

obligation to participate joyfully in mission across the whole world. A monetary contribution on behalf of individuals is the sign of a self-offering, first to the Lord, then to others and so in this way a material offering such as a donation of money by individuals to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith can become a means built on love for the evangelisation of humanity.

**First love**

On this World Mission Sunday I urge each of you to recall that ‘first love’ with which the Lord Jesus Christ touched your heart for the first time, not for the sake of nostalgia but in order to preserve the joy.

**The Church, a welcoming home for all**

Let us pray through the intercession of Mary, the model of joyful evangelisation, that the Church may become a welcoming home for all peoples, and the source of rebirth for our world.

*Fr. Michael Carey Adm*

**Mass Intentions for this coming week: St Colmcille’s:**

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| <b>Mon</b> 8.00am People of the Parish     |   |
| <b>Mon</b> 10.00am Health Intention        | <b>Sat 6.30 pm</b> Thomas Byrne         |
| <b>Tues</b> 8.00am Aisling Markey          |   |
| <b>Tues</b> 10.00am Hugh & Molly Fields    | <b>Sun 8.30am</b> Bridget O’Toole       |
| <b>Wed</b> 8.00am Freda Killian            | <b>Sun 10.00am</b> Amelia & John Galvin |
| <b>Wed</b> 10.00am Desmond McGee           | <b>Sun 11.30 am</b> Margie Markey       |
| <b>Thurs</b> 8.00 am Health Intention      |   |
| <b>Thurs</b> 10.00am Mary & Charlie Murphy |   |
| <b>Fri</b> 8.00 Special Intention          | <b>Sun 7.30pm</b> Kay O’Kelly           |
| <b>Fri</b> 10.00am Stephen Corri           |   |
| <b>Sat</b> 10.00 am Tommy Whelan           |   |

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

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| <b>Philip Glynn</b>     | <b>Broadmeadows</b>    |
| <b>Elizabeth Curran</b> | <b>Baskin Cloghran</b> |
| <b>Pauline Byrne</b>    | <b>Abbeylea Ave</b>    |

**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**

We currently have a temporary agreement in place with Bo Peep Montessori to rent the Church Hall on mornings Monday to Friday. This will be subject to Archdiocese property management requirements. It is our hope that the income generated will be used to further improve the Church and Hall facilities.



**Special Ecumenical Liturgy**

Evening Prayer will be celebrated in St. Cronan’s, Brackenstown this **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm**. At the prayer we will be joined by Canon Robert Dean and members of the Church of Ireland Community. We will present a cheque (€715 St. Colmcille’s) and (€556, Church of the Visitation Drynam). This was the monies raised during the coffee morning held earlier this year in aid of St. Columba’s CoI restoration fund. **All parishioners are invited to attend** and we will be joined by parishioners from St. Finian’s River Valley and St. Cronan’s Brackenstown

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29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time-WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



**Summary of the message of Pope Francis**

*“Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me”*

**Newsletter Sunday 19th October 2014**

**Grace and joy**

World mission Sunday is a celebration of grace and joy. Grace, because the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, offers wisdom and strength. Joy, because Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, supports and accompanies our missionary efforts. The joy experienced by Jesus leads me to offer you a bright jewel from Scripture which we find in the Gospel of Luke (Lk.10:20-23).

**Names written in heaven**

The seventy-two disciples returned from proclaiming the Kingdom of God filled with joy. Joy is a dominant theme of this unforgettable first missionary experience. However, Jesus cautioned them to rejoice not so much for the power they had received to set people free from demons, but for the love they had received, ‘because you names are written in heaven’ (Lk.10:20). The possibility of sharing God’s love, a love different from and greater than anything they had previously experienced, makes the heart of Jesus rejoice. This joy springs from Jesus’ immense love, as beloved Son, for his Father, who hid these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to the ‘little ones’, the childlike (cf Lk.10:21). The Father is the source of joy. The Son is its manifestation and the Holy Spirit its giver.

**Blinded by arrogance**

What is it that God has revealed and hidden? The mysteries of the Kingdom, the manifestation of divine lordship in Jesus and the victory over Satan. God has hidden this from those who are all too full of themselves. They are blinded by their arrogance and they leave no room for God. The ‘little ones’ Jesus called ‘blessed’ are the humble, the simple, the poor, the marginalised.

**The danger of consumerism**

‘the great danger in today’s world, invaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a self-satisfied yet covetous heart...and a blunted conscience’ (The Joy of the Gospel,2). Humanity greatly needs to grasp the salvation brought by Christ.

**Vocations and the absence of zeal**

There is a shortage of vocations in many parts of the world. But wherever there is joy and a desire to bring Christ to others, genuine vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life arise. I encourage all communities to live an intense life of caring for one another and sharing with one another, grounded in love for Jesus and concern for the needs of the most disadvantaged.

**Gospel joy comes from sharing**

The joy of the Gospel is born of the encounter with Christ and from sharing with the poor. World Mission Sunday is an opportunity to rekindle our desire and our moral

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*Antiphon – “Go out to the whole world, and preach the Gospel to all creation, says the Lord.”*



### Do this in Memory

I welcome the boys and girls and their families to the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and the 10.00am Sunday 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.

### Commitment ceremony

This week the boys and girls from St. Colmcille's BNS and GNS will celebrate their first liturgy on their journey to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. The liturgy is a beautiful and simple Ceremony of Commitment. The boys will celebrate theirs on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 1.30pm and the girls on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 1.30pm

### Diary for 2015

I am delighted to announce that the diary for the coming year 2015 Mass Intentions is now open.

### Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available at the back of the Church. If you can help with the distribution it would be much appreciated. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – The Feast of All Souls

### After Mass

It would be a great help if the missalettes could be put back in the trays on the table after Mass or left on the edge of the seat. It looks awful when people coming into the next Mass see leaflets scattered throughout the Church. **Also please take the newsletter home with you, even if you have read it.** Maybe someone at home might be interested. We do print off enough of them.  
THANK YOU

**A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE:** I could not believe in a God whom I could comprehend – Cardinal Suenens 1904-1996, Archbishop of Brussels

### Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC will meet this Monday 20th October at 7.30pm in the Parochial House

### Free Public Information Evening on Bereavement

The Irish Hospice Foundation are holding a free information evening on Thursday 6th November in the Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street (off Merrion Square) from 5.30pm - 8.30pm. This is a drop in evening with an opportunity to chat to voluntary bereavement support services about the supports they provide

## Mission Sunday – Special Collection

This Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October is World Mission Sunday. There will be a special collection at Mass replacing the usual Share collection. “Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born ‘to go forth’” – Pope Francis

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday)

The relationship between religious faith and public life is perplexing. In some societies, even today, there is virtually no difference between the two. In other, more secular societies, any expression of religious conviction is unacceptable in public. It is true of course that there is an appropriate distinction and even separation to be made, as indeed Jesus does make today in the Gospel. But on at least two issues, there is bound to be some crossover. Religious faith informs our values and in society today policies and laws must be grounded, not in a particular faith certainly, but in values nevertheless.

**Prayer** - Lord, we need your wisdom to tell what belongs to God and what belongs to Caesar. Send your Holy Spirit into the heart of all believers that we may be true to ourselves and tolerant towards people with whom we disagree.

## Living the Paschal Mystery

Often our struggle with living this gospel is not really about two “kingdoms” presenting opposing values but about our own selfish values trumping everything else. The kind of self-giving that gives to God what is God's due and to society what is society's due necessitates that we think of others first. It truly is that simple, yet sometimes so hard to live! (Source: Living Liturgy)

**Fresh-Start Fostering Services (FFS)** are seeking families, couples & individuals to become foster Carers for children in the care of the state. We work in partnership with Tusla, the Child & Family Agency and would love to hear from you if you are considering becoming a Foster Carer or would like to receive some information or equally would like to talk to us about your interest please call 059 9139454, text 087 2846039 or email [ffs@freshstart.ie](mailto:ffs@freshstart.ie)

## Liturgical Bits and Bites

**Ocular Communion** - During the Middle Ages, when the emphasis was on the people's unworthiness to receive Holy Communion, people basically stopped receiving. The priest continued to receive, because that was mandated for a valid Mass. The whole idea of Holy Communion as a meal for spiritual nourishment was lost in favour of the focus on sacrifice. It got to where so few people participated in receiving Holy Communion that the church put the Easter Duty law into effect, requiring reception of the Eucharist at least once a year. Meanwhile the emphasis was on what is referred to as "ocular communion," or "feasting" on the sight of the consecrated host when it was elevated at Mass. For many years this took the place of the actual reception of the sacrament