

God does not exist in isolated individualism but in a community of relationships. In other words, God is not a loner or a recluse. This means that a Christian in search of Godliness (Matthew 5:48) must shun every tendency to isolationism and individualism. The ideal Christian spirituality is not that of flight from the world, away from contact with other people and society.

St. Paul says, 'Faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love'. True love requires three partners. There is the old saying "Two is company, three is a crowd." Yet the Trinity shows us that three is community, three is love at its best; three is not a crowd. Over and above that, each one of us becomes fully human only when we are in relationship with God and in relationship with others. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. The doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt rather an I-and-God-and-neighbour principle. I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people.

Fr. Michael Carey Adm

Mass Intentions for this coming week: St Colmcille's:

Mon 8.00am People of the Parish

Mon 10.00am Jack Stapleton

Tues 8.00 Tom McCarthy

Tues 10.00am Jean Burtchaell
Paddy Grimes

Wed 8.00am Annette Reilly

Wed 10.00am John Keane

Thurs 8.00 am Kathleen & Patrick O'Reilly

Thurs 10.00 Sarah Dunne

Fri 8.00am Stanis Lana

Fri 10.00 am Margaret Quinn

Sat 10.00am Brian Nulty

Sun 6.30pm Liam Gargan

Sun 8.30am Muriel Harford

Sun 10.00am Mary & Matthew Dillon

Sun 11.30am Lorna & Denis O'Sullivan

Sun 7.30pm Dan & Eva Geoghegan

Church of the Visitation Drynam

The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: 9.20am. Sun, 10.00am 11.00am (Irish) & 12 noon.

Next Sunday 22nd June we plan to show solidarity with the parishioners of St Columba's (Church of Ireland), Swords and hold a special collection in Drynam for their church restoration fund. The historic church had to be closed on safety grounds last year following partial collapse of the ceiling.



A Father's Day Prayer

Lord, please take care of our dads.
Though they are brave and protective,
they must also be frightened sometimes.
When money runs low and when we need things,
Lord, when their hearts break because they can't do it all;
Please help us to let them know how much we love them.
And how much You love them.
Amen!



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The Most Holy Trinity



"Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love"



Newsletter Sunday 15th June 2014

On this day, of the Festival of the Holy Trinity the Church rejoices in the mystery that God is *triune* (three-in-one) -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The liturgical colour for Trinity Sunday is white. White represents the holiness and perfection of God.

If we expected today's readings to give us a clear and worked out presentation of the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity, then we are left disappointed. The doctrine of three persons in one God, equal in divinity yet distinct in personality, is not explicitly spelt out in the Bible. In fact the very word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible. Rather early Christians arrived at the doctrine of the Trinity when they applied their God-given reason to the Revelation, which they had received in faith.

Jesus spoke about the Father who sent him (the Son) and about the Holy Spirit whom he was going to send. He said that the Father had given him (the Son) all that he has and that he in turn has given to the Holy Spirit, all that he has received from the Father. In this we see the unity of purpose among the three persons of the Trinity. In the story of salvation we usually attribute creation to the Father, redemption to the Son and sanctification to the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, though they are distinct as persons, neither the Father nor the Son nor the Holy Spirit ever exists in separation or acts in isolation from the other two persons of the Godhead.

The inner relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in such a way that each of them is fully and equally God, and yet there are not three Gods but one is incomprehensible to the human mind - It is a mystery.

We may not be able to understand the how of the Trinity but I think it is very important to understand the why. Why did God reveal to us this mystery regarding the very nature of the Supreme Being? The importance of this doctrine lies in this: we are made in the image of God, therefore, the more we understand God the more we can understand ourselves. Experts in religion tell us that people always try to be like the God they worship. People who worship a warrior God tend to be warriors, people who worship a God of pleasure tend to be pleasure-seeking, people who worship a God of wrath tend to be angry people, etc. Like a God, like the worshipers.

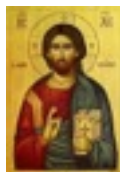
So the more important question for us to ask today is: What does the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity tell us about the kind of God we worship and what does this say about the kind of people we should be?

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon - "Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father."

St. Colmcille's - Summer Schedule

To enable myself and Frs. Pat and Johnny to take summer holidays and recharge the batteries the 10.00am Sunday Morning Mass will be dropped for July and August and the first half of September. It will return on Sunday 14th September. I am sorry for the disappointment that this will cause to the 'regulars' at this Mass but I hope that you understand. There is a 10.00am Mass in the Church of the Visitation, Drynam and St. Finian's, River Valley



Corpus Christi Procession-St. Colmcille's

We will host again this year a small Corpus Christi Procession in our Parish on the weekend of Corpus Christi Sunday Sat 21st/Sun 22nd June (next weekend). This weekend also marks the last Sunday of the Do This in Memory programme for 2013/14. The boys attend the 6.30pm Mass on the Saturday and the girls attend the 10.00am Mass on Sunday. At the end of both these Masses there will the short Procession

Corpus Christi Procession-Clonliffe

On Thursday 19th June the Archbishop will lead a Corpus Christi Procession through the grounds of Clonliffe College (Clonliffe Rd. Dn.3) at 7.30pm. As a parish we travelled last year and I know those who went found it rewarding and spiritually up-lifting. You can make you own way there or - **A bus has been organised for the Swords grouping of Parishes at a cost of €6 per ticket. Purchase from Stephanie in the Sacristy – 3 places left.**

Golf Classic

By all accounts it was a wonderful event. I was on the Parish Holiday and Fr. Peter represented the padres and he won a prize in the raffle! I want to sincerely thank the 'new' organisers John and Bernie Campbell and Susan Rallo who did a fantastic job. I also thank all sponsors, contributors and of course the golfers.

St. Colmcille's Cemetery Sunday

On Sunday 29th June the Parish will celebrate the Annual Blessing of Graves at 4pm. This year will be slightly different. The priests will divide the graveyard into roughly 10 stations/sections and at each station/section, the Scripture will be proclaimed followed by a Prayer of Blessing and then the sprinkling of the graves. On that Sunday Morning one of the Masses will be offered for all who are buried in the Cemetery

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE Who could fail to be led by observation and thoughtful familiarity with the magnificent order of the cosmic system, which is derived from divine wisdom, to marvel at the almighty Architect.... Nicholas Copernicus (1473-1543).

Cemetery Sunday's

Sunday **22nd June** at 12pm - **Fingal**, Sunday **6th July** at 3pm - **Balgriffin**, Sunday **6th July** at 3pm **Dardistown**

Brackenstown, Rivervalley & Swords

Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage

Sunday 7th – Friday 12th September 2014

Spiritual Leader Fr Michael Carey Adm.

Price: €669.00 per person sharing



Price includes: Return flights Dublin Lourdes; Return airport transfers to Lourdes. 5 nights accommodation at Hotel Roissy (3*); Full board basis; Services of a Travel representative in Lourdes Extras: Single room supplement €175.00 for duration of stay Airport taxes: €75.00 Insurance: €25.00 . Bookings: Parish Office, Colette, 8407277..

The Most Holy Trinity

The Trinity is not first of all a puzzle, which in principle could be solved, but rather a mystery, a relationship which is first of all lived, never exhausted and only inadequately spoken of in words. This is true of any of the significant relationships in our lives and true therefore all the more so of God. Within the mystery of that relationship, we recognise God, from whom we come, in whom we live and move and have our being. We recognise the Son, the Way, the Truth and the Life. We recognise the Spirit, who helps us to pray when we do not know how to pray as we ought.

Prayer - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon us all. Amen.

Reflection in a Well

Once a young boy stood watching a gypsy as he drank from a well in the town square. After drinking, the man continued to gaze into the well, as though looking at someone. He was a giant of a man but had a friendly face. So the boy approached him as asked: 'Who lives down there?' 'God does,' answered the gypsy. 'Can I see him?' 'Sure you can,' said the gypsy. Then taking the boy into his arms he lifted him up so that he could see down into the well. All the boy could see, however, was his own reflection in the water. 'But that's only me,' he cried in disappointment. 'All I see is me.' 'Ah,' replied the gypsy, 'Now you know where God lives. He lives in you.'

