

Second, the Divine Persons are distinct from each other. Father, Son and Spirit are not three appearances or modes of God, but three identifiable persons, each fully God in a way distinct from the others.

Third, the Divine Persons are in relation to each other. The distinction of each is understood only in reference to the others. The Father cannot be the Father without the Son, nor can the Son be the Son without the Father. The Holy Spirit is related to the Father and the Son who both send him forth.

All Christians are baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Trinity illumines all the other mysteries of the faith. (Source: *Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults*)
Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Helen Clarke

Mon 10.00am Fintan Delemere

Tues 8.00am Special Intention

Tues 10.00am John Broni

Wed 8.00am Margaret Meehan

Sat 6.30pm Edward & Annie Coppinger

Wed 10.00am In Thanksgiving

Thurs 8.00am Mary Maples

Sun 8.30am Frank Dunne - Canonisation

Thurs 10.00am Daniel Roche

Fri 8.00am Special Intention

Sun 11.15am Michael & Mary Moroney

Fri 10.00am Mary Maples

At our Masses next weekend we also remember: Dan & Eva Geoghegan

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

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

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Holywell Educate Together National School who were Confirmed in the Holy Spirit yesterday.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

One of the most profound and unsearchable mysteries of Christianity is the mystery of the Trinity. It is a mystery which was revealed over time, in the pages of the Hebrew Scriptures which we sometimes call the Old Testament and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. It is Christianity's answer to the question: who is God? In the New Testament there is evidence that first two and then three persons were proclaimed as being part of God. This belief was given fuller elaboration in the following centuries. God is three yet God is one.

Reflection - God has been addressed as Father, Son and Spirit from the time of the apostles even before the implications of this belief were worked out in formal doctrines. As time went on, the Church understood its own faith in this mystery by degrees, culminating in the formulas of the Fourth Century, especially the Nicene Creed which we profess at Mass on Sundays. The short prayer: 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen,' is one of the richest of the Church's treasury of prayer. (Source: *St. Paul's Missal*)

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The Most Holy Trinity

GOD IS THE TRINITY

"The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life"

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The Old Testament shows God as one, unique, without equal.

'Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one, only Lord' (Deut 6:4; Mk 12:29). He created the world, made a covenant with his people and is the Father of the poor, the orphan and the widow.

In the Creeds, we profess our faith in God as 'Father almighty'. His fatherhood and power illumine each other by his care for us, by adopting us as sons and daughters in Baptism and by being rich in mercy to forgive our sins. Scripture constantly praises the universal power of God as the 'Mighty One of Jacob' and the 'Lord of hosts' (Gn 49:24, Is 1:24ff.). God's power is loving, for he is our Father.

God's parental tenderness can also be expressed by the image of motherhood, which emphasises God's immanence, the intimacy between Creator and creature. The language of faith this draws on the human experience of parents, who are in a way the first representatives of God for man. But this experience also tells us that human parents are fallible and can disfigure the face of fatherhood and motherhood. We ought therefore to recall that God transcends the human distinction between the sexes. He is neither man nor woman: he is God. He also transcends human fatherhood and motherhood, although he is their origin and standard: no one is father as God is father. (CCC, no. 239)

Jesus revealed God as Father in a new sense. God is Father in relation to Jesus, his only begotten Son. At the Last Supper, Jesus calls God 'Father' forty-five times (Jn 13-17). The Son is divine, as is the Father (Mt 11:27). Jesus is the second Person of the Trinity.

Before the Passion, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit as teacher, guide and consoler. The Spirit's appearance at Pentecost and at the other events in the New Testament gives ample evidence of the Holy Spirit as the third Person of the Trinity.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life. God reveals himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity includes three truths of faith.

First, the Trinity is One. We do not speak of three gods but of one God. Each of the Persons is fully God. They are a unity of Persons in one divine nature.



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 – Corpus Christi

Next weekend, the boys and girls and their families will be present at the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass, for the last Mass of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing them and praying with them. The Mass will finish with a 'short' Corpus Christi Procession around the outside of the Church

Swords Cemetery Sunday – Sunday 30th 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.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be distributed in the Church and immediately outside the front door. Ministers will not be stationed in the cemetery as the demand is not there.

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

**The Parish Office is closed for holidays and will re-open on Tuesday
18th June 2019**

Student's Prayer – Exam Time

Lord, I have knowledge, so will you show me how to use it wisely and find a way to make the world I live in a better place, and make life with its problems a bit easier to face. May I ever be aware in all that I do that knowledge come from learning and wisdom comes from you.

Loving God be with me now, as I prepare for my exams.

Thank you for the many talents and gifts

You have given me and for the opportunity of education.

Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied,

To express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best that I can.

Holy Spirit, be with me in my exam – and always.

In Jesus' name. **Amen**



Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 22nd June from 10.00am - 12 noon in the Parochial house Seatown Road.

All proceeds will go to St Francis Hospice.

All welcome Please come along and support this great cause

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



We are playing a small part in protecting our environment , so we will be using compostable cups on the day, or you are welcome to bring your own 'keep cup'

God's Housekeepers

The next date for cleaning the Church is next **Friday 21st June** after the 10.00am Mass.

Can cleaning group 2 for this Friday please turn up! Also if anyone has a half hour to spare you would be most welcome

Liturgy Team

The Liturgy Team will meet on Tuesday 18th June at 8.00pm in the Parochial House.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 19th June at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please note there will be no events in July or August, please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.