

field but the man had to sell his goods in order to gain possession of it. God invited everyone to the wedding-feast but the man who did not put on the wedding-garment was not allowed to stay.

These two aspects of the Kingdom must be examined in detail: firstly, the Kingdom as the loving gift of God; secondly, the response that man is to make to the gift offered him (*cont'd next week*)(Source. *Jesus of Nazareth – Veritas Publications 1978*)

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Weekend - Intentions for 6.30pm Vigil Mass & 8.30am Mass will be prayed for at 11.15am Mass via the Parish webcam

Sat 6.30pm Liz & Mr Savage

Sun 8.30am Paddy, Molly & Daughter O'Keefe

Sun 11.15am Tony Byrne



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Peggy Ferris

Fri 10.00am Special Intention

Mon 10.00am Audrey Harkin Mullen

Fri 10.00am Rita Grimes

Tues 10.00am Thomas Walshe

Sat 6.30pm Jacqueline Monaghan

Tues 10.00am Paul McGreer

Wed 10.00am Special Intention

Wed 10.00am Fr John Ryan

Sun 8.30 Kathleen O'Connor

Thurs 10.00am Barbara Rooney (1st An)

Sun 11.15am Noel McDonald

James Rooney

Fay Hardy (MM)

Thurs 10.00am Emily O'Reilly

Patricia Green (MM)

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Sunday Mass can be viewed through the Parish webcam during Level 5 restrictions



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Patricia Snow

Cloghran



5th 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*)

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The life of a wandering preacher

“O come, let us worship God”

Newsletter Sunday 7th February 2021



The greater part of each of the gospels is an account of the public life of Jesus, the time he spent travelling around Galilee, teaching and doing good. The events of the public life are described in a direct and factual way, different from the style of the infancy narratives.

The evangelists (gospel writers) let the words and deeds of Jesus speak for themselves. They do not describe his appearance or his character for us. They do not tell us whether he was tall or short, broad or slender, bearded or clean-shaven. They do not say that he was good or wise or gentle or understanding, though from what he said and did we can see that he was all these things and a great deal more besides.

His life was *the life of a wandering preacher*. Sometimes he taught in the synagogues, but more often he taught in the open air, by the lake-side or along the country roads. His teaching is summed up in these words by St. Mark: “The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News” (Mk 1:15).

A book could be written about every word in that short message. When Jesus called on his hearers to repent, he meant more than being sorry for past sins. He meant a complete conversion, a new way of life, a whole-hearted and unselfish love of God and of neighbour. The good news that he brought and asked people to believe was that the kingdom of God was close at hand. It was a message that many Jews at that time were waiting to hear.

He spoke to them like the prophets of old but with a far greater authority. He issued commandments and he forgave sins, things which were reserved to God alone. People began calling him the Christ, which was not a surname but a title meaning *Messiah* or *Anointed One*. They began to believe that he was the long-foretold saviour, sent by God to set up his kingdom on earth. But they thought that the kingdom he spoke of was a political one and that he was going to lead them to victory over the Romans and become the king of a free Jewish state. It took Jesus a long time to convince them that he meant something very different.....

Jesus never gave what might be called a detailed blueprint of the Kingdom of God. Indeed, he seemed to hint that it could not be described completely in human terms; he said that it was not “a Kingdom of this world”. But two things were clear. One was that the Kingdom was the work of God, something that God is his love and mercy was offering to man, something that man could not bring about by his own efforts. The other thing was that this offering had to be accepted. Even though it was God's gift, man could refuse it. It needed a definite act on the part of man to accept the Kingdom. God put the treasure in a

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us **Pope Francis**



2021 Level 5 Liturgy/Prayer Service

This special Liturgy will continue for the month of February 2021 every **Tuesday** and **Thursday Evening at 7.00pm** The format will be:

- A decade of the Rosary followed by Prayers
- 10 minutes of Spiritual Reading – “In a Landscape Redrawn”, by Bishop Donal Murray written in 2017
- The Night Prayer of the Church

This Liturgy/Prayer Service can be viewed through the Parish Webcam and should last about 30 minutes

The webcam can be accessed through the Parish website, www.swords-parish.com

Mass Intentions

How can a book a Mass during these Covid times

- 1) You can email your request to the Parish Office at stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com
- 2) Call to the Sacristy *before Mass* between 9.40am and 9.55am and *after Mass* from 10.30am to 10.45am

ACCORD

The Annual Collection for Accord, the Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made next weekend of **13 & 14 February 2021**. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

☐ Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.

☐ Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone. Helpline 01 9059555.

☐ A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously on 13 & 14 February. **You can donate in the following ways:**

Online at www.accorddublin.ie where you will find a DONATE button.

By post to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

By bank transfer to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC:BOFIE2D.

Newsletters and Missalettes

This is just a reminder. The Newsletters and Missalettes are left out for the weekend Masses. Please take them BUT bring them home with you. In these Covid times leaflets should not be picked up, read and put back again. Please, please take home with

1st and 2nd Collections

The Church is closed for public Mass but is opened for private prayer. At the door of the Church there are pre-printed envelopes marked 1st and 2nd Collection. You are invited to put your offering in the envelopes and then place in the wall safes or under the Sacristy door. *Thank You. One contribution per week and not one every day!!!*

Life and ministry of Archbishop Dermot Farrell:

Dermot Farrell was born in 1954, the eldest of seven children of the late Dermot and Carmel Farrell, in Garthy, Castletown-Geoghegan, Co Westmeath, in the Diocese of the Meath. He was ordained to the priesthood in Saint Michael's Church, Castletown-Geoghegan on 7 June 1980.

Upon the completion of his studies he was appointed as Curate in the Cathedral Parish of Christ the King, Mullingar. In 1985 he began doctoral studies in the Gregorian University and, in 1988, was awarded a Doctoral Degree in Theology,

His final year in Rome also saw him serving as a Director of Formation in the Pontifical Irish College.

Following his return from Rome he was appointed Curate in Tullamore Parish and in 1989-90 he began lecturing in Moral Theology at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth. In 1993 he was appointed Vice-President of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, and in 1996 was appointed President of the College, a position he held until 2007.

From September 2007 until 2018 he served as Parish Priest of Dunboyne and Kilbride Parish, Co Meath, and was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Meath in 2009.

His appointment as Bishop of Ossory by Pope Francis was announced on 3 January 2018, and he was ordained bishop in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, on 11 March 2018.

The Holy Father Pope Francis appointed Archbishop-elect Dermot Farrell as Archbishop of Dublin on 29 December 2020.

Bishop Farrell's episcopal motto *Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini* ('Our help is in the name of the Lord') is taken from Psalm 124.

Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Monday 8th February 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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group extend our deepest sympathy to ALL bereaved people, especially those who have suffered bereavement during the Covid pandemic. If you would like to speak in confidence to a member please contact Denise - 086 0610463 from Sunday 7th to Saturday 13th February. Please phone after 6pm. or email the Parish Office stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com - leaving your name and phone number. Your message will be forwarded to Bethany group You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>