

The papacy, the pope, is entrusted with a mission and a message, a message of love and hope and of faith, faith in Jesus Christ and the love of God which spur us on. This message is all too often mediated through those who are profoundly opposed to anything hinting of the otherness of the human person, of the wonder and the beauty of the uniqueness of the human being, each one of whom is, as pope Benedict once said, “a thought in the mind of God”. In our world today, there is, as there has always been those whose agenda is the promotion of, the proliferation of an introspective, speculative and subjective man-made culture – from which god is not only banished but any vestige of his image and likeness is to be erased. The papacy and the Pope, the Church, its mission, its raison d’etre, has and will always be to a greater or lesser extent counter cultural, challenging prophetically the prevailing winds of fashion and fad, moving against the tide in its efforts to show forth the wonder, the truth and beauty of God’s creation and to nourish and console, to lead to holiness, following the example of her founder Jesus Christ who told Peter to Feed my lambs, Feed my sheep. The Pope’s mission is to show us that while what we believe is important, but even more important is the One in whom we believe. (Benedict XVI)

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Bartle McDonnell Jnr	
Mon 10.00am Dec members of Geraghty & McGreevy Families	Sat 6.30pm Dec members of McKitterick & Hartnett Families
Tues 8.00am Thomas Greenan	
Tues 10.00am Kate & Pat Kinsella & Hugh & Molly Fields	
Wed 8.00am Michael Collins Powell	Sun 8.30am Mickey Hourihan
Wed 10.00am Michael O’Grady	Sun 11.00pm Joe Prendergast Ann Fleming (MM)
Thurs 8.00am Kathleen Foley	
Thurs 10.00am Virginia Vaz	
Fri 8.00am Special intention	Sun 6.30pm John McGreevy
Fri 10.00am Wally Morrisson & Thomas & Kathleen Morrisson	

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)& 12 noon.

Today we welcome back the Irish Mass at 11:00AM. Thanks to Scoil an Duinninigh for permission to use the school hall for Sunday Masses.

Bo Peep Montessori will continue to provide services at their portacabin beside the church hall for one further year finishing on 30th June 2018. Since the Church hall is now closed access will be via the large gate to the side of the hall.



Twenty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus had the gift of saying things directly and plainly, with a power to penetrate all our defences and lead us to a new awareness. Today’s message puts before us the paradox of the Gospel: we gain life by letting go of it. If I put my happiness, my being loved, at the centre of my life, then I will surely fail, even though to be loved and to be happy are really important. If on the other hand, I put the happiness of others first and love them unconditionally, then I too will know unselfish love and deep happiness.

Prayer - Teach us, Lord, that nothing is more life-giving than to love and be loved in return. Live in us, Jesus, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that we may love you with our whole mind, strength, and heart. (Source: St. Paul’s Missal)

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Papacy and its relation to the Church – (part

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“O Lord, you are good and forgiving full of mercy to all who call on you.”

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In a meditation on the feast of the Chair of Peter Benedict the XVI calls the mission of the Pope and of the Papacy a mission of love. He calls it the primacy of Love and he links the mission of the Pope to the greatest expression of the ministry of love of Jesus himself, namely the Eucharist.

He says ‘The Petrine service is primacy in love, which means care for the fact that the Church takes her measure from the Eucharist. She becomes all the more united, the more she lives from the Eucharistic dimension, and the more she remains true to the Eucharist, to the tradition of faith. Love will also mature from unity, love that is directed to the world. The Eucharist is based on the act of love of Jesus Christ unto death. Christ, just before he ascended to heaven, took Peter aside and asked him three times, ‘Do you love me? Peter finally says

Yes, Lord, he said, you are certain of my love for you. He said to him: Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep (Jn 21:16)...

The essence of the papacy, of the mission of the Pope is service, is the feeding of the lambs and the sheep, the strengthening of the brothers and sisters, in the manner in which Jesus Christ Himself did, totally and completely, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, Eucharistically, in joy and in thanksgiving, give himself completely to others. It is a ministry of service, service of God and of the Church founded by the same Jesus Christ and intended by Him to be a beacon of light hope and love, not only to those baptised into Christ, but to the whole world. At Easter the Pope gives his blessing Urbi et Orbi, to the city, the new city, the new Jerusalem, the Church of those saved by the blood of the lamb and baptised into his Body, the Church and Orbi, the whole world, blessing and rejoicing in all God’s creation.

The history of the papacy is as varied and as fascinating as the 267 men who have been chosen as pope. There have been great saints and great sinners, teachers, prophets, men of towering intellect, such as Pope Benedict. They have been men of great wisdom and insight, and also, men who have abused the papacy for selfish and corrupt reasons. We can take some consolation in the fact that there have, of course, been far, far more good Popes than bad ones, and many, many saints among them.

But for all the changes and variations of understanding of the papacy and the role of the Pope. The Church, built upon St. Peter and the Apostles and the ministry of the papacy has continued until now, in an unbroken line from St. Peter.

We rarely get the Pope we expect or even hope for. It is interesting to listen to the expectations people have for the next Pope, he should be young, he will be from here or there, he should not be conservative, liberal and so on. Labels are the tools of the intolerant. The Spirit of God blows where he wills and it is extremely rare and highly unlikely that the next pope or indeed any Pope will be shaped by the expectations of any particular groups, idealism or philosophy.



ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon – 'How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you'.



New Choir Director/Organist

I am delighted to announce that Mr. John Conlon will take over as new Choir Director/Organist. John has been involved in Church Music all his adult life. From 2007-present, he has been Organist & Choir Director, St Brigid's Dunleer, Co Louth. From 1998-2007 he has been Organist & Choir Director, Church of The Divine Word, Rathfarnham. And prior to that from 1997-1998 he has been Organist & Choir Director, St James Church, Grange, Cooley, Co. Louth. I look forward to a new and exciting chapter for the choir and the Parish. John will take up 'the baton' on Sunday 17th September and I know that we will have a great turnout from the Choir.

Church Painting

The painting of the Church is due to start on Monday, September 11th, and will take 4 weeks plus 'injury time'. The plan is that for those 4 weeks the Parish will celebrate the 8.00am Mass. There will be no 10.00am Mass on those days so that the painter can get a good run at the day. The intentions booked for the 10.00am Masses will be transferred to the 8.00am of the same day. If that doesn't suit - please contact the Sacristan to re-arrange. The Sunday Masses will be as normal.

St. Vincent de Paul

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

Saints for the coming week

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary– Friday 8th September.

Nothing is known for sure about the details of the Blessed Virgin's birth. Even her parents, traditionally known as St. Joachim and St. Anne, are not mentioned in Sacred Scripture. Today's feast originated in the East, probably during the sixth century, and was later introduced into the West. A French legend tells of a man hearing angels singing on the night of 8th September and being told that the Virgin Mary had been born on that night. Her earthly birth is celebrated (like that of St. John the Baptist) because it announced to the world the coming of Jesus, the beginning of the New Covenant.

St. Ciaran, Abbot – Saturday 9th September, (c.512-c545), one of the 'Twelve Apostles of Ireland,' was born in Connaught and studied under St. Finnian at Clonard. He eventually founded the great monastery of Clonmacnoise on the Shannon, which became an important centre of learning. However, after serving as Abbot for only seven months he died.

Heritage Week - Swords Events

Sunday September 3rd: VISIT ST. COLMCILLE'S WELL

Learn how Swords got its name. 3.30 pm

Swords Senior Citizens, Chapel Lane Swords

Sword Senior Citizens Centre are holding their AGM on Monday 11th September at 8.00pm, in the centre on Chapel Lane. *All welcome*

SWORDS BRIDGE CLUB: Classes for complete beginners start on Wednesday 20th September in Rivervalley Community Hall Swords. Please phone Seamus Costello (Teacher) at 087-2890814 or email swords.bridge.club@gmail.com for more details. (www.bridgewebs/swords)

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Franciscan Friary, Free Concert

From September to December the Franciscan Province of Ireland will run a series of free concerts at our Friaries around the country as a thank you to all the people who have supported the work and ministry of the Franciscans both locally and at national level. We are inviting Franciscan hearted people to join us in creating a hope filled world where "we bring joy where there is sadness, hope where there is despair, faith where there is doubt". The concerts will highlight the need to care and nurture all of creation. We have commissioned a new composition of the Canticle of Creation written by St. Francis of Assisi. The Canticle is a hymn of praise that inspired Pope Francis in his second encyclical 'Laudato si' which he wrote on June 18, 2015. The composer is Vincent Kennedy and the concert will be performed by Vincent and Marina Cassidy (harp and vocals). The concert in Dublin will be held on Thursday 28th September in Adam & Eve's, Merchants' Quay, Dublin at 6.30pm