

taken in children and raised them as her own, welcomed her to her home. When she was baptized I became her god father and I love her like a father.

Several years later, Mother Teresa came back to Taizé one Sunday in the autumn. During the prayer, together we expressed a concern that remains true today: "In Calcutta, there are visible homes for the dying. But in many parts of the world, many young people are in invisible homes for the dying. They are marked by broken relationships or by worry for their future. Separations have wounded in them the innocence of childhood or adolescence. In some this leads to disenchantment: what is the good of existing; does life still have any meaning?"

Two of my brothers and I went to Calcutta in order to take part in Mother Teresa's funeral. We wished to thank God for her gift of her life, and to sing with her sisters in the spirit of praise. Next to her body, I remembered all that we had in common, particularly this conviction: a communion in God stimulates us to alleviate human suffering on earth. Yes, when we soothe the trials of others, we encounter Christ. Does he not say it himself: "Whatever you do for the least, you do for me, Christ." **Fr. Michael Carey**

Mass Intentions for this coming week St Colmcille's

Mon 10.00am Joe Rafferty	
Mon 10.00am Gladys Wrafter	
Tues 8.00am Elizabeth Farrelly	Sat 6.30pm Kevin Leonard
Tues 10.00 Devin O'Toole	Geraldine McNamara (1st An)
Wed 8.00am	Sun 8.30am Anthony McQuillan
Wed 10.00am Patricia Russell & dec Russell & McKenna family members & Gerry Bates	
Thurs 8.00 Catherine & Patrick McCarthy	Sun 11.00am Charlie Clarke
Thurs 10.00am Peggy O'Shea	
Fri 8.00am Joseph & Catherine Jones & dec family members	Sun 6.30pm Mary Rose Bonar
Fri 10.00am Dec members of the Hoare Family	

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Liam Ormsby	Mount Gorry Woods
Vera Kane	Swords Manor Court
Annie Bolger	Late of Finglas
Catherine Love	The Green, Melrose Park



Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Mon & Fri: 9.20am. Sun, 10.00am 11.00am (Irish) & 12 noon

The Look Sunday sheet is available at the back of the church. Put together by Redemptorist Publications it explains today's Gospel story in a fun way. Suitable for 4 – 9 year olds. Don't forget to bring a copy with you for children at home.



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus came on earth to reveal God to humanity and he and his message encountered opposition and even rejection like the prophets of old. By sending out the disciples Jesus spreads his message to the wider community. The disciples are commissioned to preach the message and to place their trust in God alone.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Love and say it with your life"

"As for me...I shall be filled with the vision of your glory"

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Brother Roger of Taizé wrote these lines in homage to Mother Teresa of Calcutta at the time of her beatification, in 2003

We live in a world where light and darkness coexist. Through the life she lived, Mother Teresa invited people to choose light. In this way she opened a road to holiness for many others. Mother Teresa made words written by Saint Augustine four centuries after Christ comprehensible to us: "Love and say it with your life." Trust in God becomes credible and is communicated above all when it is lived out.

I had many opportunities to converse with Mother Teresa. Often it was possible to discern in her reflections of the holiness of Christ. In the summer of 1976 she came to Taizé. Our hill was full of young people from many different countries. That day we wrote a prayer together: "O God, Father of every human being, you ask us all to bring love where the poor are humiliated, reconciliation where human beings are divided, joy where the Church is shaken. You open this road for us so that we may be ferments of communion throughout the entire human family."

That same year, a few of my brothers and I went to live for a time with the very poor in Calcutta. We were staying near her home in a lower-class district, noisy, full of children, where mostly Muslims lived. We were offered hospitality by a Christian family whose home was in front of an intersection of some small streets, with shops and simple workshops. Mother Teresa often came to pray with us. In the afternoon, she sometimes asked me to go with her to visit lepers who had nothing to look forward to but death. She tried to calm their worries.

At times she could take spontaneous initiatives. One day, after coming back from a visit to some lepers, she said to me in the car, "I have something to ask you. Say yes!" Before giving my reply, I tried to find out more about what she wanted, but she would only repeat, "Say yes!" Finally she explained, "Tell me that from now on you will wear your white robe all day long; this sign is necessary in the situations of our time." "Yes," I answered, "I will speak to my brothers and I will wear it as often as possible." So she had her sisters make a white robe and she herself insisted on sewing part of it.

She was particularly attentive to children. She proposed that I and one of my brothers, who was a physician, go to the home for abandoned children every morning, to take care of those who were most ill. From the first day I discovered a little girl, four months old. I was told that she did not have enough strength to resist the viruses of the winter. And Mother Teresa proposed, "Bring her with you to Taizé; you will be able to take care of her there."

In the plane returning to France, the little girl, named Marie, was not well. When we arrived in Taizé, she began to gurgle like a happy baby for the first time. The first weeks, she often slept in my arms while I worked. Slowly her strength returned. Then she went to live in the village, in a house close to ours. My sister Genevieve, who years before in Taizé had

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon – “The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young.”

Visitors

Now that we are in summertime, we get visitors to both of churches, whether holidaymakers or family members visiting home. You are all very welcome and I hope that you have a pleasant and safe holiday/family visit in Swords

Catholic Grandparents Association would like to encourage Parishes everywhere to celebrate the vocation of Grandparents, particularly on Sunday 26th July which is the Feast Day of St Joachim & St Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. To that end I invite grandparents to bring their grandchildren to Mass on this day. We all know that Grandparents' play a vital role of passing on the faith, and keeping prayer at the heart of family life.

St. Vincent de Paul

The outdoor monthly collection for the VdP, will be taken up after all Masses this weekend

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE: God has set up churches like harbours along the coast, so that you may take refuge there out of the swirl of earthly cares and find peace and quiet.. *St. John Chrysostom (349-407) Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

St. Colmcille's Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday 8th August

Depart from the Star Pub at 8am. Stopping off for light breakfast on outward bound journey and on the return journey Carvery Dinner. Both at the Percy French Hotel, Strokestown. Cost of the coach is €15. For further details contact Mary @ 087-2711376, or Ita @ 01-8402268

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

Bethany trained members are available to provide support to those grieving after the loss of a loved one. This is a free, confidential service. The Group meet on the second and last Monday of each month from 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. at the Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords - Next Meeting 13th July. For further information please 'phone Mary 8402652 or Brid 086 6006397 after 6 p.m. Open to all Fingal Residents - You are most welcome to attend.

Cemetery Mass

Blessing of Graves for nearby Cemeteries are as follows: **Rolestown- Sun** 12th July at 3.30pm, **St. Catherine's, Portrane:** Saturday 18th at 3pm. **Donabate Old Cemetery** (beside Parish Hall): Saturday 18th at 4pm. **Donabate Fingal Cemetery, Portrane Road:** Sunday 19th at 3.30pm.

Feasts this Week.

St. Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the church – Wednesday 15th July, 1221-74, born in Tuscany. A friend of St. Thomas Aquinas, he taught at the University of Paris and became Minister General of the Franciscan Order. He was chosen Archbishop of York (England) in 1265 but never consecrated. He was eventually created Cardinal Bishop of Albano and died during the council of Lyons. Remembered chiefly for his philosophical and theological works, he became known as the 'Seraphic (*blissfully serene*) Doctor'.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Thursday 16th July. This feast honours the Blessed Virgin as patroness of the Carmelite Order. It later came to be associated with a supposed vision of St. Simon Stock, said to have taken place on 16th July 1251. Wearing the 'Brown Scapular', a symbol of the Carmelite habit, is a sign of trust in Mary's maternal help, especially as the hour of death

We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community:

Emma Marian Caulfield Hughes, Riley Jonathan Beasley, Kaylee Rose Lejawa, Alicia Lejawa, Daire Michael Downes, Carson Joseph Whyte

Certificate in Spirituality & Human Development The Adult Education Certificate in Spirituality and Human Development is a two year part-time evening programme run by Marino Institute of Education. The course aims to provide students with a broad overview of some key contemporary human and spiritual issues. Applications are open to all regardless of formal educational background and should be submitted by the beginning of September 2015. Fee: €850 per year. Enquiries to Anne M. Ryan, Programme Coordinator. Tel: 086 884 3652 / email: anne.mryan@mie.ie

Lectio Divina and Christian Meditation Retreat "He was speaking the word to them" (Mk 2:2). Encountering Jesus in Mark's Gospel. August 2nd (6pm) - August 8th (2pm). A six-day retreat led by John Byrne OSA, Kieran O'Mahony OSA and Dr. Bernadette Toal. Fee €425 (residential). The retreat will be held in Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16. As Orlagh is scheduled to be sold next year, this may be your last opportunity to experience the life-giving power of this special place. For further information and booking contact John in Orlagh Tel 01 495 8193 / email john@orlagh.ie. Website: www.orlagh.ie

Swords Summer Festival 17th - 19th July

Most of Saturday will see a street party on Main Street with all the fun of the fair for the young and the young at heart and when evening rolls around, the street will be transformed into a concert venue with local acts providing the sounds. Swords Main Street will be closed from 6am Saturday 18th until 2pm Sunday 19th July. Free Family Fun on the Main Street from 1pm to 5pm (Saturday 18th) plus Swords Castle events. Fun Fair all day at Swords Town Park.