

thus wishes to stress the role of the family within society and the contribution of families to the overall health and stability of society. There are indeed many families in Ireland who struggle a precarious economic situations. There is a housing crisis. The Church's catechetical programmes regarding marriage and the family need a complete overhaul in line with what *Amoris Laetitia* sets out.

The World Meeting of Families in Dublin will hopefully be a festival of witness to the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. The vocation of Christian couples, supported by the Sacrament of Marriage, is a call to witness to that love and to experience the joy of bringing the love of Jesus to those who are troubled and challenged". **Fr. Michael Carey**

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Mary Greenan	Sat 10.00am Jim Nevin
Tues 8.00am Josephine Ryan	
Tues 10.00am Exam Intention	Sat 6.30pm Anna Redmond
Wed 8.00am Selina Cronin	
Wed 10.00 Thomas Savage & Swadling & O'Hara Families	Sun 8.30am Matthew & Mary Darcy
Thurs 8.00am Vera Barker	
Thurs 10.00 Aisling Burke	Sun 11.00am Gentry & McGreevy Families & Mary & Jimmy McGrath
Fri 8.00am Pat McDonagh	
Fri 10.00am Eileen Bird	Sun 6.30pm Ted O'Connor

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am-11.00am(Irish)& 12 noon , Mon & Tues 9.20am
The Drynam Pastoral Team will announce an exciting new project today and further information will be available in the hall after all Masses today. Tea/coffee will be served as usual on the first Sunday.



TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Life is God's gift. The theme that is common to the first reading and the gospel today is clear: to give and to restore life belongs to God. In neither story today is it intended to be a proof of the divinity of the person performing the action. Rather both writers want to say that Elijah or Jesus is concrete expressions of God's presence to those in need, the dead as well as the bereaved. In the person of Jesus of Nazareth, God was already walking among God's people.

Reflection - In the Hebrew Bible the acid test of whether the covenant between Israel and God was being honoured was whether and how minorities were being looked after. The three groups most frequently singled out from this category are: the stranger, the widow and the orphan. All three are found in the first reading. The widow and her son were outsiders. One of the attractive characteristics of Luke's gospel is his particular concern for those on the margins: women, widows, children, and people who are sick or were bereaved. He doesn't miss an opportunity to portray Jesus' concern for these groups. And Jesus' concern is God's concern. (Source: *St. Paul's Missal*.)

St. Colmcille, abbot and missionary – Thursday 9th June, c. 521-597, one of the 'Twelve Apostles of Ireland', was born in Gartan, Co. Donegal. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow and Kells but felt compelled to leave Ireland as an act of penance around 563. With twelve companions he settles at Iona, just off the Isle of Mull, and this became the effective base for the evangelisation of Scotland and northern England. He died in 597 and his relics were later translated to Dunkeld



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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The World Meeting of Families (WMOF)

"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear"

Newsletter Sunday 5th June 2016

What is the World Meeting of Families?

In 1994 Pope Saint John Paul II asked the *Pontifical Council for the Family* to establish the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) as an international event of prayer, catechesis, and celebration that draws participants from around the globe. Held at three year intervals, the WMOF seeks to strengthen the bonds between families and to witness to the crucial importance of marriage and the family to all of society. It fosters the process of accompaniment of families in their mission. It also fosters gestures of solidarity for families in difficulties.

Where is the World Meeting of Families held?

The World Meeting of Families was first celebrated in Rome in 1994. Since then Meetings have been hosted in Rio de Janeiro (1997); Rome (2000); Manila (2003); Valencia (2006); Mexico City (2009); Milan (2012); Philadelphia (2015); and now Dublin (2018). The principal events of the World Meeting of Families 2018 will be held in Dublin but events will also take place in other centres around Ireland.

When will the Dublin WMOF be held and what will be the theme?

Pope Francis has decided that the Dublin WMOF will be held from 22 to 26 August 2018, and has chosen the theme: *"The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World."*

Why is the theme of the family central to the ministry of Pope Francis?

Shortly after his election, Pope Francis began a process of reflection within the Church right across the world on the family. He announced the holding of two sessions of the Synod of Bishops: one on the situation of families across the world and the other on how to respond to the challenges facing family life. Pope Francis recently published a wide ranging document as a fruit of that process, entitled *Amoris Laetitia*, on love in the family.

The following are some quotes of Pope Francis on the central place of the family for the Church and for society:

- The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church.
- The experience of love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the Church.
- The family is like a factory of hope.
- God likes most to knock on the doors of families and to find families that are united, that love each other and who raise their children in view of creating a society of truth, goodness and beauty.

The Archbishop said the following at the Press Conference, held on Tuesday 24th May, for the Presentation of the IX World Meeting of Families, Dublin 2018

"Ireland is a very open country and is open to all the pressures of Western secular culture regarding marriage and the family. The theme chosen for the World Meeting of Families



ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Year of Mercy – “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Lk.6:36)

Exam Time

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish the boys and girls of the Parish, 'all the best' in their upcoming Junior and Leaving Certificate Exams. The Lord is at your side as you approach your exams. And what he says to you is: “Don't let the worry about your upcoming Leaving Cert/Junior Cert and indeed don't let normal human worries take you over so completely that nothing else seems to matter”

Your Christian faith and its value system – the friendship of the Holy Spirit, the love of your family and friends, – these things are a powerful antidote to the fears and worries that these exams and indeed that this world generates.

“May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he let his face shine on you and show you his mercy. May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace”.

Corpus Christi - Do This in Memory

Last weekend saw the end of the 'Do This in Memory' programme for 2016.

It finished beautifully with a Corpus Christi procession in the grounds of the Church. The boys had theirs at the Saturday evening Mass at 6.30pm and the girls at the 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass. At the end of the procession they had lemonade and biscuits organised by Betty McDonald; Mary Morgan; Sr. Margaret and Sr. Mary and Sandrine Clemambourg. I thank them most sincerely as it's a lovely gesture. Two of the servers ministered at the altar and as always they enhanced the liturgy. Thanks to Susan Rallo; Avril O'Reilly. Thank you again to Srs. Mary and Margaret and to the parents committees who met during the course of the year to help prepare each Sunday's special DTiM Mass. It was a wonderful year.

Golf Classic – St. Colmcille's Parish

Our annual Golf Classic will take place in Forrest Little Golf Club this coming Friday. I hope everybody involved has a lovely day.

Swords Jubilee of Mercy Pilgrimage Walk.

The pilgrimage walk will take place this coming **Saturday 11th June**, two days after the Feast of St. Colmcille which falls on Thursday 9th June. The walk will commence at **2.00pm** at **St. Colmcille's Church Swords**. It will have seven stations or stopping points finishing in

St. Finian's River Valley. The duration of the walk is two to two half hours. The theme for the walk in this Year of Mercy are the '**Seven Corporal Works of Mercy**', with a reflection on one of them at each stopping station. So the route and plan is as follows:

- 1) St Colmcille's Church – Clothe the Naked
- 2) St. Colmcille's Graveyard – Bury the Dead
- 3) Sr. Colmcille's Well – Visit those in Prison
- 4) St. Columba's (CoI) Church – Shelter the Traveller/Homeless
- 5) St. Cronan's Church – Feed the Hungry
- 6) St. Cronan's Well/Monastery – Give drink to the Thirsty
- 7) St. Finian's Church – Comfort the Sick

The most common effect of a pilgrimage is that it solidifies something that is growing within you. Perhaps you're doubting what you're doing now with your life: the pilgrimage may end that doubt, or may give it shape so that you can change course with confidence. So please do join in on the walk. Swords itself has a wonderful spiritual inheritance – the presence of Christ's disciples down through the centuries. Let us go on this local pilgrimage and honour our shared inheritance.



Corpus Christi Procession - Clonliffe

Last Thursday evening there was the annual Corpus Christi through the grounds of Clonliffe led by the Archbishop. It was a beautiful liturgy and the procession went off very well. A lovely smell of incense despite the vast open space and the music was beautiful. Thanks to all who attended from Swords. Fr. Paul Thornton, of Brackenstown Parish was on the organising committee and he did a great job!

Cemetery Sunday – Sunday 26th June at 4.00pm

This Mass (with the participation of the Choir) will take place in the Church - followed by Blessing of the Cemetery. If you want to 'hear', celebrate the Mass I invite you to come into the Church, or at least gather around the front door. There will be no use of a sound system that will reach the 'four corners' of the cemetery. The blessing of the Cemetery will take place immediately after Mass. As there is only Fr Pat and I, you will I hope understand, that, we will not be sprinkling individual graves – just sections of the graveyard. There will be large containers of 'Blessed Water' at the gates. You are invited to bring a small bottle/container and fill it with this water and when the Cemetery is blessed you can sprinkle your family grave.

Cemetery Sunday – Help Needed

As we prepare for Cemetery Sunday we need your help. At the moment Paddy Gerrard, Domnic Temple, and Noel Markey are doing all the grass and hedge cutting. It is a huge task and becoming too much for them. Can you help? It is an ideal Corporal Work of Mercy. Please consider and if you can assist you can ring Paddy at 01-8401466.

A Student's Prayer

The following is a prayer for students to help them through the stress of their exams.
*Lord, I have knowledge, so will you show me how to use it wisely and find a way to make the world I live in a better place, and make life with its problems a bit easier to face.
May I ever be aware in all that I do that knowledge come from learning and wisdom comes from you.*

Liturgy Group

The Liturgy Group will meet on Tuesday 7th June at 8.00pm in the Parochial House

Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim w Niedziele 12 Czerwiec, o godz 18.45pm w St Cronan's Church, Brackenstown Road, Swords. (Spowiedz 18.15 - 18.40 pm)

40 Hours Adoration in St Anne's Church Portmarnock from 8.00am Friday 10th June - midnight Saturday 11th June