

Lord Jesus, and may give thanks to God who ‘has begotten them again, through the resurrection of Christ from the dead, unto a living hope. The Lord’s day is the original Feastday ... a day of joy and freedom from work

I’ll finish this newsletter with the words of Pope John Paul II: Sunday is a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life. From the beginning of my Pontificate, I have not ceased to repeat: “*Do not be afraid! Open, open wide the doors to Christ!*” In the same way, today I would strongly urge everyone to rediscover Sunday: *Do not be afraid to give your time to Christ!* Yes, let us open our time to Christ, that he may cast light upon it and give it direction. He is the One who knows the secret of time and the secret of eternity, and he gives us “his day” as an ever new gift of his love. The rediscovery of this day is a grace which we must implore, not only so that we may live the demands of faith to the full, but also so that we may respond concretely to the deepest human yearnings. Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Dermot Hearne

Sat 6.30pm Gerry Murphy

Tues 10.00am Special Intention

Wed 10.00am Gerry Foley

Sun 8.30am Anthony McQuillan

Thurs 10.00am Desmond Molloy

Sun 11.15am Paddy Dillon

Fri 10.00am Molly Hatch

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

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

Last week Fingal County Council carried out the inspection of the church in relation to our Fire Regularisation application, so we now expect to receive our Fire Certificate in due course.

The Key

We all know that evangelisation is the key — a core message of Pope Francis, starting with his first letter to us all, “**The Joy of the Gospel**”. It is good to stand back and ask again what is the core of the Christian proclamation? Even more, what are we doing when we preach and proclaim? Putting it very succinctly, we are inviting people to recognise an invitation to relationship, the key relationship which makes sense of everything. The words of Benedict XVI (even if a little technical) capture it eloquently:

We have come to believe in God’s love: in these words, the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his/her life. Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.

Early Christian Swords exhibition

Early Christian Swords exhibition has now opened on the ground floor of Fingal County Hall, Main St, Swords and will run until Friday 20th July. The exhibition is open to the public during business hours; Monday-Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm. If you are in Swords at some stage you might like to have a look, especially if you missed in in April when it was in St Cronan’s Pastoral Centre.

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church – the assembly of God’s people

“I shall be filled with the vision of your glory”

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St. Cyril of Jerusalem from a reading in the Divine Office of the Church, says the following about the Church:

The Church, Catholic or universal, gets her name from the fact that she is scattered throughout the whole world from one end of the earth to the other, and also because she teaches universally and without omission all the doctrines which are made known to humankind, whether concerned with visible or invisible things, with heavenly or earthly things. Then again because she teaches one way of worship to all, nobles or commoners, learned or simple; Finally because she cures and heals every kind of sin which is committed by soul and body.

When you think of Sunday Mass in our Parish, all kinds of people from different walks of life and now from different nationalities attend the same Liturgy. Whilst we all go with our own life stories we are fed and nurtured from the same table of the Word (we listen to the same readings) and the same table of the Eucharist. This happens the world over in different parishes, some of which we visit on holiday or on pilgrimage, to name two obvious situations

The Church, that is, the assembly, is designated by this apt term, because it assembles all and brings them together, as the Lord says in Leviticus: ‘Assemble all the congregation at the door of the tent of meeting.’ Moreover, it is worth noting that the word ‘assemble’, is first used in scripture in the place where the Lord appointed Aaron to the high priesthood. And in Deuteronomy God says to Moses: ‘Assemble the people that they may hear my words’. He mentions the Church or assembly again when he speaks of the tables of the law. ‘In them were written all the words which the Lord spoke with you on the mountain, out of the midst of fire, on the day of the Church or assembly’; or to put it more clearly, ‘On the day on which you were called by the Lord and assembled together.’ The psalmist also says: ‘I will give you thanks, O Lord, in the great Church, in the gathering of the throng I will praise you.’

The Second Vatican Council in its document on Sacred Liturgy says that; ‘Christ, indeed, always associates the Church with himself in this great work wherein God is perfectly glorified and people are sanctified’

In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem towards which we journey as pilgrims, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God, minister of the holy things and of the true tabernacle.

Vatican II states that by a tradition handed down from the apostles, which took its origin from the very day of Christ’s resurrection, the Church celebrates the Pascal mystery every eighth day, which day is appropriately called the Lord’s day or Sunday. For on this day Christ’s faithful should come together into one place so that hearing the word of God and taking part in the Eucharist, they may call to mind the passion, resurrection and glory of the



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.*



Weekday 8.00am Mass

Due to summer holidays this Mass is dropped from Monday 16th July and will resume on Friday 3rd August, the First Friday of August.

Holidays

I will be away for two weekends and Fr. Pat will be saying the weekly 10.00am Morning Mass as well as the three weekend Masses in St. Colmcille's Swords. It is truly wonderful that he is able and willing to do this as otherwise there would be days when no Mass would be celebrated in Swords. The Capuchin Fathers of Raheny are looking after the 10.00am Mass in Drynam for the month of July for which I am grateful. So look after Fr. Pat and don't put him under any 'pressure'.

SWORDS CASTLE MUSIC NIGHT

Swords & District Lions Club present their annual music night with ABBAESQUE followed by DJ GOOD VIBRATIONS (Sound and Spirit of the 60s) at Swords Castle on Friday 20 July 2018 at 8pm. Open 6.30pm - Seats taken by 7.45pm. Food and refreshments available. Event supported by Fingal Co Co - Proceeds go to local Lions Club charities. Tickets €25 from Fingal Tourism Office in the Castle 01 8400891, or Lions members: Sean 087 2440834; Maurice 086 8305917; Declan 086 3835053; Anne 087 2716777; Greg 086 2598397.

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. 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 on return at Percy French Hotel, Srokestown. (This cost is not included in the coach fare)

Living the Paschal Mystery

We tend to live and work as if everything depends on us. While we need to be practical about life, we cannot lose sight of the One on whom we ultimately depend - Jesus. The mission of Jesus continues through the work of his disciples: what Jesus did, they do; how Jesus was received, they are received. Like Jesus (and the prophets of old such as Amos in the first reading), disciples meet both success and rejection. If we only look to ourselves, we could be paralysed by discouragement. But we do not act on our own; we act in Jesus' name and on his authority. The mission is his.

Everything that happened to Jesus is happening in us: we are given the authority to witness to the Good News of the coming of God's Kingdom and in our witness we meet both acceptance and rejection. Our success is not measured by our acceptance/rejection ratio, but by the integrity of our words and deeds. The authority given to us is most fruitful when it is borne out by living as Jesus lived. Disciples of Jesus strip themselves of everything except the one thing that counts most: witnessing to the Good News of God's divine presence among us.

(Source: Living Liturgy)

World Meeting of Families - Mass 26th August Phoenix Park

Tickets and bus for the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park, August 26th, have been booked for the parishioners who gave their names to the Parish. Tickets will be issued to the Parish at the end of July. Colette will contact everyone who booked when the tickets are available, and give full details of times of bus etc. The cost of the bus is €10, which can be paid in the Parish Office. There are a small number of seats available on the bus and also some tickets for the Mass available, please contact Colette at the Parish Office 8407277

The Mass will be broadcast in St Cronan's Church, Brackenstown at 3.00pm on August 26th



Saturday Mornings - Summer

For the month of July and August there will be no morning prayer and no liturgies in the Church on Saturday mornings with the exception of Mass on the first Saturday's of the Month namely Saturday 7th July and Saturday 4th August

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 16th - Sunday 19th August 2018. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie.

SWORDS BRIDGE CLUB:

Classes for complete beginners start on Wednesday 19th September in Rivervalley Community Hall Swords. Please phone Seamus Costello (Teacher) at 087-2890814 or email swords.bridge.club@gmail.com for more details. (www.bridgewebs/swords)

Suicide Bereavement Support

What we Do: We facilitate a confidential service at the request of the bereaved. We help the bereaved access the relevant support services in the local and wider community. Launch of Open Meeting at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport on Wednesday 12th September at 7.00pm. Meetings will be held on 2nd Wednesday of each month. Please phone 086 7347353 for further information