

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Newsletter 13th November 2022

World Day of the Poor

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Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, Irish Mass at 11.00am



Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Nancy McDonnell(An)

Tommy Aherne

Sun 11.15am Michael Lambe & Dec members of Lambe & Moriarty families

Noel Garrigan, James, Mary & Henry Garrigan

Jack, Mollie, John & Joe Leonar, Mary & Ann Lowndes

Terry Kelly (MM)

Anthony Dunne



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Helen Brophy

Special intention

Patsy Doherty

Tues 10.00am Frank Shiel

Mary Gilloughley

Wed 10.00am Frances & Wayne Parsons

Lily Rock

Bernadette Donnelly

Thurs 10.00am Paddy McNamee

Fri 10.00am Jim Larkin

Monica Brodbin

Sat 6.30pm Richard Dillon & dec members

of Byrne Family

Sun 11.15am Bartle & Lil Weston

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Bridget on 085 2812985 from Sunday 13th November to Saturday 19th. Please phone from 6-8pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE

The feast of St Laurence O'Toole, one of the patrons of the Archdiocese, is

Monday, November 14. Chapter Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral by Archbishop Farrell at 10.30am.

Vatican Council II -60th Anniversary Reflection

By permission of Fr Brendan Hoban ACP website:

When I entered Maynooth College to study for the priesthood in 1966, coincidentally it was the year after the Second Vatican Council (1962-5) concluded. That 'sacred council', as it came to be known called, agreed a series of documents that was intended to set the Catholic Church on a fair wind into the future.

It wasn't just that, metaphorically, the windows of the Vatican were thrown open and the cobwebs of centuries past blown away, but the documents were voted through, often by overwhelming majorities – in many cases by 90-plus per cent – of the bishops of the world, including the pope, the highest teaching authority in the Church.

It would be an understatement of cosmic proportions to conclude that the Church in Ireland was merely pointed in a clear, unambiguous direction for the future. It was, in effect a revolution in attitude, approach and purpose. All (or nearly all) agreed that a map for a future 'People's Church' was clearly and unequivocally agreed. This was the way it was going to be.

The Maynooth class of 1966 – all 84 of us – were on the crest of a wave. Seven years later, 52 of us were ordained and we were scattered to all the corners of Ireland. I was appointed curate in Keenagh in Crossmolina parish, with Canon Ben McLoughlin as PP.

Ben was kind, gentle and invariably respectful to all, a benign and happy presence, much loved by everyone. I remember once, in my enthusiasm, suggesting to him that we should elect a Parish Council to give substance to Vatican Two's vision of a people's Church. His response was measured, 'Why would we do that?' I interpreted this as an invitation to amplify his understanding of the new reforms and the variety of opportunities to set the Catholic Church in Crossmolina parish on a new course and the opportunities offered for the future.

When I had finished, Ben suggested in his gentle way that there was no problem in the parish that Vatican Two needed to fix: the vast majority of Catholics were at Mass with four full churches every Sunday; vocations weren't a problem with four priests in the parish; the churches were in good condition; varied collections were generously supported by the parishioners; and so on.

I couldn't counter Ben's arguments. They were sensible and to the point. And I remember concluding that he was right. But, looking back now, it's fairly obvious that he was wrong..Part 1 (part 2 next week)

Mass of Remembrance

On Monday 14th November at 7.30pm, the Parish will celebrate Mass to remember and pray for all parishioners and friends who died during the past year. During this Mass each person will be remembered by name. All welcome especially family and friends.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the local conference of St Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend, All monies raised is kept in Swords

Enrolment for St Colmcille's Boys National School

Application forms for enrolment for boys starting school in September 2023 are available from the school, 9.00am –4.00pm daily. Completed forms must be returned by 22nd

December 2022

Birth Certificate must accompany forms.