

To take away any man's life or goods wrongfully, ill becometh any Christian and especially a person of my calling; being a clergyman of the Roman Catholic Church, and an unworthy prelate. I have a firm resolution, and a strong purpose, by your grace, My God, never to offend you; and I beseech your Divine Majesty, by the merits of Christ, and by the intercession of his Blessed Mother, and all the holy Angels and Saints, to forgive me my sins, and to grant my soul eternal rest. Miserere mei Deus... etc. Parce animae peccatrici meae; In manus tuas Domine commendospiritu meum. (Have mercy on me, God, etc. Spare my sinful soul, Lord. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.)

For a final satisfaction of all persons, that have the charity to believe the words of a dying man, I again declare before God, as I hope for salvation, what is contained in this paper, is the plain and naked truth, without any equivocation, mental reservation, or secret evasion whatsoever, taking the words in their usual sense and meaning, as Protestants do, when they discourse with all candour and sincerity. To all which, I have here subscribed my hand the first of July.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Joe Flynn

Mon 10.00am Dec members of Jennings Family

Tues 8.00am In Thanksgiving of the Sacred Heart

Tues 10.00am Maurice & Vera O'Connor

Wed 8.00am Carmen Turnulva

Wed 10.00am Michael Reilly

Thurs 8.00am Cornelius Donovan

Thurs 10.00am No Mass

Fri 8.00am Altar List of the Dead

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Sat 10.00am Patrick & Mary Kate Gallagher

Sun 6.30pm Charlie Clarke

Sun 8.30am Dec members of Nugent Family

Sun 11.15am Devin O'Toole

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

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

Next week from 3rd to 8th July, members from the Drynam choir and music group will attend the Music Ministry Together Summer Course in Cistercian College, Roscrea. We wish them an enjoyable and enriching few days.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The last sentence of today's gospel makes it clear how the story is not to be interpreted. It is a mistake to see Jesus as someone who during his public ministry wished to prove something by the use of his supernatural powers. The reluctance of Jesus to have this incident kept quiet is indication of that. Rather today's gospel is first an invitation to its original hearers to have faith. That same invitation is extended to us here and now by the Christian community (*Source: St. Paul's Missal*)

St. Vincent de Paul – Annual Clothing Appeal

The Appeal is for clean good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. Bags will be available this weekend and collected next weekend 7th/8th July. There will be no Sunday evening collection. The Society is aware of our Parish's wonderful contribution to the monthly collections and the clothing appeal and is deeply appreciative.

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Last Speech of Archbishop Oliver Plunkett

“All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Newsletter Sunday 1st July 2018



Today 1st July is the feast day of St. Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr. Below is an extract from his last ‘will and testament’ written during his final days in Newgate Prison, London, with the endorsement of Fr. Corker a fellow prisoner. He delivered it from the scaffold at Tyburn, immediately before his execution and it was printed shortly afterwards for distribution. The original manuscript, which is written in St. Oliver’s own hand, is preserved in Downside Abbey, along with his final letters to Fr. Corker. The speech was apparently well received, as the large crowd listened to him deliver it to its very conclusion and it is probable that many people may have already sensed an injustice was taking place. Indeed, the tide of the wicked Popish Plot turned immediately and Lord Shaftesbury its principle promoter was arrested on the following day. St. Oliver thus became the last of the one hundred and five Catholic martyrs of Tyburn who had given their lives over the previous one hundred and fifty years and also the very last of the Catholic Martyrs who were condemned by the state in these islands. Deo Gratias.

“I have, some few days past, abided my trial at the King's Bench and now very soon, I must hold up my hand at the King of Kings' bench, and appear before a Judge who cannot be deceived by false witnesses or corrupted allegations, for he knoweth the secrets of hearts.

I will therefore confess the truth, without any equivocation, and make use of the words according to their accustomed signification. Assuring you, moreover that I am of that certain persuasion, that no power not only upon earth, but also in heaven, can dispense with me, or give me leave to make a false protestation. And I protest upon the word of a dying man, and as I hope for salvation, at the hands of the Supreme Judge, that I will declare the naked truth, with all candour and sincerity and that my affairs may be the better known to all the world.

If I will deny all those crimes, (as I did, and do,) yet it may be, that some, who are not acquainted with the affairs of Ireland, will not believe, that my denial is grounded upon truth, though I assert it, with my last breath. I dare venture further and affirm, that if these points of seventy-thousand men, etc. had been sworn before any protestant jury in Ireland, and had been even acknowledged by me at the bar, they would not believe me, no more than if it had been deposed, and confessed by me, that I had flown in the air from Dublin to Holyhead.

You see, therefore, what a condition I am in, and you have heard what protestations I have made of my innocence, and I hope you believe the words of a dying man and that you may be the more induced to give me credit. I assure you that a great peer sent me notice, that he would save my life, if I would accuse others. But I answered, that I never knew of any conspirators in Ireland but such as I said before, were notoriously known and proclaimed outlaws, and that to save my life, I would not falsely accuse any and thereby prejudice my one soul. Quid prodest homini... etc (What does it profit a man...)

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

From **this weekend** 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**

Sunday Evening Mass Intentions

The Masses booked for the 6.30pm Sunday Evening from 1st July have to be reassigned. Where there are phone numbers I will contact people. As a default position I will reassign them to the Saturday Evening Mass at 6.30pm. Of course they can be transferred to the Brackenstown Sunday Evening Mass at 5.30pm. If none of these options suit and the stipend has already been offered it will be returned.

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

Saturday 7th July

This being the first Saturday of July Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am followed by Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 5th July

Both Fr. Pat Shiel and Fr. Paul Thornton are away on holiday. Thursday is my day off. I will arrange (hopefully) for Fr. Des Doyle to say the 8.00am Mass this Thursday but there will be **NO 10.00am Mass on this day**

Music Ministry

The Folk Group

The Folk group broke up for the summer holidays last Saturday. I'd like to thank them for their wonderful contribution to the Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. Their music and song beautifully enhances this Mass. I hope they all enjoy the summer and look forward to their return at the beginning of September.

The Choir

The Choir had a great year under the baton of their new Director, Morgan Crowley. We are all delighted with Morgan who spoke so well at Mass a fortnight ago. Their singing greatly enhances the Liturgy at the 11.00am and now the 11.15am Sunday Morning Mass. I hope that they too enjoy the summer and look forward to their return at the beginning of September

Parish Picnic

Three high Vis jackets with 'Lions Club' on the back have been mislaid, could you please check if you returned your jacket after the Parish Picnic, if not could you please leave in Parish Office.

Cemetery Sunday-St. Colmcille's

This is a very important day in the Parish's annual calendar. It was a glorious afternoon weather wise, and the turnout was great as always. I want to take this opportunity to say a special 'thank you' to Paddy Gerrard., Domnic Temple and Noel Markey – these three men, the Team from Cloghran and the individuals who generously spend a few hours here and there, do a great job in maintaining and cleaning the Cemetery and Paddy also organises the collectors for the day of the blessing and I thank most sincerely the collectors for this. I thank the Bethany Bereavement Support Group who assisted during the Mass as well as the Ministers of the Eucharist, the Liturgy Team, the Choir and the Parish Pastoral Council. Well done to one and all. It was a prayerful occasion and it went well!

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.

Peter's Pence: This Sunday 1st July, is the Sunday nearest the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul. To that end the 2nd Collection (Share) is replaced by the 'Peter's Pence' collection this collection is for the Pope and Pontifical Charities

God's Housekeepers

The next date for cleaning the Church is next **Friday 6th July** 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

Saints for the coming week

St. Thomas, Apostle – Tuesday 3rd July. Called 'the twin', and is chiefly remembered for doubting the reality of the resurrection until he saw the Lord for himself. Once he was satisfied, he made a heartfelt profession of faith: 'My Lord and my God'. St. Thomas, who probably suffered martyrdom as a result of preaching the Gospel in India, comforts us when our faith is weak, encourages us to persevere and demonstrates that 'every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty'

World Meeting of Family

Tickets and bus for the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park have been booked for the parishioners who gave their names to the Parish. The bus is now full. If you wish to book for the Mass you can do it on -line at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

St. Vincent de Paul The outdoor monthly collection for St. Colmcille's Swords, VdP, will be taken up next weekend Saturday 7th/8th July at all Masses