

The final goal of evangelisation is happiness with God for all eternity. But first of all, it is necessary to become evangelised Catholics ourselves before we become evangelising Catholics, hence the reason for the Francis' Joy of the Gospel.

Evangelii Gaudium

Joy is the keynote that characterises *Evangelii Gaudium*, the result of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ that gives life a whole new meaning and a whole new sense of direction. We become more fully human when we reach out to others to impart the joy that is at the heart of the Christian message. The apostolic exhortation gives guidelines to shape a new style of evangelisation needed for our times. It is one marked by enthusiasm and vitality and that calls for the transformation of the whole Church into a missionary Church in order to go out and spread the joy of the Gospel that is meant for all people. **Fr. Michael Carey**

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Michael Keogh	Sat 10.00am Kathleen Doyle
Mon 6.30pm Joseph Prendergast	
Tues 8.00am Joseph Prendergast	
Tues 10.00am Vinnie Hutchinson & Dec family members	Sat 6.30pm Thomas Byrne Leo Walsh MM
Wed 8.00 Altar List of the Dead	
Wed 10.00 Altar List of the Dead	
Thurs 8.00am Mary Brown	Sun 8.30am Ger Ryan
Thurs 10.00am Michael Savage	Sun 11.00pm The McGreevy & Geraghty Families
Fri 8.00am Altar List of the Dead	
Fri 10.00am Altar List of the Dead	Sun 6.30pm Kathleen O'Loughlin & Michael & Raymond O'Loughlin & Catherine McNally

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
9:20AM Mass will resume on Tuesdays starting next Tuesday 1st November.

ALL SAINTS

Today's feast to celebrate all the Christian saints, known and unknown, was originally kept on the first Sunday after Pentecost which is the date on which it is still kept by the Eastern Christian Churches. From the middle of the Eighth Century it has been observed on November 1. The word 'saint' means 'holy one'. To make holy is the work of the Spirit. Those in whose lives this work is completed are saints. The Spirit was sent by Jesus from the Father to complete this work on earth.

Reflection - The beatitudes are one summary of the gospel. In them the Good News is proclaimed. It is that God is giver and that humankind can only receive. They are a means towards living with the same motivation that inspired Jesus. In the final beatitude the reward is none other than God himself. This is the inheritance of the saints

Mass of Remembrance

On Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm, the Parish will celebrate Mass to remember and pray for all parishioners and friends who died during the past year. During this Mass each person will be remembered by name. All welcome especially family and friends.



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Need to be Saved!

“Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!”

Newsletter Sunday 30th October 2016

In preparing for last week's Mission Sunday, I came across an interesting essay by Fr. Maurice Hogan, the National director for World Missions Ireland (WMI). I will take extracts from it which will be the source of the newsletter for the next fortnight.

“Vatican II set out to lead the Church into what would be a new, confident, evangelical future. It was to be the end of an era and the birth of a new moment in Catholic history. The entire Church is now called to holiness of life for the sake of mission in a de-Christianised and non-Christian world. Yet today many Catholics seem to have no evangelical fervour, no experiential knowledge of Jesus Christ, and are ignorant of the basic message of the Gospel. They have been baptised, catechised and sacramentalised, but not evangelised, that is, they have never encountered Jesus Christ in a personal manner. Pope Francis is calling *all* Catholics in virtue of their baptism to embrace the new evangelisation with new ardour, new methods, and new expressions.

In Vatican II, there was a shift from a narrow conversion-oriented evangelisation to include dialogue, inculturation, respect for non-Christian religions, and sensitivity to a perceived Western imposition of culture. There was also a tension between the call to evangelise and the possibility of non-Christians being saved without hearing the Good News (cf. LG 16). But the failure of theologians to provide compelling reasons, other than the command of Christ, as to why evangelisation is still necessary resulted in the rapid collapse of missionary motivation. ***People need to know what they are being saved from and that they need to be saved in the first place.*** The age of the missions was regarded as past since all will be saved anyway. Instead, the Church's mission was in danger of being reduced to a temporal project, to material well-being, while downplaying or ignoring its spiritual dimension. Now work for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation is in danger of overshadowing the direct proclamation of the Good News. But the Church is no longer Church when it ceases to proclaim Jesus Christ as the core of its message. There must be *explicit* proclamation of Jesus as Lord and Saviour. That is why *Dominus Jesus* (2000) reaffirmed the uniqueness and necessity of Jesus Christ and of the Church in God's plan to offset a misunderstanding that all religions are equally paths to salvation.

The lack of enthusiasm for evangelisation that is widespread today springs from a crisis of faith within the Church. For example, fear for one's salvation is rarely encountered these days. Instead, there is the banal optimism that everyone will be saved in the end. But if everybody is saved, then Christianity becomes superfluous. There is certainly *hope* for all, but not final salvation guaranteed for everyone. For God's offer needs our cooperation. Factually we cannot know who will or will not be saved.



ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

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

Closing of the Year of Mercy-Holy door pilgrimages

The Year of Mercy is rapidly coming to an end – it finishes on 20th November (see the banner above the Presider's Chair). As a grouping of Parishes we have undertaken a number of initiatives during the year in order to mark and to celebrate it. I am delighted to say that we have another and simple initiative to mark its closing. On **Saturday November 12th** we are going to walk through the Holy Door of the Pro-Cathedral. The plan is very simple. We gather at **Gardiner Street Church at 1.00pm** and after a short prayer there we walk to Sean McDermott St Church, again a prayer and finally to the Pro-Cathedral. Whilst at the Pro-Cathedral we can review the 1916 exhibition.

All three churches have 'holy doors' and at each church we will say a prayer as we 'walk' through the Holy Door. As well as that at Gardiner St. we can pray at the shrine of Fr John Sullivan whose cause for canonisation is in process in Rome. His tomb draws a daily stream of devotees, as does the monthly Mass in his memory. Fr John worked for a short time in the church in 1907. At Sean McDermott St Church, we can pray at the shrine of Venerable Matt Talbot.

It is very simple and as a short pilgrimage it should be rewarding with I hope many graces and blessing to be received. All are welcome. Just make your way to **Gardiner St for 1.00pm on Saturday 12th November**

DO THIS IN MEMORY

I welcome the boys and girls and their families to the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass and the 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass as part of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. I would also like to thank the parents who are part of the organising committee who met during the week to prepare these Masses.

Mass Intentions The Diary for 2017 opens NEXT weekend

We have enough Masses this coming year to hold onto the principal of **ONLY ONE INTENTION ALLOWED PER MASS**, whether that is a weekday or a weekend. This I believe is a good practice, which I hope parishioners will accept, so long as the Parish celebrates the number of Masses that it does. There is one exception.

The Only Exception

A month's Mind Mass or a 1st Anniversary Mass can 'double up' with an already existing intention (*not the other way around*) Under Canon law, a priest can only accept one offering per Mass – so, if more than one offering is received, the other will go to Parish finances. Mass intentions are important to families and the Sacristan will do his/her best to facilitate your wish **but if the desired date and time is already booked please respect that situation and accept an alternate date.**

If the particular date is very important, the name may be mentioned. This is on the understanding that the particular Mass is not offered for that intention. Another date can be booked for a Mass intention – if the family cannot be there, the Mass is still offered for the intention

Suggested MASS OFFERING IS €15.

THE DIARY FOR 2017 WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER



Bank Holiday

Monday 31st October is a bank holiday. Mass is at 10.00am

Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available at the back of the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Wednesday 2nd November – The Feast of All Souls. All Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

Drynam - The Church of Our Lady of the Visitation will make its own arrangement for the celebration of Mass for the 'altar list of the dead'.

Life to the Full (Jn 10:10) Book Club: Join other young adults (20's & 30's) each week to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose & how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts. Every Thursday 7.00-8:30pm, St Paul's Church Arran Quay (Smithfield).

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Holy Souls Day at Clonfert on Sunday 6th November 2016. Bus leaves Star Pub at 9.30am. All welcome please contact Nora at 01 8404247

Feast of All Saints

Tuesday next 1st November is the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. Masses are as follows. Swords: 6.30pm (Vigil-Monday) and 8.00am and 10.00am (Tuesday). Drynam: 9.20am (Tuesday)

Miscarriage Association of Ireland: Annual Service of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 13th November at 3pm in St Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue, off South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All parents, siblings, grandparents & others affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.

First Holy Communion Rosary Beads are now available in the Parish Office

