

Open our hearts the Easter Day and increase the gift of your life within us. (Source: Voicing a thought on Sunday – Fr. Desmond Knowles)



My Lord and my God
Save, us Saviour of the world
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

(Mystery of Faith Acclamations after Consecration at Mass)

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Easter Mass Bouquet Cards	Sat 10.00am David McDonnell Daniel Roche (MM)
Tues 10.00am Mary & Kevin Greenan	Sat 6.30pm Catherine & Peter O’Gorman & Des Burrowes & Elizabeth Flynn
Wed 10.00am Kevin & Annie Wynne	Sun 8.30 Fran Bird
Thurs 10.00am Kathleen Byrne & Bridie Keenan	Sun 11.00am Mary Stafford & Mary Vesey
Fri 10.00am Altar list of the Dead	Sun 6.30 Dec members of the Agnew Family

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

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

A big thank you to all of you who helped in any way to prepare the church and the liturgies today and over the past Holy Week.

RECENTLY DECEASED

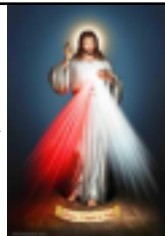
Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently
Peter McDermott **Highfield Green**

Easter Sunday

Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter Sunday. Every Eucharist is a commemoration and a realisation of the Easter Mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. On this ‘day of days’ the community of the Church shows how seriously it takes the words of Saint Paul that if Christ is not raised from the dead then our faith is in vain. In other words, the resurrection of the Lord is the reason for the existence of Christianity. (Source: St. Paul’s Missal)

Divine Mercy Sunday St. Cronan’s Church, Brackenstown, Swords Sunday 8th April 2018

2:45pm Blessing of the Image **3:00pm** Chaplet of Divine Mercy Followed by reflections from St. Faustina’s diary, Rosary **4:15pm** Stations of the Cross **5:00pm** Benediction **5:30pm** Mass,
The sacrament of reconciliation will be available
Devotions will be broadcast on the webcam brackenstown-parish.com



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Easter Sunday

Easter life is now!

“The Lord is truly risen, alleluia”

Newsletter, Sunday 1st April 2018



Easter Sunday is a day of faith, of joy and rejoicing. The resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our faith and the most extraordinary happening in human history. For Christians there is not a day that compares with Easter Day. This is truly the day of the Lord. All our hopes and happiness come from what happened on that first Easter morning.

It’s a dream come true. By God’s power, the stone was rolled back, the grave was opened and the tomb was found to be empty. Jesus Christ had risen triumphant from the dead. Nothing could ever be the same again because the pattern of human life was no longer limited by the cycle of birth to death in this world. Pain, despair and misery were pushed into second place as a whole new future, full of the hope and happiness of eternal life, was opened up for us beyond the grave. Heaven and earth rejoiced in celebration Christ’s victory over death for humankind. God has made his love for us absolutely clear.

The gospel captures the excitement of the disciples on that first Easter morning. It gives a glimpse into their new found happiness as they hurried to spread the Good News (Evangelise). Their hearts were full of that joyful awareness of being God’s people. The joy of the apostles on Easter Day is meant to be our joy too.

A whole new dimension should enter our lives for we also have been given this bright promise of everlasting life. Easter life is about the joy of rebirth in the Spirit of God and we don’t have to wait until the next life before enjoying it. **Easter life is now.** We rejoice as we realise that we are not walking the pathway of life alone. Christ is with us every inch of the journey as our Saviour, our Redeemer and our Healer. He is there assisting us, encouraging us and strengthening us for every task in life.

Easter is all about newness of life in Christ. The risen life of Christ is ours for the taking. The power of loving with the very love of God is within us and we can fearlessly stake our lives on it. Everyone of us is entrusted with the message of the Good News of God’s love.

Today’s feast provides us with a fresh opportunity of facing ourselves with the issue of our own resurrection. It presents us with the challenge of spreading the light and the life of the Risen Christ. Are we alive in Christ with the Risen Lord firmly rooted in our hearts and actions, or are we still living in a selfish manner? **Easter has no spiritual significance for us if Christ has emptied his tomb and we still lie in death in our own.** If we are truly the people of God then those who are searching for meaning in life will discover from us that Christ is the way home, the resting place for restless hearts. Lord, we are your people.

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*



EASTER

Resurrexit sicut dixit

'He has risen as he said'. Risen Lord, kindle again in our hearts the fire of faith. May we be bearers of the light and joy of Easter faith to all whom we meet. The Lord is risen – he is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Easter Sunday

Our Easter celebration calls us to seek to strengthen our belief that new Life comes from an empty tomb. Our Easter celebration calls us to seek encounters with the risen Lord and believing that we in turn can be that presence of new Life for others. Our Easter amazement does not centre so much on whether or not we believe in Jesus' resurrection – we do! Our amazement is over the fact that we can encounter the risen Lord ourselves, that Jesus' new life is our own Life, and that he works through us to bring his risen Life to others

Easter Blessing

On behalf of myself, the Priests of the Parish, the Parish Sisters, the Parish Staff and the Parish Pastoral Council, I would like to extend to all Parishioners of St. Colmeille's Swords and Our Lady of the Visitation, Drynam and readers of this newsletter, the grace and blessings of the Easter Season. Happy Easter – the Lord is Risen. Alleluia

Easter Cards

A sincere thank you to all who helped with the packing and the distribution of the Easter Cards. It is a 'big job' with over 2000 cards to be distributed – so again. Thank You!

Easter Dues

A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues envelopes. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated. If you did not receive an Easter Card from the Parish containing a dues envelope, there are some available at the back of the Church. If you are not a regular contributor to the Parish and would like to do so, please leave your name and contact details with myself or in Sacristy or Parish Office.

Thank You

Thank you to the so many Ministry Teams and parishioners who volunteered their time and energy to help prepare the Church's for the Easter Ceremonies and to all who exercised a Liturgical Ministry during these selfsame ceremonies. Thank you also to all who attended the ceremonies during this Easter/Paschal Triduum

Holy Week Penitential Liturgy

Thank you to the priests from Brackenstown and River Valley who assisted us with the Holy Week Penitential Liturgy last Monday in St. Colmeille's. Thank you to the Choir for their beautiful singing. Thank you all to all who came to either this liturgy or attended confessions in preparation for Easter.

Trocaire Boxes can now be returned to the Sacristy or Parish Office

Masses this Coming Week

From Monday 2nd April to Saturday 7th April Mass is at 10.00am. there is no 8.00am Masses these days

1st Saturday of the Month

Saturday 7th April is the first Saturday of April. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am followed by Confessions

Towards the Referendum on the 8th Amendment to the Constitution

Choose Life 2018 is a weekly newsletter www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-2018. The ninth edition is on that website now. There are some copies on the table at the back of the Church.

“What astounds us is the very rapid rush to effectively obliterate the right to life of the unborn from our Constitution. Far from na beo gan breith as the Irish version of our Constitution puts it, living beings just waiting to be born, essentially the State has been arguing, in the Supreme Court case for example, that this is a non-citizen, a non-person, a non-child, effectively removing every vestige of the right to live from the baby in the womb.”

Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland, speaking to RTÉ's main evening news on March 6, 2018.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2018

The three Parishes in Swords have arranged buses to Knock for the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. The buses will leave at 7:30am on Saturday 21st April. Cost of the bus is €20 and Children under 16 €10 Please bring a Packed Lunch – Tea & Coffee available in St. John's Centre, Knock. Bus will stop for 15 minutes on the way down and back.

To book please contact Colette at the Parish Office



Bethany Bereavement Support Group -Day of Reflection

A Day of Reflection for Bethany Members, - also open to non-Members - "**Give Grief Words – Encountering God in the Word**" The day will be based upon Scriptural reflections on what it is to be human. Presented by Sean Goan in The Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin on Saturday 7th April 2018 time, 10.00am - 3:00pm Registration 9.30a.m. Cost: €20 per person (Light lunch to be provided) RSVP: Name of Community/ Parish Group and number attending by Text to mobile 087-9905299 Email: Bethanysupport@eircom.net www.bethany.ie/members www.bethany.ie Sean Goan is a Scripture Scholar who has studied the bible in Rome and Jerusalem. He is an experienced teacher and has given courses in Scripture and Spirituality in many venues all over the country. He has written commentaries on the Sunday Readings and is soon to publish a book on the Gospel of John. He is married with three children and lives in Dublin.