to receive miraculous medals and leaflets. Further up the street a taxi driver gladly accepted miraculous medals and Mass times. The Sacrament of Confession was discussed with him and he said that business was not great at the moment. The two legionaries encouraged him to hang a miraculous medal in his car and that Our Lady would look after him. We are familiar with the Gospel account of Jesus sending out the 72 disciples. "He sent them out ahead of him in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself would be visiting.... and they came back rejoicing. (Lk.10:1-20). By all accounts that was the experience of the legionaries mission in this Year of Mercy - The two hours of street contact was very fruitful with many great contacts being made. The highlight of the outreach for the legionaries was the surprise on the faces of the people when legionaries presented them with the 'Joy of Confession' leaflet and they walking away and reading it.

On behalf of the Parish and myself I thank the Swords Praesidium for undertaking this Mission of contact. It is not an easy thing to do, but they began with prayer in St. Colmcille's and then entrusted themselves to the Lord. All in all 200 Miraculous medals were distributed, 300 Joy of Confession leaflets and 200 Mass and Confession timetables.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Rev Sean Kearney	Sat 10.00am Thomas Mongey
Mon 10.00am William Masterson	
Tues 8.00am Mai Larkin	Sat 6.30pm Donal O'Toole
Tues 10.00am Joe & Peggy Savage	
Wed 8.00 Christopher Kenny	Sun 8.30am Una & James Nevin & son Jim
Wed 10.00 John Taylor	Sun 11.00pm John McGrane
Thurs 8.00am Margaret Galvan	
Thurs 10.00am Patricia Caul	
Fri 8.00am Denis Murphy	Sun 6.30pm Fiona Lynch
Fri 10.00am Brendan & Molly McGarry	

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

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am & 12 noon, Mon 9.20am

Regarding the new church, we have now incorporated the views of Fingal Planners and submitted revised drawings together with a comprehensive fundraising plan to Archbishop's House. We will launch the fundraising campaign in the next few weeks.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary invite new members to come and join the weekly praesidium in The Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords, on a Monday evening at 7pm. Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "Do something beautiful for God".

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

At every Mass we recite the Lord's prayer. The liturgy of the Church uses this prayer also each day at morning prayer and evening prayer. It is Jesus' response to the request of his disciples to teach them how to pray. In Matthew's account it contains seven petitions and in Luke's five. The Church has used Matthew's version in its liturgical celebration.

Reflection - From a very early stage the Church completed the Lord's prayer with a special formula giving glory to God. One of the most ancient of Christian documents the Didache which may go back to the First Century contains the ending: 'For yours are the power and the glory for ever.' 'The kingdom' was added by another ancient document The Apostolic Constitutions from the Fourth Century, and this is the formula which is retained today in inter-Church prayer.

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Legion of Mary *(A mission in Swords)*

"I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord"

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The Legion of Mary is a lay catholic organisation whose members are giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country. The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work. The unit of the Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting, where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussion. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary.

The local Legion of Mary Praesidium undertook an outreach in Swords on Saturday 25th June for the Year of Mercy. They spent two hours meeting and talking with shoppers as they walked the town, approaching people as they came in and out of the Pavilions and meeting shoppers at Airside.

They travelled in pairs with 'no purse or haversack' but with miraculous medals and explanatory leaflets; divine mercy leaflets; confessions leaflets and the times of the Masses and confessions in the five Swords churches. They also brought copies of our Parish Calendar which gives an overview of the Year of Mercy.

Their approach was "We are telling people about the Year of Mercy. Have you heard of the Year of Mercy?" The response was as you would expect. Some did know about the Year of Mercy and knew of Pope Francis, but others not so sure.

The first man the legionaries approached was enjoying his break from work in a coffee shop. He was very receptive to what he legionaries had to say and accepted a miraculous medal and leaflet. When offered the 'Joy of Confession' leaflet, he said that it was ages since he had been. He asked for prayers for his grandmother who was not well. Another young woman introduced the legionaries to her friends and accepted 6 miraculous medals and leaflets.

As the day of Mission was the eve of the blessings of the graves in St. Colmcille's Church, two legionaries undertook to chat to people tidying up their graves. The legionaries spoke about the great indulgences that we can receive by going to confession, Mass, praying for the Pope's intentions and by visiting a church with a 'Holy Door' Most of the people that the legionaries encountered did not know about the Year of Mercy. All contacts were delighted to receive the miraculous medal and explanatory leaflets. A man with two children took miraculous medals and the 'Joy of Confession' leaflet for his children and himself.

The mission was all about encounter. The legionaries spoke to a mother in the playground in Swords Townparks. She said that she was finding life tough at the moment. They encouraged her about the power of prayer and to keep praying. Again she was delighted to receive the miraculous medal. At a bus stop legionaries met two young men who said that they were just out of prison. They said that a nurse told them about the Year of Mercy.



ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Year of Mercy – “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Lk.6:36)

DO THIS IN MEMORY (DTIM)

The programme for 2016-17 is starting again. There is great excitement for the girls and boys and we have held our initial parents meetings. The DTIM is a Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Penance and First Eucharist. Next week end will be their first Mass – the Enrolment Mass. The girls and boys come from our Parish Schools, **St. Colmcille's GNS** and **St. Colmcille's BNS**.



The boys will have their special Mass at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm and the girls at the Sunday Evening Mass at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing them and praying with them and their parents/guardians. The First Holy Communion dates are as follows: St. Colmcille's GNS – Saturday 20th May and St. Colmcille's BNS – Saturday 27th May. The boys and girls from **Holy Well Educate Together** will for the first time do their DTIM programme in the Church of Our Lady of the Visitation, Drynam. There are about 30 pupils - so an exciting and new times ahead for Drynam. Their Communion date is yet to be decided – but it will also be in the month of May.

Earthquake in Italy

Thank you for the magnificent contribution towards the victims of the earthquake in Italy. The Parish has sent €1875 to the Diocese for forwarding to Italy. (Swords €1010 and Drynam €865)

Urgent – Church Cleaners

To date we've had one volunteer – **THANK YOU. WE NEED A FEW MORE**. I have no doubt that there are a few people reading this newsletter who can give a half an hour one Friday a month. It is an excellent corporal work of mercy for men and women in this year of Mercy. Please, please if you can make a commitment for a half an hour for one Friday a month it would be greatly appreciated. Just talk to Ita Lenehan or Pat O' Reilly or ring them in the Sacristy Monday to Friday from 10.30am to 11.00am at 01-8500547. Our Parish **NEEDS** volunteers to clean God's house

Sunday evening Mass

I am looking for a volunteer to take on the Sacristan duty on the first Sunday of every month for the 6.30pm Mass. It would involve opening up at 5.45pm, getting the Church ready for Mass and then closing up at around 7.30pm when Mass is over. If interested please contact me. **No one has approached me yet!!**

Crosscare

The annual collection for CROSSCARE, – Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will take place at all Masses **this weekend 17th/18th September**. This collection is for Community and homeless services. The collection will replace the usual Share collection. Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has: A vision of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. A mission to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need

Knock Pilgrimage: Coach to Our Lady's Shrine from St Cronan's Church on Sunday 25th September. Further information on Notice Board

Year of Mercy –

“A Church in which the proclamation of God's mercy is not foundational, operational and obvious is not being true to its founder”. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. *Mercy*: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. *Mercy*: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. *Mercy*: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. *Mercy*: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

Liturgy Team

The Liturgy Team will meet this Tuesday 20th September at **7.30pm** in the Parochial House

Date for Diary

The Autumn Liturgy Seminar takes place in Clonliffe on **Saturday 1st October from 9.30pm to 1.30pm**. The topics included are: 1) RCIA: experiencing the first few steps; 2) Confirmation: What are we at?; 3) The Liturgical Year; 4) Singing the Mystery of Faith; 5) Emmanuel 2017. If anyone would like a detailed programme emailed to them, please contact Colette

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Anna Groves

Late of St Colmcille's

Crescent

Anna Daly

Forest Road



Fundraising Manager for Drynam New Church

The Church of Our Lady of the Visitation in Drynam is part of Swords Parish. The Drynam Pastoral Team has been approved by Archbishop's House to replace the current Pre Fab church with a permanent structure that will serve the needs of the local communities of Drynam, Kinsealy Court, Melrose, Kinsealy Downs, Holywell and surrounding areas. We must raise €950,000 to build the church. We have prepared a detailed fundraising business plan to achieve this. We require an experienced Fundraising Manager to assist the existing Fundraising Committee on a voluntary basis to achieve the objectives of the plan. If you feel you could contribute to directing this exciting project please contact Fr. Michael Carey, Fr Peter McCarron, or the Drynam Pastoral Team at drynamchurch@gmail.com.

Good Luck to the Dublin Senior Team and to Paul Flynn in this year's, **GAA Football All Ireland Senior Championship Final**.

'Up The Dubs!!'

