

Whether we live in the midst of affliction or affluence, we come together as a community to profess that what Jesus did for us has a continuing importance. Today, our celebration of the eucharist keeps us from being a thankless people.

In celebrating the eucharist we celebrate a *dangerous memory*: the memory of suffering, passion and death. We recall Jesus' radical values that put him in opposition to so many of his own people: his talk about God and the kingdom; his insistence on forgiveness; his opposition to religious sham; his commitment to peace; his willingness to die to overcome sin. In receiving the body and blood of Christ we become his body in our world. As St. Paul says: "Though there are many of us, we form a single body because we share in this one loaf." In communion we share with Christ and with one another; we become one with his memory. That way, his memory never dies. (Source: Fr. Denis McBride C.S.S.R – *Seasons of the Word*)

Fr. Michael Carey Adm.

Mass Intentions for this coming week: St Colmcille's:

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| Mon 8.00am Michael McDonnell | Sat 6.30 John, Harry & Maura Green |
| Mon 10.00am Marie Hickey | |
| Tues 8.00am Catherine Pentony | |
| Tues 10.00am Brian & Ann Kelly | Sun 8.30am Teresa Matthews |
| Wed 8.00 am Mary Carroll | Sun 10.00am Nancy Lawless |
| Wed 10.00am Christopher Barker | Sun 11.30am Special Intention |
| Thurs 8.00am Dympna Wynne | All Interred in St Colmcille's Graveyard |
| Thurs 10.00 am Elaine Galwey | Sun 7.30pm Gerard Travers |
| Fri 8.00 Special intention | |
| Fri 10.00am Special intention | |
| Sat 10.00 am Monica Kenny | |

Church of the Visitation Drynam **The Visitation of the BVM**
Mass Times for Drynam: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: 9.20am. Sun, 10.00am 11.00am (Irish) & 12 noon.

Some changes to Mass schedules in Drynam have had to be made to manage resources across the parish during the summer. There will be no 9:20AM Mass on Fridays except on First Fridays during July and August. There will also be no Irish Mass at 11:00 on Sundays during July and August.



Blessed are the hungry

'Blessed are the hungry; they shall get their fill.'
 It is in our emptiness that we are filled.
 It is in our confusions that we are guided.
 It is in our weakness that we are strengthened.
 It is in our sins that we are forgiven.
 It is in our hunger that we are fed.
 We believe that God has a homeland prepared for us
 where all our hungers will be satisfied
 and all our hopes will be fulfilled.
 This conviction makes it possible for us
 to travel onwards with an ache in our hearts
 and an unquenchable longing in our souls. (Source: Flor McCarthy)

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 28th /29th June 2014. It will replace the share collection

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Remembering to Eat

"He fed them with finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock"



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In the desert the people learned that they could not continue their journey without being sustained by the word of God. This experience was to teach them that they could not live on bread alone: when the bread ran out and the water dried up, their very survival depended on the word of God making new life possible for them. It was the creative word of God which brought them the manna – their daily bread – referred to as "the grain of heaven" and "the bread of the mighty" (Ps.78:24f). The people collected as much as they needed for the day; they were forbidden to hoard any of it. The next day the arrival of bread was seen as a new sign of God's continuing favour.

In today's Gospel John picks up on the theme of the manna and contrasts the bread the Jewish ancestors ate in the desert with the new bread of life given by Jesus. In the person of Jesus there is a new word of God and a new bread from heaven. Now the Word of God has become flesh, and bread of heaven is the very life of Jesus himself. To eat this bread is to have a share in the life of God himself; it is to participate in eternal life.

It is at the Last Supper that Jesus gives himself away as food and drink to followers: "This is my body which will be given up for you. This is my blood which will be shed for you, Do this in memory of me." During the last meal of his earthly life Jesus charges his disciples to keep his memory alive by gathering together to break bread. Whatever else they do, *his followers must remember to eat in his name.*

Most of don't have to remember to eat: our stomach has its own way of telling us when it's time. But do we have to remember to eat in the name of Jesus – which is why the Church asks us to gather in community each week to keep the memory of Jesus alive. Our eucharist is a celebration of thanksgiving for what Jesus has done, we assemble to hold that memory sacred. That is why after the consecration we pray in the Eucharistic prayers:

- Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion (I)
- Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection (II)
- Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son (III)
- Therefore, O Lord, as we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption (IV)

Each of the eucharistic prayers expresses the purpose of our gathering: the refusal to forget what Jesus has done in his body. We keep the memory fresh; we celebrate it anew; and in celebrating we receive new life for our own journey in faith.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon - "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord."



Pastoral Outreach

Over the years members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Parish Volunteers have visited different areas of the Parish. This was at its simplest a 'Visitation' and an opportunity to leave an information leaflet. In times gone by Parishes had many priests and the Parish was divided into areas of responsibility for each priest and expected in that was a visit by the Priest to each home in his allotted area. This model of Parish and Parish visitation has changed. At a recent meeting of the PPC it was decided to visit two areas/estates in the Parish: Highfields and Carlton Court. Would you like to help? It is not a fundraising initiative, we are simply calling and saying hello and providing each home with a 'new' information sheet. It is very simple and the bigger the team of volunteers, the fewer the houses that each team will call to. If interested, please see the box below – 'Request for Volunteers'.

Dublin Airport – Golden Jubilee

Last Sunday I was at the Airport Church (as were many others from Swords) as it celebrated 50 years. The celebratory Mass was presided at by the Archbishop. It was a beautiful Liturgy and a lovely occasion. All the team work and preparation showed and came together on the day. I'd like to congratulate Fr. Des for the wonderful day and he of course was ably assisted by his Sacristan and ours – Stephanie Byrne. The Church itself looks lovely, it was 'done up' and is worth a visit.

St. Colmcille's - Summer Schedule

To enable myself and Frs. Pat and Johnny to take summer holidays and recharge the batteries the 10.00am Sunday Morning Mass will be dropped for July and August and the first half of September. It will return on Sunday 14th September. I am sorry for the disappointment that this will cause to the 'regulars' at this Mass but I hope that you understand. There is a 10.00am Mass in the Church of the Visitation, Drynam and St. Finian's, River Valley

Summer Holidays

St. Colmcille's GNS and BNS begin their summer holidays this Friday 27th June – always a great time of the year. I wish them and their families and the teachers a lovely summer break of fun and relaxation.

St. Colmcille's Cemetery Sunday

On Sunday 29th June the Parish will celebrate the Annual Blessing of Graves at 4pm. This year will be slightly different. The priests will divide the graveyard into roughly 10 stations/sections and at each station/section, the Scripture will be proclaimed followed by a Prayer of Blessing and then the sprinkling of the graves. On that Sunday Morning one of the Masses will be offered for all who are buried in the Cemetery

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE Those who feed on Christ in the Eucharist need not wait until the hereafter to receive eternal life: they already possess it on earth, as the first fruits of a future fullness which will embrace man in his totality....**Saint Pope John Paul II**

Brackenstown, Rivervalley & Swords

Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage

Sunday 7th – Friday 12th September 2014

Spiritual Leader Fr Michael Carey Adm.

Price: €669.00 per person sharing



Price includes: Return flights Dublin Lourdes; Return airport transfers to Lourdes. 5 nights accommodation at Hotel Roissy (3*); Full board basis; Services of a Travel representative in Lourdes Extras: Single room supplement €175.00 for duration of stay Airport taxes: €75.00 Insurance: €25.00 . Bookings: Parish Office, Colette, 8407277..

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Jesus himself practised open table-fellowship, to express God's unconditional love and acceptance. Before he died, he spoke words over the bread and wine, words which disclosed the meaning of his death and resurrection. When St Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the Lord's Supper, he had to remind them that the sacrament is meant to be a communion among all who celebrate it and to have a practical affect in our lives. As Benedict XVI wrote: "A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented" (God is Love).

Prayer - Lord, as we gather around your table, help us to recognise you in the breaking of the bread and in each other. May we live the communion we received by practising both service and reconciliation.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Parish Pastoral Council intends to visit each house in Carlton Court and Highfield estates for one week during July and August. (7th to 13th July and 11th to 17th August)

We are looking for your assistance to help distribute a parish information pack. We will **visit in pairs**. This is not a fund raising appeal.

Please leave your name and contact details with Colette in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Golf Classic

St Colmcille's Golf fundraising committee is delighted to report that the amount raised on our day out was €6,800. This is due to the generosity of all our sponsors....Those who entered teams in the event, those who sponsored holes and those who donated prizes for the raffle. We have already booked in for next year Friday 5th May 2015 and hope to see you there. Apart from the fundraising aspect, it was great to see so many familiar faces enjoying a day out. Again, thanks to all of you for your participation. *(Susan Rallo on behalf of Committee)*