

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Johan Muller
Mon 10.00am Patricia Caul
Tues 8.00am John Pentony
Tues 10.00am The Servant of God Frank Duff
Wed 8.00am Elizabeth & George Fields
Wed 10.00am John & Mary Mulligan
Thurs 8.00am Tony Byrne
Thurs 10.00am Tommy Purcell
Fri 8.00am Special Intention
Fri 10.00am Ted O'Connor & deceased family members

Sat 10.00am Morning Prayer
Sun 6.30pm Harry & Maura Green & grandnson John & dec members of Perry & Green family
Sun 8.30am Paddy Barker
Sun 11.00am Christine & Frances Loughran
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Dr Kevin & Mary Greenan
Sun 6.30pm Daniel & Eva Geoghegan

Fr. Michael Carey-8403378:

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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SHIFTING THE BLAME!

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?”

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The mysterious beginnings of evil in the world and its consequences are poetically described in the familiar story of Adam and Eve’s fall from grace in the garden of Eden. It’s a striking account of the way in which sin corrodes the relationship between God and people. God called out to Adam: where are you?’ Adam hid because he was guilty and felt ashamed and embarrasses for what he had done in eating the forbidden fruit. Instinctively he shifted the blame to Eve, saying: ‘It was the woman you put with me: she gave me the fruit and I ate it.’ When Eve was confronted she shifted the blame to the serpent. The whole sorry episode is typical of the way we are, as human beings, go about things and try to avoid accepting responsibility for our actions. We have an urge to shift the blame and profess our own innocence because we feel ashamed of our actions and don’t want to own up to them.

Sin, as we all know, is an offence against God. It’s our doing, and it distances us from him. When sin is uncovered it sits uncomfortably on our shoulders. Deep down there is an unwillingness to admit that we are wrong and to express penitence for our offence. The consequence of not admitting our sin is that we cannot receive God’s forgiveness. Like Adam and Eve, we hide. Even though Adam and Eve sinned, God, we are told, continued to walk in the garden, which means he did not reject them. Though fallen from grace they did not remain beyond the reach of his mercy. God’s forgiveness is there for us also, but unless we reach out to him in sorrow and admit our guilty behaviour our sins remain unforgiven. The ability to say sorry in words and actions is an integral part of any relationship. It is important to have a sense of sin and a realisation of its consequences so that we can reach out for forgiveness.

To have a clear vision of what our present life means, God’s call ‘where are you’, must echo in our hearts. Otherwise life becomes a hiding game of avoiding responsibility for our actions, and for the persons we are. The conflict between good and evil will continue for as long as humans live on earth. Many of us do go into hiding throughout life because of sin. We lack the courage to face our situation and admit honestly that we are drifting and lost, naked in the sight of God.

The gospel paints a picture of our Blessed Lord offering us healing, strength, forgiveness and a way out of difficulties. The entire life and mission of Jesus was a renewal of the dialogue between God and his people. So, let us not be afraid to turn to him for help in our lives. If we confess our sins with sorrow, we will know with faith that we are forgiven, and travel on life’s journey with our minds and hearts set on heaven.
(Source: Voicing a thought on Sunday – Fr. Desmond Knowles)



Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)

See <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie> for information on the WMOF from 21 to 26 August. Let us know if you would like to join a Drynam group to register.

A reminder that all from Drynam are welcome to attend today’s Inter Parish Mass and picnic at Colaiste Choilm. Details elsewhere on this Newsletter.

St. Colmcille’s Parish Pilgrimage to Knock: This takes place on Saturday 11th August. To book your seat please contact Mary: 087-2711376 or Ita: 01-8402268. The Coach costs €15 and departs from ‘The Star’ at 8am sharp. There will be a stopover for Breakfast/Snack en – route and an Evening meal/carvery available on return at Percy French Hotel, Srokestown. (This cost is not included in the coach fare)

Inter - Parish Picnic: This takes place this weekend on Sunday June 10th. It will commence with Concelebrated Mass at 12.30pm followed by the picnic and activities for children. **To facilitate this Mass, 11.00am Mass in Swords is cancelled for this Sunday**

RECENTLY DECEASED

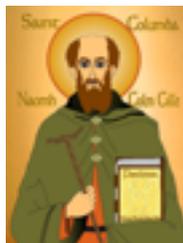
Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

John Doyle Drynam Place



Prayer of St. Colmcille – Feast Day 9th June

Let me bless almighty God,
whose power extends over sea and land,
whose angels watch over all.
Let me study sacred books to calm my soul:
I pray for peace, kneeling at heaven’s gates.
Let me do my daily work,
gathering seaweed, catching fish,
giving food to the poor.
Let me say my daily prayers,
sometimes chanting, sometimes quiet,
always thanking God.
Delightful it is to live
on a peaceful isle, in quiet cell,
serving the King of kings



Fr. Michael Carey

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*How much better our family life would be if we used the words....
Please... Thank you...and I'm sorry. Pope Francis.*



Sunday 1st July

This date is fast approaching and the new weekend Mass roster 'kicks in'. The roster will be as follows:

Saturday
Evening Vigil at 6.30pm
Sunday
Mass at 8.30am
Mass at 10.00am in Drynam
Mass at **11.15am**

The swords grouping will have a Sunday evening **Mass in St Cronan's, Brackenstown at 5.30pm**

Vote taken at the Sunday Evening Mass

On 20th May last, Pentecost Sunday a vote was taken at the evening Mass in Swords and Brackenstown as to which Mass time they would prefer going forward from 1st July. The result was as follows:

	<u>Brackenstown</u>	<u>Swords</u>	<u>Total</u>
5.30pm Mass	56	7	63
6.00pm Mass	12	10	22
6.30pm Mass	4	35	39
Total	72	52	124

The 5.30pm in Brackenstown won the vote

1st Holy Communion

Now that the First Holy Communions are finished for this year I'd like to sincerely thank Sr. Margaret and Sr. Mary who co-ordinate the 'Do This in Memory' programme for the Parish. This is a tremendous programme which has greatly enhanced the preparation for this Sacrament both for the children and their parents.

A lot of time and effort goes into its co-ordination and the programme could not happen without the participation of the parent's committee from St. Colmcille's GNS and BNS. Again a sincere thank you to the parents who were members of these committees. I also again thank the team who prepared over 40 boys and girls from Holy Well Educate together for their 1st Holy Communion - Renata Behan; Susan Fitzgerald; Tracy Grimm and Maria Higgins. They too did tremendous work.

River Valley Parish

Fr. Eugene has moved to another parish, in another country! With his departure Fr. Des has introduced some changes into the River Valley and Dublin Airport Mass schedule. The Saturday Evening Vigil Masses from last weekend are as follows: 6.00pm – Mass in River Valley and 7.00pm - Mass in Dublin Airport. The Sunday morning Mass at the Airport church has been dropped. There are other changes to his weekday Mass Schedule and these can be ascertained by contacting River Valley Parish.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): The PPC will meet on Monday 11th June at 8.00pm in the Parochial House

St. Vincent de Paul The outdoor monthly collection for St. Colmcille's Swords, VdP, will be taken up next weekend Saturday 16th/17th June at all Masses

• **Cemetery Sunday – Sunday 24th June at 4.00pm**

This Mass (with the participation of the Choir) will take place in St. Colmcille's Church. Before the final blessing, I will pray a prayer of blessing for all buried in the Cemetery

CEMETERY BLESSING

Grant that this cemetery,
Placed under the sign of the cross,
May, by the power of your blessing,
Be a place of rest and hope.
May the bodies buried here sleep in your peace,
To rise immortal at the coming of your Son.
May this place be a comfort to the living,
A sign of their hope for unending life.
May prayers be offered here continually
In supplication for those who sleep in Christ
and in constant praise of your mercy.
We ask this Through Christ our Lord **R. Amen**

This is always a significant event in our parish Calendar and is an important annual occasion, therefore as you would expect a lot of work goes into this Mass by the Liturgy Team. 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.

Individual Graves

The Mass itself, is offered for all buried in our cemetery and as you can see from the prayer of blessing (above), it refers again to all buried 'in this cemetery'. To that end **there is no need** for all graves to be individually sprinkled and nor will that happen. What I will do after the Mass is 'sprinkle' the different sections of the graveyard.

Why not? Bring a small bottle of holy water and sprinkle your family grave during the Mass.

• **Cemetery Sunday – Ministers of the Eucharist**

Could Ministers of the Eucharist who are free and available to distribute Holy Communion on Cemetery Sunday please let Mary McCarthy know. Thank You

• **Cemetery Sunday – Help Needed**

As we prepare for Cemetery Sunday we need your help. At the moment Paddy Gerrard, Dominic 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.

World Meeting of Families

The Parish are taking names for a group booking for the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on August 26th, if you wish to be part of the Parish group, please leave your name and phone number with Colette in the Parish Office. Tickets are limited.

We are also organising a coach, but the distance from the coach to the Phoenix Park will be at least 5km walk. If you already have a ticket for the Papal Mass through the ticket office, please do not book again through the Parish as you will be taking up two tickets. You can still avail of the coach service

