

A Comment of God's Grace: By the grace of God I am what I am/and God's grace to me has not been ineffective (1 Cor. 15:10). As believers, as anyone is who has been opened to God's influence, we have been showered with God's favour in two major ways: First, in our birth we received an array of gifts, talents and specific abilities. Second, by baptism and faith we have received more help, more strength, a new life, and a hope which overcomes the world (Titus 1:2, 3:7). Aware of how short life is and of our tendency to inertia, we need make prayer for the fruitfulness of our gifts a regular matter. It is easy to let day after day slip by aimlessly and dreamily, never getting on with the business of living and loving. The Lord has ideas about what we can become by grace; may they be fruitful in us.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Marie Cleary	Sat 10.00am Eamon Weldon
Mon 10.00am Annie & Peggy Mulligan	
Tues 8.00am Victor Geddes	Sat 6.30pm Phyllis O'Rourke
Tues 10.00am Ann Collins	
Wed 8.00 Kathleen McIvor	Sun 8.30am Celine Dominguez
Wed 10.00 John Taylor	Sun 11.00pm Willie Rooney
Thurs 8.00am Dec members of Larkin Family	Joe Prendergast (MM)
Thurs 10.00am Seamus Stokes	
Fri 8.00am Altar list of the Dead	Sun 6.30pm Thomas o'Gorman
Fri 10.00am Altar list of the Dead	Paul Murphy (MM)

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

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

Today we will have blessing of animals after the 12:00 Midday Mass. The blessing will take place in the field beside the church. All your pets welcome. Tea and coffee after all Masses today.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Gerald Ryan North Street



Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's liturgy invites us to focus on forgiveness. The gospel passage follows immediately on Jesus' urging his apostles to exercise unlimited forgiveness. He answers their objection by focusing on faith. Real faith will empower them to forgive to this degree.

Reflection - Forgiveness is an important part of love. It is not the same as turning a blind eye to wrongdoing or putting up with an unjust situation. When someone asks for forgiveness as brothers and sisters of the Lord we must forgive them. This is the example of Jesus and of Stephen the first Christian martyr, both of whom died forgiving their enemies. It is also the consequence of saying the Lord's prayer and meaning it. (Source: St. Paul's Missal.)

Date for your Diary

Annual Mass to remember and pray for Parishioners who died during the past year will be celebrated on **Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm**

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year of Mercy – Bible 'Readathon'

"Within your will, O Lord, all things are established"

Newsletter Sunday 2nd October 2016

The Year of Mercy is three quarters way through. The

Parish Grouping of swords has decided another project/event which we can do together. If you remember that during the summer we had the successful Pilgrimage Walk and now we are doing the 'Readathon'. It will take place on Tuesday 18th October. This is the Feast Day of St. Luke and therefore very appropriate as his Gospel is referred to as the Gospel of Mercy. The 'Readathon' will cover 6 hours from 3pm – 9pm in each Church. This will allow for people returning home late from work to get involved.

What is a 'Bible Readathon?' – it is quite simply the reading of the Bible our loud in Church. A large print bible will be used. The part to be read are the Gospels of St. Luke and St. John. When both Gospels are read then we just go back and start again. Why would you take part? Quite simply to spend a few minutes reading out loud the Bible. There is no need for preparation. You just turn up and carry on reading from where the reader before you finished.

How is it organised?

Readers

There is a sheet with time slots at the back of the Church. All you need to do is pick a 10 minute slot and then turn up a few minutes before your allotted time and introduce yourself to the Supervisor. You read aloud for the 10 minutes or you can bring members of your family or friends along and you can read for a few minutes each within the 10 minute time slot. – it's so simple



Volunteers

Two volunteers to cover each hour in the Church (total of 12 volunteers). The role of the volunteer is as follows. Check the sign in sheet to ensure that the reader has turned up for his/her allotted time. To call a halt to the previous reader and escort up the next reader to carry on. If for some reason a reader is late or fails to turn up the Supervisor will read in his/her place. The volunteer will give the reader a 'beautiful' Certificate for his/her presentation.

The object of the exercise is not to fill the church with loads of people. At any given time, there may only be the Supervisors and the reader in the Church. The important thing is the continuity of the reading. Please do get involved so as to make it a good success.

I will be approaching St. Colmcille's GNS and BNS to determine if some of the 6th class boys and girls might like to get involved. If so they will read from 2.30pm to 3.00pm, just around school closing so that their parents can be present.



ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

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

Day for life

This Sunday marks the ‘Day for Life’ – ‘Faced with the sacredness of life and of the human person, and before the marvels of the universe, wonder is the only, appropriate attitude’ – St. John Paul II.



A prayer for our Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. – *Laudato Si'*

Church Cleaners

The next date for cleaning the Church is next **Friday 7th October** after the 10.00am Mass. Can the cleaners for this second Friday of the month please turn up! Also if anyone has a half hour to spare you would be most welcome

Church Choir

The Church Choir is asking for your help. They need new members from NOW. Membership of the choir is not very onerous; it involves singing at Mass at 11.00am on Sundays and singing at the Christmas and Easter celebrations. Practice is normally held for half an hour before Mass. You don't have to have a great voice to join the choir. As long as you can hold a tune you would be very welcome. *Remember that to sing is to pray twice.* The current membership of the choir is quite low, so **the choir will come to an end** if we do not have new members. So please give it some thought and if you can come along at 10.30 to talk to myself and to give it a try until Christmas for the Carol Service.



Anne McDonagh – Choir Director

St. Vincent de Paul

The outdoor monthly collection for the VdP, will be taken up **next** weekend at all Masses

Crosscare

Thanks very much for your recent generous contribution to Crosscare's annual appeal. The amount raised was €2765 (Swords €1930; Drynam €835)

Date for Diary

Swords in conjunction with River Valley and Brackenstown will be holding a '**Bible Readathon**' on Tuesday 18th Oct from 3.00pm to 9.00pm. The day will be divided into 10 minute slots – more info on the front of the newsletter.

Invitation

A Unique Day Conference: **Saturday, October 22nd 2016**, 10am – 4pm

“The Joy of Love, Amoris Laetitia and the World Meeting of Families in Ireland

2018“at St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. It is a working in-service day for all of us preparing for the journeys leading to and towards participating in the World Meeting of Families, 2018. Pre-booking and registration is required for this event as places will be limited. Individual booking forms should be completed as soon as possible to include you and your colleagues and representatives. **Admission is free.** Lunch will be provided. Contact Colette at the Parish Office if you are interested

Fundraising Manager for Drynam New Church

The Church of Our Lady of the Visitation in Drynam is part of Swords Parish. Archbishop's House has approved the replacement of 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 dynamchurch@gmail.com.

The Bible's Most Important People

Joseph (the Patriarch)- Son of Jacob and Rachel. Joseph was Jacob's favourite son, which made his other sons jealous. Joseph angered his brothers when he told them he would one day rule over them. They threw him into an empty pit, then sold him to some passing traders. Carried to Egypt, Joseph became slave to the captain of Pharaoh's guard. After the captain's wife accused him of trying to seduce her, Joseph landed in prison, where he interpreted the dreams of two of Pharaoh's servants. Given an opportunity to interpret Pharaoh's dream, he became second in command in Egypt. Eventually, Joseph's family was reunited in Egypt.

Annual Candlelight Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady will be held in St Cronan's Church, Brackenstown on Tuesday 4th October at 7.00pm, followed by Holy Mass. Candles available in Church. All are welcome

Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim w Niedziele 9 Pazdziernik o godz 18.45pm w St Cronan's Church, Brackenstown Road, Swords. (Spowiedz 18.15 - 18.40 pm)

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!!'

