

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*



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

The dates and times of the Holy Week ceremonies, in Swords and Drynam, including confessions are on the Easter cards distributed to your homes and on the notice boards in the churches. As we enter Holy Week, I invite you to participate as much as possible in the Parish Ceremonies, especially the Triduum. ***The readings and liturgies are powerful, so please do come along.*** The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper is usually the least well attended liturgy and it is a beautiful Mass. On Good Friday, if for work or other reason you cannot make the 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, please make sure to visit some church and venerate the cross. You then have the option of the Solemn Vigil or the Easter Sunday Mass.

Holy Thursday

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is I believe a powerful Liturgy, in particular because of the Lord's Mandate to Peter concerning the washing of feet. I would like to do this as part of the Liturgy. It is a liturgical action – *the feet are already clean!!* I invite you to consider volunteering. Please do not be afraid or shy! We need about 6 people. Please leave your name in the sacristy or accept the invitation. Thank you.

Also at this Mass, the **Ministers of the Eucharist** in Swords renew their dedication to this Ministry. I hope as many as possible can attend this Mass.

Parish Initiative for Lent?

A special thank you to the Liturgy group for arranging the Parish Initiative and thank you also to the different ministry teams who organised each week – The Parish Liturgy Team; The Bethany Group; The Legion of Mary; The St. Vincent de Paul group and The Parish Lectio Group. Well done to one and all. I trust you found it rewarding and spiritually uplifting. Thank you also to all who attended and prayed the Stations of the Cross

God's Housekeepers

We have a core team of cleaners but it dwindling very quickly – two or three people are turning up each fortnight. **The Parish Needs You!** The Church is cleaned twice a month – the first and third Friday after the 10.00am morning Mass. Can you help? Can you pick one of those Friday's and help with this vital ministry so that we always have a clean and welcoming Church. **IT IS ONLY 30 MINUTES ONCE A MONTH.** You can leave your name Jeanette in the Sacristy or with Colette in the Parish Office. For clarification the next few cleaning dates are **Friday 12th April; 26th April; 10th May.** This ministry is open to men and women.

Congratulations

Fr. Fintan Gavin (53), a native of Marino and Chancellor of the Archdiocese has been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Cork and Ross (68 parishes and an estimated 220,000 Catholics). I know we all wish him well and that the Holy Spirit will be his inspiration and guide.

Easter Bouquet Cards

These cards are now available for sale in the Sacristy and Parish Office. They cost €5 each and the Mass will be offered on Easter Vigil/Sunday. They make a lovely Easter gift especially if you would like to send one abroad.



The Holy Oils

The Holy oils of Baptism (Catechumens), Chrism and the oil of the sick are blessed by the Archbishop at the Chrism Mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Holy Thursday morning. These oils are then sent to the Parishes to be used in the administration of the sacraments for the coming year. The oils represent our initiation into the life of grace and into the Church in Baptism and Confirmation. The oils represent the special consecration of priestly ministry. They represent the community, which brings Christ's care in a special way to the sick and those at the end of their life. These oils remind us that the Church is the community within which we realise how our entire life is embraced by the loving care of God

Easter Cards

The Easter cards are now ready for distribution – I need your help to have these cards dropped onto people's letterboxes. If you can take a road or an estate it would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Triduum Timetable – St. Colmcille's

Holy Thursday: April 18th

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30 pm

The Church will remain open for private Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose concluding with night prayer at 9.30 pm.

Good Friday: April 19th (A Day of Fast and Abstinence)

- Way of the Cross: Assemble at Church at 12 noon for procession through the Town
- Solemn Liturgy of our Lord's Passion and Holy Communion: 3.00 pm
- Stations of the Cross: 7.30 pm
- Prayer around the Cross: 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm (Folk Group)

Holy Saturday: April 20th

- Morning Prayer 10.00 am
- Reconciliation Service 11.00am
- EASTER VIGIL: 9.00 pm

Easter Sunday: April 21st

Masses: 8.30 am, 11.15am

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