

## Irish Catholic Paper

There is a real need for us as Catholics to feed our faith on a daily basis. This is why our parish is partnering with The Irish Catholic newspaper to launch a special initiative for 10 weeks from **November 16<sup>th</sup>**, 2018. Extra copies of the paper will be available for just €1 for this time, and we encourage as many people as possible to pick it up. From hearing uplifting positive news from parishes around the country, to getting the Catholic perspective on the latest news, there is something for everyone in the paper. So please pick up a copy, take time to read it throughout the week, and invest in your faith this winter.

### *Mass intentions for Next Week*

**Mon** 8.00am Des Foley

**Mon** 10.00am Jim Larkin

Mary Gilloughley (1st An)

**Tues** 8.00am Nicholas Radford

**Tues** 10.00 Terry Finnegan

**Wed** 8.00am Patrick O'Donovan

**Wed** 10.00am George & Mary Larmon

**Thurs** 8.00am Janice Coyle Chase

**Thurs** 10.00am Ann & Christopher Farren

**Fri** 8.00am Greg Kane

**Fri** 10.00am Holy Souls

**Sat 6.30pm** Patrick & Delia Clarke

Terry Finnegan (MM)

**Sun 8.30am** Peter Higgins

**Sun** 11.15am Murty Doyle

## Church of the Visitation Drynam    *The Visitation of the BVM*

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

Next Sunday at 10:00 AM Mass in Drynam we will have the 'Do This in Memory' program for the children from Holywell ETNS preparing for their First Holy Communion

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, in St Colmcille's Church, Fr. Damian McNeice, Master of Ceremonies to the Archbishop, will speak to all Ministry Teams (Ministers of the Word; Ministers of the Eucharist; Choir; Folk Group etc) about his experience of the World Meeting of Families and the Icon. All welcome

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

**Noel Garrigan**

**Ballyboughal**

**Michael Parker**

**Seatown Villas**



## November

*We remember our own dead and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord.*



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**(Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm & Tues-Thurs 2pm-4pm)**

**Sacristy: -8400547 (Mon –Sat 9.30am-9.55am and 10.30am to 10.50am)**

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **A deep friendship with God**

*“You will call upon me, and I will answer you”*

Newsletter Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018



We cannot expect the 'print media' to promote the values of the Catholic Church, but all too often it may at worse denigrate them or at best ignore them. It is the job of the Catholic print media to promote and encourage the Catholic faith. That is why in conjunction with the 'Irish Catholic', Swords Parish is promoting this paper for the next ten weeks. We have ordered extra copies and are selling them for only €1. Please support this promotion. To give a flavour of what is contained in this paper, below is an extract from the Editorial column written by the Editor, Michael Kelly on 1<sup>st</sup> November

“If we are not attracting people towards the Church, towards Christ, it is because our witness is inadequate. True, scandal and secularism have prevented many people from seeing the beauty of the Faith, but we have also sometimes fallen into the trap of presenting the Faith as a coherent set of rules or guiding principles rather than as a way of life that is **friendship with God.**

Pope emeritus Benedict XVI, for all his learning was first and foremost a priest who wanted to guide people towards God. He often spoke of the Faith **as friendship with God.** Shortly after his election in 2005, he pondered on why people are resistant to take the leap of faith. “Are we not perhaps all afraid in some way? If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that he might take something away from us? Are we not perhaps afraid to give up something significant, something unique, something that makes life so beautiful? Do we not then risk ending up diminished and deprived of our freedom?” he asked.

The Pope went on to answer his own question: “No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great.

“No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. And so, today, with great strength and great conviction, on the basis of long personal experience of life, I say to you, dear young people: *(and indeed all of us)* do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away and he gives you everything,” Benedict said with great passion.

Ultimately, the Church doesn't exist to win battles or ideological wars; it exists to win hearts, minds and – ultimately – souls for Christ. Pope Francis has warned that a self-referencing Church is pathetic but, a church that promotes the Faith as deepening a relationship with God will have something to offer a world that often doesn't know what is missing.

*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*



### Do This in Memory

Next weekend the boys and girls and their families will be present at the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass as part of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing them and praying with them.

### Confirmation Classes

I want to thank the parents and their children for attending the special preparation Mass last Saturday. It was a wonderful turnout and the boys/girls proclaimed God's word, read the Prayer of the Faithful and presented the gifts of bread and wine. I thank the teachers (Ms. Timmons; Ms. O'Brien; Ms. Taylor and Ms. Leddy) for preparing their pupils for this Mass.

### Morning Prayer

Next Saturday-24<sup>th</sup> November, Morning Prayer will be celebrated at 10.00am. In terms of the Prayer Book it is week 1. Why not come along – it lasts about 20 minutes and you will be praying with the Parish Community. As a Parish we are doing this prayer so that as a parish we can gather as the local faith community to pray and give worship to God when **the priest is absent**. Within the next few years, it is the weekday that is fragile in terms of daily Mass. If and when a priest is absent it does not mean that the parish community cannot give prayer and worship to God and the Church has other forms of worship apart from the Mass especially its Divine Office – Morning (Lauds) and Evening (Vespers) Prayer.

### Mass Intentions - The Diary for 2019 is opened

In discussion with Fr. Pat the Parish will hold onto the principal of ONLY ONE INTENTION ALLOWED PER MASS, whether that is a weekday or a weekend. There are after all over 500 Masses celebrated in St. Colmcille's every year.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

### Swords Senior Citizens

The annual Ecumenical Memorial Service to remember and pray for our deceased members, relatives and friends will take place on **Tuesday 20th November at 2.30pm.**, in the Swords Senior Citizens' Centre, Chapel Lane. **All are welcome**

### Christmas Draw 2018

**The first mention of Christmas!** St. Colmcille's is having its 3rd Christmas draw this year and as always the Parish Pastoral Council is looking for your support. The draw will take place at **4pm on Sunday 2nd December** in the Parochial House on Seatown Road.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize €1000**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize €250**

There will be 10 prizes in all. Tickets are €2 each and a book of 3 tickets for €5. Tickets will be on sale in the Church before and after all Masses on 17/18<sup>th</sup> November, 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> November & 1st/2nd December. Tickets will be available in the Sacristy and in the Parish Office on Seatown Road.

**To summarise: • Draw on 2nd December • The cost of a ticket is €2 or 3 for €5**

- **Good Prizes**
- **Please Support**

***If you have been contacted to sell tickets you can pick them up in the Sacristy and thank you in advance for taking the time and effort to sell tickets.***

CHRISTMAS  
RAFFLE

### St. Colmcille's Parish Swords Bethany Bereavement Support Group -

Information Meeting for new members who might be interested in joining our group will be held on Saturday 1st December in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Clontarf at 11.00am. These short meetings will give an overview of the following: · How Bethany Bereavement Support offers its services to all bereaved adults in communities and parishes throughout the country · Commitment required post-training · Support offered by Bethany post-training · Question and Answer session If you are interested in attending this information session, or require further information, please email [lizronaldson@gmail.com](mailto:lizronaldson@gmail.com) or tel. 087-2392465. You are most welcome to attend, without obligation.

**The Encounter:** Join other young adults for a night of live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speaker on life, faith and purpose. Followed by social, pizza and refreshments. Our next Encounter will be Friday 23 November at 8pm. We are delighted to announce that Sarah Buckam will be our guest speaker for the night. Eoghan Keogh will also join us as our Musician for the night. Email [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) and [www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity](http://www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity)

### Gianna Care

Gianna Care are holding an information evening in St. Cronin's Church Parish Centre, Brackenstown, @ Tuesday 20th Nov. at 7.00pm. Gianna Care is a non-profit organisation committed to providing compassion, accurate information and practical support to anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy. Their services are free of charge and accessible to all. Gianna Care rely 100% on donations. They also rely on volunteers for tasks such as office work and meeting the mothers-to-be for coffee and a chat. Please support them by attending this event.

### God's Housekeepers

The next date for cleaning the Church is next **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** after the 10.00am Mass. Can cleaning group 1 for this Friday please turn up! Also if anyone has a half hour to spare you would be most welcome