

for what we believe so that we may proclaim your Gospel to our contemporaries
in words they can understand

St. Thomas - 3rd July.

Thomas called 'the twin', and is chiefly remembered for doubting the reality of the resurrection until he saw the Lord for himself. Once he was satisfied, he made a heartfelt profession of faith: 'My Lord and my God'. St. Thomas, who probably suffered martyrdom as a result of preaching the Gospel in India, comforts us when our faith is weak, encourages us to persevere and demonstrates that 'every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty'

St. James - 25th July,

James son of Zebedee and brother of John, called the Greater. He was one of the three apostles, along with St. Peter and St. John, who witnessed the Transfiguration (Mt.17:1) and the agony in the Garden (Mt.16:37). He was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostella in Spain.

St. Bartholomew - 24th August.

He was originally from Cana in Galilee and is usually identified with *Nathanael*, who was introduced to the Lord by St. Philip. According to Tradition, after Pentecost he preached the Gospel in Arabia, India and Armenia, where he was flayed alive. He is the patron of tanners also of plasterers and leather-workers – *continued next week*

Fr Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Sunday

Sat 6.30pm Michael Lambe & members of Lambe & Moriarty families(An)

Gerard O'Dwyer (MM)

Sun 8.30am Thomas Byrne(An)

Sun 11.15am Mary Doyle(An)



Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Colin Tonge

Mon 10.00am Bernadette Donnelly

Tues 8.00am Mary Gilloughley

Tues 10.00am Jim Larkin

Wed 8.00am Special Intention

Wed 10.00am In Honour of the Holy Souls

Thurs 8.00am Dec members of Legion of Mary

Thurs 10.00am George & Mary Larmon

Fri 8.00am Gerry Thornton

Fri 10.00am Kathleen Moore

Next Sunday

Sat 6.30pm Cathal & Mary O'Toole

Sun 8.30am In Honour of
Holy Souls

Sun 11.15am Peter Higgins

Ger Griffin (1st An)

At our Masses this Sunday we also remember: Sean Clarke, Tony Clarke, Louise Doyle, Jimmy McLoughlin

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

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

We had our Drynam Pastoral Team meeting on Tuesday. Among topics discussed were preparations for Advent and upcoming church improvement works. We are awaiting an engineer to survey and advise on possible foundation strengthening.



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NOVEMBER
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Apostolic Church (1)

“You will call upon me, and I will answer you”

Newsletter Sunday 17th November 2019



As we draw near to the end of the Church's year, I thought that I would write the final two newsletters of this year (*Advent is the beginning of the Church's year or calendar*) on the Apostles, with a short biography on each of them.

The Church is called apostolic because she is built upon the foundation of the Apostles, who were chosen by Christ himself, and at whose head he placed Peter. The entire community of Christians received the Apostles' proclamation of the Gospel, and so the Church in her entirety is called 'apostolic'. The Church, holds fast to the apostles' Tradition, and is governed by their successors. Jesus called the Apostles to be his closest collaborators. They were his eyewitnesses. After his Resurrection, he appeared to them repeatedly. He bestowed on them the Holy Spirit and sent them (*Apostle is a Greek word meaning 'one sent, messenger'*) as his authoritative messengers to all the world. They assured unity in the early Church. They conferred their mission and authority upon their successors, the bishops, through the laying on of hands. This process is called Apostolic Succession. The biography is in the order of when the Church celebrates their feast day.

Ss. Philip and James - 3rd May.

St Philip asks to see and having seen, he tells the Good News to others. He was born at Bethsaida. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. **St James**, the son Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church of Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62

Ss. Peter and Paul – 29th June

Peter was the brother of St. Andrew and a Galilean fisherman. He was called by the Lord and, despite his obvious human weaknesses, eventually chosen as the leader of the Twelve, the 'rock' on which the Church was built. After Pentecost, he became particularly associated with Antioch and then Rome. He was crucified under Nero (AD 64) and buried at the Vatican.

The Church is like the human person: we are both body and spirit at the one time. The body of Christ – which is what we are – has both a bodily reality (membership, structure and sacraments) and a spiritual reality (the life of faith and prayer, the indwelling Spirit). The institutional and the prophetic dimensions of Church are sometimes in tension and that is really normal. To be part of the living body of Christ is to hear again Jesus' question, who do you say I am? As St Paul reminds us, no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:3). Christ, Son of the living God, you call us to confess your name and to acknowledge you as Lord. Help us to live our faith and find new words

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*



November Mass for Deceased

On Wednesday last, 6th November we celebrated our annual Remembrance Mass and it was a beautiful liturgy. I thank the Bethany Bereavement Team whose continued commitment and dedication to this ministry is a credit to themselves and the Parish. The beautiful Liturgy of Remembrance after the Gospel was accompanied by uplifting music and song. It gave all present space to remember their loved ones who died during the past year and perhaps provided some comfort. The evening was a huge undertaking with weeks of preparation. Thanks to everyone involved, for the clean Church, beautiful flowers, the décor, the board of names in front of the altar, and invitations. Not forgetting the Ministry Teams - Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Liturgical Servers, the Liturgy Team, Sacristan, the Parish Choir and Parish Secretary. Thanks also to the hospitality Team for the light refreshments after the Mass

Confirmation Classes

I thank the boys and girls and their families for the wonderful turnout at last Saturday evening's Mass. It was a lovely occasion and the girls and boys who had 'little jobs' to do did exceedingly well and they were there on time so I wasn't panicking. I thank the Schools, St. Colmcille's GNS and BNS for their encouragement and support

Do This in Memory

Next weekend the boys and girls and their families will be present at the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass as part of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing them and praying with them.

The annual Carol Service takes place in St. Colmcille's Church on **Sunday 1st December at 5.00pm**, with the Parish Choir. It is a bit earlier this year due to scheduling commitments



God's Housekeepers

The next date for cleaning the Church is next **Friday 22nd November** after the 10.00am Mass. Can cleaning group 1 for this Friday please turn up! Also if anyone has a half hour to spare you would be most welcome

November

We remember our own dead and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord.

Christmas Raffle

The Property and Finance Committee are delighted to announce that by now annual Christmas Raffle will take place on **Sunday 1st December**. The raffle will take place at approximately 6.30pm in the Church after the Carol Service. The prizes *

***1st Prize €500 *2nd Prize €250 *3rd Prize Turkey and Ham
*4th Prize Christmas cake and pudding**

*Total number of prizes will be 10

Tickets will be sold on weekends of 16th/17th November, 23rd/24th November and 30th November/1st December in the Church

Ministers can collect their tickets this weekend from the Sacristy

CHRISTMAS
RAFFLE

Time of prayer and fraternal gathering for men exploring the call to Priesthood

The Vocations Office of the Dublin Diocese would like to invite men interested in discerning a call to priesthood to an evening of prayer and fraternal gathering. Do you know of men in your parish who might like to explore the call to priesthood? Please invite them along to this event being organised by the Vocations Team. If you know of someone who might be interested, please RSVP before November 29th to Fr. Enda

at: enda.cunningham@dublindiocese.ie or Fr. Séamus at: seamusmcentee@yahoo.com

Date: Friday 13th December 2019 Time: 7.00 - 9.00pm Location: St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, Dublin Carol Service

Introduction to Meditation/ Silent Prayer in the Emmaus Centre from 10am to 4pm on Sat 23rd November. €50 includes a three course lunch. Ph Emmaus: 01 8700050

Advent Reflections Mercy Centre Coolock

Mercy Centre St Brendan's Drive Coolock are holding a series of Advent Reflections, which include scripture, meditation, music and quiet prayer in preparation for Christmas. Dates: Wednesday November 27th to December 18th from 10.30am to 12.30pm. contact 8487259, mercycentrecoolock@gmail.com

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day 'Mourning Has Broken'

Friends of Suicide Loss will walk from the Spire O'Connell Street to Clontarf Castle on Saturday 23rd November 2019 at 1.30pm. For further information contact 4927575 info@fosl.ie www.fosl.ie