

We can't, so the thinking is, let any bit of time be lost to profit. Simply enjoying and living in the moment without thought of productivity, making money, or getting ahead is to rest and allow for genuine appreciation of God's good creation. Our spirit is only open to God if we let it be still at times and empty of plans for making a living. (Source: Don Talafous OSB – Homilies for weekdays).
Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Deirdre Byrne	
Mon 10.00am Margaret Comber	Sat 10.00am Patrick & Mary Kate Gallagher Betty Farrell (MM)
Tues 8.00am Dermot Dunne	
Tues 10.00am Catherine Callaghan	Sat 6.30pm Johnny Reid
Wed 8.00am Patrick McMahon	
Wed 10.00 Thomas, Annie & James McKenna	
Thurs 8.00am Ultan & Ann McCabe	Sun 8.30am Tom & Eileen O'Connell
Thurs 10.00am Maureen Lee	
Fri 8.00am Ogie Barrett	Sun 11.00am Marie Coleman Margaret Graham (MM)
Fri 10.00am Dec members of Hoare Family	Sun 6.30pm Jack, Nancy & Dan Doyle

Church of the Visitation Drynam *The Visitation of the BVM*
Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)& 12 noon ,Mon & Tues 9.20am
 We will have a fundraising committee meeting on Tuesday at 8:00PM.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Catherine O'Connell	Crumlin
Sylvester Donnelly	Santry



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel continues the challenge from last week to go deeper into the heart, the seat of hidden thoughts and desires. The call to conversion is a call to give just as we have received: we are loved and so should love; we are forgiven and so should forgive; we are consoled and so should console and so forth. Why is that? Because the love etc. that we have received becomes truly "me" only when I pass it on. Only then have I experienced the message of the prophet: I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh (Ezk 36:26).

Prayer - O God, open our ears to hear the word of Jesus, your Son. Open our hearts that we may know true conversion from within. Open our hands that we may give as we have received. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

Saints this coming week

The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle - Wednesday 22nd February This ancient feast relates to the early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Pater as bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis – The beginning
"O Lord I trust in your merciful love"
 Newsletter Sunday 19th February 2017



All of last week at the weekday Masses we have been listening to the endlessly fascinating book of Genesis. This first book of the Bible is concerned with the fundamental issues of our life: the riddle of death, the nature of evil, the place of faith, and the value of our world. This book doesn't deal with scientific or historical matters, but with matters important to how we are to live in this world. The opening verses of the book of Genesis stress that this world we see around us came from God. The moon, sun, and stars are not themselves gods, but they come from God. Another very important teaching in these opening verses is that everything God made is good. We may take this for granted, but we shouldn't; there have been people who believe that matter, earth, and flesh are all bad. The environmentalists remind us in their own way of this basic truth: this world and everything in it has value and purpose in the larger scheme of things. We all live interdependently with every other element in our world and this is essential for a truly good and safe life. Creation is not to be worshipped, but certainly it is to be revered much more than modern people have done or more than we do when we waste its resources or contribute to fouling and polluting the world around us. Caring for the earth, our world, follows from the lesson of Genesis.

As we know the creation account ends on the seventh day with God resting. "He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on that day he had rested after all his work of creating" (Gen. 2:1-3)

In the past, some of the human and cultural traditions which surrounded the Sabbath, our Sunday, made it very unattractive to many. The idea that Sabbath rest meant making sure that nothing we did that day was enjoyable or anything that involved physical exertion, may be an example of the kind of tradition Jesus rejected.

In our day the whole idea of Sabbath, or Sabbath rest, has practically disappeared. A good number still keep the day by going to Mass, by worship. It seems irrelevant to many to imitate God's rest and put aside the activities and work by which we make a living. But setting aside a day on which we particularly honour God in worship and turn aside from the activities occupying us the other five or six days is still most desirable. It is desirable from the standpoint of our relation to God and for the health of our spirit. For the man or woman who works hard all week in an office or at a machine or computer or at home, a little gardening on Sunday, or a walk in the park or by the sea may be a really contemplative and refreshing activity. So much modern technology seems aimed only at making us "more productive", as the contemporary expression has it. Isn't the business of having a phone or beeper always at hand, of not simply driving somewhere but eating breakfast and making phone calls while doing so - doesn't all this assume that materialistic adage, "time is money"?

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon – Lord I have come to believe that you are the Christ

Mass for Healing with the Sacrament of the Sick

The parish celebrated Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick last Saturday morning at 11.00am. The weekend was the celebration of World Day of the Sick, connected to the liturgical memorial of the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 11th February. It was a lovely celebration and I thank all who attended. It seemed to have touched people, which is all that one can ask for. Those in attendance received the Sacrament and at this Mass, we prayed for and remembered all our parishioners who are sick and/or housebound I want to thank the Liturgy Team for arranging a beautiful liturgical space and the welcome refreshments after the Mass. If anyone would like me to visit a sick or elderly relative at home please let me know, or leave information with Colette.



Accord

The annual collection for ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family will take place at all Masses this **weekend 18th/19th February**. The collection will replace the usual Share collection. Accord Dublin, throughout the Diocese offers: Marriage Preparation Courses; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships; A relationship and sexuality programme in schools.



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC will meet on Monday 20th February at 8.00pm in the Parochial house, Seatown Rd.

Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual Wish Day – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Make-A-Wish® Ireland has one simple aim – we grant the wishes of children aged between 3 and 17 years living with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy and create extraordinary memories for them and their families. Volunteer are needed for WISH DAY, our annual fundraising day, on Friday 31st March 2017.

There are a number of ways you could get involved and support us:

- * select a location nearby and volunteer to sell our badges there for the day
- * hold a coffee morning or bake sale in aid of Make-A-Wish
- * hold a Jersey Day or a similar themed day in aid of Make-A-Wish

Money raised on the day goes to continuing to grant wishes to our brave wish children

If you can commit to the full day or even a few hours selling our bands, please visit www.makeawish.ie to register online at one of our collection points. Alternatively contact Emma Horgan emma@makeawish.ie or call 01 2052012 for more details

World Day of Prayer

You are invited to World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm in St Cronan's Church, Brackenstown. This year's Day of Prayer has been prepared by the women of the Philippines

Turning enemies into friends

When Abraham Lincoln was running for president of the United States there was a man called Stanton, who never lost an opportunity to vilify him. Yet when Lincoln won the election he gave Stanton a post in his cabinet. Why? Because he considered him the best man for the job. And Lincoln was proved right. Stanton gave him loyal service. Asked why he didn't destroy his enemies, Lincoln replied, 'Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?' (Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)

Awake My Soul Retreat. Join other young adults (20's & 30's) for some time out to reflect, pray and grow deeper in your faith on our weekend retreat this. Friday evening 24th to Sunday afternoon 26th of February at Mount St. Anne's Retreat Centre, Killenard, Co. Laois (1 hour from Dublin; carpooling available). Cost, all inclusive, €120. Subsidised as an initiative of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Contact for more info & to secure a place: michelle.manley@dublindiocese.ie/ siobhan.tighe@dublindiocese.ie

Ewe Thina: *We Walk God's Way. Want to get fit?* Embrace God in nature and build true friendships? Join other young adults (20's & 30's) for reflective hikes around Dublin area. monthly event. Contact: siobhan.tighe@dublindiocese.ie <https://www.facebook.com/wewalkgodsway>

The Bible's Most Important People

Noah – the man God chose to build an ark that would save both animals and people. God gave Noah specific building directions. When his boat-building project was finished, he and his family entered the ark and God brought in two of every animal (male and female) and of every kind of bird and reptile. God caused it to rain for forty days and nights, until the world was flooded and everything else on earth was destroyed. For one hundred and fifty days, the ark floated, until the waters abated and the vessel rested on the mountain of Ararat. God promised never again to destroy the world and sealed this covenant with a sign – his bow in the clouds.