

to us by a Son". Christ Jesus is revealed too as the Bridegroom of the marriage between God and Humanity. The bread and wine on the table again remind us of the Eucharist. Indeed blessed are those called to the supper, the wedding feast of the Lamb.
(If you don't get a chance today, why not keep this newsletter with you and come back when the church is quieter and then read it again and study the icon) **Fr. Michael Carey**

Intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Bartle McDonnell	
Mon 10.00am Paddy Coffey	Sat 6.30pm Declan Hanratty
Tues 8.00am George McDonnell	
Tues 10.00am Peggy Ferris	Sun 8.30am Kitty & Henry Dawson & deceased members of Dawson Family
Wed 8.00am Jacqueline Sheehy	
Wed 10.00am Philomena McCormack	
Thurs 8.00am Thomas & Elizabeth O'Brien	Sun 11.15am John Bateman
Thurs 10.00am Geraldine Griffin	Michael O'Connor (1st An)
Fri 8.00am John Kissane	Michael Keenan (MM)
Fri 10.00am Elizabeth Woolahan	

At our Masses next weekend we also remember: Betty Farrell

Church of the Visitation Drynam *The Visitation of the BVM*
Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)
 We will have a Drynam Pastoral Team meeting at 8:00PM on Tuesday next. Next Sunday we will have a 'Do This In Memory' liturgy for the Holywell Educate Together children preparing for First Holy Communion at the 10:00AM Mass.

Ordinary Time cont'd
 As I said last week Ordinary Time is about walking with Jesus to Jerusalem and salvation. It is by embracing the dying and rising mystery of Jesus that we receive the life of God within us and renew it each time we celebrate the liturgy. Although much of ordinary Time unfolds during the summer months when many are on holidays, when the heat brings us to slow down our pace of life (*we hope!*), when there is a change in our pace of lives if for no other reason that 'school is out for summer', we must be careful that Ordinary Time doesn't become a temptation to 'holiday' from the demands of faithfully following Jesus.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 In its Jewish context 'Peace' or 'Shalom' captures the idea of life, the promotion of all that is truly human. Where human beings are flourishing the kingdom of God is there. Wedding, bridegroom and wine combine to draw attention to one aspect of peace: good relations between people. This is particularly apt as we are in the Week of Prayer and work for Christian Unity.
Reflection - Heaven and earth, God and humanity, are wedded in the person of Jesus. He is frequently presented as a bridegroom who is close to the community of the Church which is his bride. In any human relationship either party can be unfaithful, but in the case of God and his people only one can be. God is always faithful.
(Source: St. Paul's Missal)

Christmas Dues Envelopes :If you did not receive Christmas Dues envelope and would like to contribute to the Priests of the Parish, please take one from the book rack at the back of the Church

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do whatever he tells you

"All the earth shall bow down before you, O God"

Newsletter Sunday 20th January 2019

I know I said in last week's newsletter that I would continue the theme of Baptism this week, but I've changed my mind! Actually when I realised that the Gospel was, 'The Wedding Feast of Cana', I thought of the World Meeting of Families Icon, a copy of which is now a permanent feature in our Church. Also many of your homes would still have a miniature version of this icon. One of the panels is of the Wedding Feast so this week's newsletter is a commentary on this panel.



We read in this passage how the Mother of Jesus had been invited to this wedding and that Jesus and his friends had also been invited – as if it was a later act of generosity by the couple to include the Son of Mary and his friends. We see the bride and groom seated at the table, with their wedding crowns. In the Orthodox Churches, spouses are 'crowned' as part of the wedding ritual. They look to each other with concern and worry on their faces. They have run out of wine. In the Old Testament we hear how wine is a symbol of joy. God brings forth wine from the earth "to gladden the human heart" [Psalm 104:15]. This couple have run out of the joy of love. An elderly couple in the background, perhaps the couple's extended family members, bring bread and wine to the table, but will their help be enough?

Mary sees their dire need and the risk of embarrassment to them. Sometimes mothers have the keenest eyes for the burdens of others. She herself can do nothing but she goes to Jesus. We see her standing right beside him, pointing with her hand towards the husband and wife. Jesus has not yet worked any signs. He feels it's not yet the appropriate time, and the face of Jesus in this icon captures something of his reticence. But Mary sees the couples need as most important. She trusts that Jesus can do something and tells the servants: "Do whatever he tells you."

With one hand holding a scroll of the dynamic Word of God, Jesus, with his right hand, blesses the water being poured into the jars by the servants in response to his command. Something insipid and tasteless is filled with flavour and joy. And God gives with superabundance, beyond all expectations.

The seated wedding steward holds a cup of wine up with a gesture of approval. "You have kept the good wine till now," he says. You have saved the best till last, perhaps an allusion to Hebrews 1:2: God spoke to us through the prophets "but in these last days he has spoken

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*



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.

Week of Christian Unity-2019

This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia, which is the largest country in South east Asia, made up of more than 17000 islands, 1340 different ethnic groups and over 740 local languages. It is united in its plurality by one national language Bahasa Indonesia. With some 80% of its 260 million people estimated to be Muslim, Indonesia has the largest Islamic population of any country. About 10 per cent of Indonesians are Christians from various traditions.

Every year from the 18th to the 25th January (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul), the Christian Churches celebrate the week of Christian Unity. This year the theme, "Only Justice" (Deut 16:18-20), was chosen by the Christian Communities from Indonesia to help them reflect on 'how do divisions in society contribute to divisions in the Church?'

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged moment of prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognise and receive the richness and value that are present in the other, the different, and to ask God for the gift of unity.

Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) writes: "The immense numbers of people who have not received the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot leave us indifferent. Consequently, commitment to a unity which helps them to accept Jesus Christ can no longer be a matter of mere diplomacy or forced compliance, but rather an indispensable path to evangelisation" (E.G 246)

Prayer Service

To celebrate the Week of Christian Unity there will be a Prayer Service in St. Cronan's, Brackenstown on **Monday 28th January at 7.30pm**. the address will be given by Dr. Niamh Hardiman, Society of Friends (Quakers)

World Youth Day – Panama in Dublin

Last call for 'WYD@Home: Panama in Dublin' from 5pm Sat 26th to 5pm Sun 27th January 2019 at Emmaus Centre near Swords. We'll have music, talks, the Pope's homilies from Panama, food, fellowship, fun and more. Open to those aged 16-29. Online booking at: <https://emmauscentre.ie/programme/wyd/> (under 18's please provide parent/guardian email address when booking). If you've any questions, pop us an email to: wydathome@dublindiocese.ie Follow us on Facebook at: WYD@Home – Panama in Dublin"

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC will meet on Monday 21st January at 8.00pm in the Parochial House

Enrolment St. Colmcille's Girls School

Enrolment application forms for girls starting school in September 2019 are available from the school from 14th January completed forms to be returned before January 31st

Birth Certificate must accompany all forms

Enrolment St. Colmcille's Boy's School.

Application forms for enrolment for boys starting school in September 2019 are available from the school, 9.00am –4.00pm daily. Completed forms must be returned by January 31st

Birth Certificate must accompany all forms

Alfie Lambe

The 8.30 Mass on Sunday 20th January has as its intention – 'the beatification of Alfie Lambe. Who was he?'

Alphonsus (Alfie) Lambe was born on the feast of St. John the Baptist on June 24th 1932, in Tullamore, Co. Offaly (*Year of the Eucharistic Congress*). From an early age Alfie's dream was to become an Irish Christian Brother, a Religious Congregation devoted to the education of the youth. Unfortunately, due to ill-health he was not able to stay in the novitiate in Marino. Alfie obtained an office job in a mill in Tullamore. He joined his local branch of the Legion of Mary. The mill closed down. He received an assignment as Legion Envoy to South America. This took him to Argentina, Ecuador, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. Life was not easy for him in his new surroundings - he had to learn to speak Spanish and adapt to different cultures and customs. During his time in South America he established a vast number of branches of the Legion of Mary. He covered in a few short years, immense areas in Latin America.

His devotion to Mary was exemplary and in his numerous contacts with fellow legionaries he explained and urged the practice of the true devotion to Our Lady. In Ecuador a number of well-known communists were converted to the Catholic Church, through the work of the Legion of Mary. Alfie had only a short time to achieve his life work. His work schedule had a grueling pace which may have contributed to his untimely death.

Alfie did not get complete his envoyship. Following a short illness Alfie was called home to God on 21st January 1958, the Feast of St. Agnes. Every year on this Feast Day the Holy Father is presented with two lambs in Rome. On the anniversary of his death we are praying for the beatification of the Servant of God, Alfie Lambe

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Lilian O'Reilly

Seatown Villas

Madge Lowndes

Drynam Road



Retrouvaille – a Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts 8 – 10 February 2019. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie