

When a parish does not have the celebration of Mass on weekdays, people who wish should continue to gather and encounter the Lord in his Word and in the assembly, prayer and witness of God's people. **With such gathering, they will help sustain the faith of their community and support one another.**

It is good practice to have lay faithful in each parish to serve and assist those who wish to gather and pray on weekdays when the celebration of the Eucharist/Mass is not possible. When people gather to pray on weekdays on which they cannot have the celebration of the Eucharist/Mass, let them thank God for all who serve the life of faith in the Church in Ireland and beyond.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Cathal Kelly	Sat 6.30pm Tom Gauvillet
Tues 10.00am Harry Sheridan	Sun 8.30am Harry Sheridan
Wed 10.00 Bridget & John McNally	Sun 11.00pm Wiggins & Swan
Thurs 10.00am Molly Hatch	Families
Fri 10.00am Sarah Jane & Tony Reddington	Sun 6.30pm Victor Geddes

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 the last Mass in the current Drynam church structure next Sunday 23rd July. From Sunday 30th July Scoil an Duinigh has kindly facilitated Sunday Masses to be held in the School Hall. Entrance from the rear of the school.0



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable of the sower is told twice, in an original form and in a later, Church interpretation. The explanation tends to dominate our reading; but it might be worthwhile allowing the original parable to "speak". It tells of small, even careless, beginnings – the sower scatters all over the place. As we see in nature, tiny seeds have an astonishing, miraculous effect. Go back over your own experience and recall something which began modestly but which in the end grew surprisingly. The reign of God is like that – the modest beginnings of Jesus' own preaching had tremendous effect.

Prayer - God of every harvest, it can be hard today to be confident about the Good News and yet we know that it is you who give the growth (1 Cor 3:7). (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

Saints this coming week

St. Mary Magdalene – Saturday 22nd July. Stood by the Cross of Jesus; with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day, from which incident she has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles'. The Gospels give no warrant for identifying her with the 'woman who was a sinner' who anointed Christ's feet (Lk.7:37) or with Mary the sister of Martha who anointed him (Jn.12:3). Tradition relates that she spent her last years as a hermit in Provence (France).

St. Bridget of Sweden, religious, Patron of Europe – Sunday 23rd July was born in Sweden in 1303. She brought up eight children, and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical experiences. She died in Rome in 1373. She was declared a patron of Europe in 2000. (not celebrated this year, as falls on a Sunday)

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Giving and receiving outside of Mass

"I shall be filled with the vision of your glory"

Newsletter Sunday 16th July 2017



Giving and receiving outside of Mass

The Church permits two just causes for separating the *giving* and *receiving* of the Eucharistic elements from the concurrent experience of celebrating the full Eucharistic rite inclusive of the preceding, essential actions of the *taking*, the *blessing* and the *breaking*. The faithful who are sick, aged, housebound or dying may receive the Eucharist at any hour, the elements of the Eucharist are taken from what is reserved in the Tabernacle. The primary purpose of the tabernacle in a church is to reserve the Eucharist for the Holy Communion of the sick, aged, housebound or dying outside the celebration of the Eucharist. It is not to reserve hosts for their distribution to subsequent congregations during other celebrations of the eucharist.

The second just cause

The second just cause for separating the *giving* and *receiving* of the Eucharistic elements from the concurrent experience of celebrating the full Eucharistic rite inclusive of the preceding, essential actions of the *taking*, the *blessing* and the *breaking*. of the Eucharistic elements from the concurrent experience of praying the Eucharistic Prayer (the *taking*, the *blessing* and the *breaking*), is the unavailability of an ordained priest to preside at the celebration of the Eucharist. This requires the permission of the diocesan bishop.

The bishop's permission is restrictive because the celebration of the Mass is at the very nature and heart of the community. When the *giving* and *receiving* in Holy Communion is decoupled from the *taking*, the *blessing* and the *breaking*, the integrity of the Eucharistic rite, in faithfulness to the Lord's fourfold command, is compromised. **The Church cannot envisage, as normal, the Holy Communion of the faithful gathered in assembly taking place apart from their concurrent celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.**

It is increasingly common that the celebration of the Mass is not possible **every weekday** in all parishes. This is because an ordained priest is unavailable to preside over the celebration in the name and person of the Lord. When the celebration of the Mass/Eucharist is not possible, a congregation can still share fully in the proper given liturgy of the day, in praying one of the 'hours' of that day - Morning, Evening and Night Prayer. (for each hour there is a given cycle of hymns, psalms, reading and prayers to be prayed at different times of the day).

The Lord is present when people pray the Liturgy of the Church other than the Eucharist, for he said: 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them' (Mt 18:20). Similarly, he is present when the scriptures are read, for when the scriptures are read in sacred assembly, God speaks to God's people and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN



Antiphon - 'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord'

Summer Schedule

The Saturday 10.00am is dropped for the summer and will return on Saturday 16th September

Saturday Morning Liturgies

Brackenstown – celebrates Saturday Morning Mass at 10.00am followed by confessions from 10.30am to 11.30am

River Valley - celebrates Saturday Morning Mass at 11.00am followed by confessions until 11.30am

Weekday 8.00am Mass

This Mass is dropped from Monday 17th July and will resume on Friday 4th August

Church Painting

The painting of the interior of the Church is scheduled to start on Sept 11th. I am delighted with this news. For the number of weeks that it will take to paint the church, the 10.00am morning Mass will be suspended. The 8.00am will be celebrated. This will enable the painter to get a good 'run' at the job. More info nearer the time.

Confessions:

Saturday confessions are available on Saturday evenings from 6.00pm to 6.20pm

Organist/Choir Director

As you may know Anne McDonagh is retiring from her position as Choir Director/Organist after 52 years of extraordinary service to this parish particularly in the music ministry. We wish her well and there will be an opportunity to pay tribute to her at a later date. Is there someone in our community or among a wider circle that you think might be interested in this position which will become vacant in September? Good keyboard skills, sound knowledge of the liturgy, experience of choir work and ability to work as a member of a team are some of the gifts that we would look for in reviewing applications. Diocesan Guidelines for Church Musicians are used to determine remuneration.



Receiving the Word

The word of God is to the human heart what a seed is to the earth. However, just as a seed needs soil, so the word needs a receptive heart. The earth responds to the rain and sun so that even the desert blooms. But the arid human heart has the power to resist so that it remains barren. Lord, soften our hearts with your grace, open them with your gentle love, so that the precious seed of your word may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit in our lives. (Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)

Letter from Archbishop – South Sudan

TRÓCAIRE
Working for a Just World

At the June Bishop's Conference we heard directly from Éamonn Meehan from Trócaire of the appalling situation facing the people of East Africa, which has now reached a critical stage. There are severe food shortages in South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia brought about by drought and conflict. Over half the population of Somalia (6.2 million people) is experiencing food shortages and malnutrition. There have also been major outbreaks of cholera across the country. South Sudan is on the brink of famine, with drought and conflict affecting millions. Millions of people in south-eastern Ethiopia and northern Kenya are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. On behalf of Irish Catholics, Trócaire is doing all it possible can - currently helping over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation. The need is enormous and the Bishops' Conference is responding by launching an emergency Church Appeal throughout Ireland to take place on **Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July 2017.**

I have no doubt that the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Dublin will support this appeal with compassion and generosity. Can I ask you to please remember in your prayers the staff and partners of Trócaire on the frontline in East Africa, responding to this humanitarian crisis with dedication, courage and selflessness.

Yours very sincerely,

+Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin

Living the Paschal Mystery

Only seed that sinks into rich soil can produce fruit. Our daily gospel living is about tilling and fertilising and constantly preparing the "soil" of our hearts so that we can receive God's word and nurture it to bear fruit. We must let God's word sink deep within us so that it can bear fruit in our daily living, "achieving the end for which [God] sent it"! Most of us hear God's word proclaimed primarily during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass on Sundays. It is naïve to think that we can go to Mass cold, without having prepared the readings, and be attuned enough to God's word to hear and remember the message well enough to live it. One way to deepen our gospel living is to take quality time each week – alone or with others – to sit with God's word and become attuned to the message. This is how we cultivate our hearts to hear God's word, so it is not wasted on barren hearts. We also hear God's word through the words of others. A challenging remark that moves us to new action on behalf of others, a critical remark that causes us to look at our own behaviour and choices, a kind remark that brings us joy are all ways God's word comes to us, and ways we can sow the seed of God's word in the hearts of others. (Source: *Living Liturgy*)

St Colmcille's Pilgrimage to Knock

St Colmcille's Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 12th August. Coach departs at 8.00am from The Star. Stopover for breakfast/snack en-route. Evening meal/carvery available on return at Percy French Hotel Strokestown. Cost - (coach only) €15. Please contact Mary 087 2711376 or Ita 8402268