

Jesus Christ know however that God is faithful and he renews his Church in remarkable ways.

Our celebration today is a sign of our faith that the new complex will lead us on the path of renewal. Renewal means more than patching up the present. It means creating something new and different in which the message of Jesus Christ will touch the heart of the Finglas of tomorrow as this Church has done over so many years.

The Gospel reminds us of the special place of children in the teaching of Jesus. It is reminder that as we look towards the future, the future must belong to the generations of tomorrow. The message of Jesus can touch the hearts of every generation and we must pass on that message to our young people. We must also listen to our young people and recognise the goodness that is in them and accompany them to make the path of their lives one of happiness and fulfilment".

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Special Intention

Mon 10.00am Nancy Dolan

Tues 8.00am Br. Luke Kiely

Tues 10.00 Mary Fleming

Wed 8.00am Lesley Murphy

Wed 10.00am Dr Carl Royer

Thurs 8.00am Edith Lynch

Thurs 10.00am Kathleen Davis

Fri 8.00am Greg Kane

Fri 10.00am Thomas McKeon

Sat 6.30pm Michael Barry

Sun 8.30am Gerry Foley

Sun 11.15am Bridget O'Toole

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

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

In the next week some additional works will be carried out in the church to comply with our Fire Certificate, including widening the exit door near the altar.

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The words of the account of the institution of the Eucharist are biblical ones, in particular 'mystery' and 'everlasting covenant'. Each Eucharistic Prayer has its own introduction which helps to give it its own particular emphasis or character. The Fourth Eucharistic Prayer has 'When the time (literally "hour") came' and this reflects Saint John's mention of Christ's hour which at one time he shrunk from and later welcomed. (Source: *St. Paul's Missal*)

Swords Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group.

Have you suffered the loss of someone special in your life through bereavement? Are you suffering the pain of that loss? Would you like to talk to a trained bereavement support person who will listen and help you understand your grief and distress? You are welcome to attend our bereavement support meetings on the second and last Mondays of every month at - The Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords. Start time 7.30pm. This is a free, confidential service and is offered to all Fingal residents." Date of next meeting **22nd October - please note change of date** Further information please phone Terri 8403243".

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is faithful and he renews his Church in remarkable ways

"Tell among the nations his glory

Newsletter Sunday 21st October 2018

The Archbishop as you said went to Finglas West on Sunday 7th October last to say a last Mass in the Church of the Annunciation. His homily whilst specific to that Parish has held some points of general observation. I am reproducing below some of the more general points from his Homily.

"Very often when I visit a Parish for some occasion, someone welcomes me saying that they appreciate the Archbishop taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us. There is something wrong in that statement. I do not deny that I have a busy schedule and I thank God that I still have the energy to keep going. What is wrong in that statement is to think that visiting a parish is somehow an optional extra in the work of a bishop. Quite the opposite.

As Archbishop I am always delighted to visit parishes. It is great to celebrate Mass with parish communities, to learn first-hand about the challenges and the joys of life in a parish, to witness how parish communities reflect in our often harsh society something of what witnessing to the love of God means in their lives and in the lives of their community.

Visiting a parish reminds me of the real affection people have for their priests and for their own Church. Visiting parishes is something that energises me and give me confidence that the Church is strong despite the challenges it faces or the criticism that it often encounters.

This morning however I cannot say that I set out with the same sentiments. I come as most of you did with mixed feelings. I would rather have been setting out to open a new Church than to find myself closing a building that has meant so much to this community over the years.

Travelling around even outside Ireland I often meet people from Finglas and if you ask them what part of Finglas, they will easily answer "The Annunciation" or "Canices". Rarely do you find people who identify where they come from by the name of their parish church. This goes to show just how rooted this Church building has become in the community over many generations.

Where do we go from now? The new complex must become a place where community will be built up and where people will learn anew how to care for one another in the different times to come. The Gospel reading is really about our God who is a God who is always faithful. The history of God's people is a history of unfaithfulness in great and small things. God however remains faithful in times that change. That should be our encouragement in changing times. There are those who will only see in our gathering today a negative sign. They will see it only as a sign of a declining Church. We who believe in



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*



Brother Brian Johnson OSF

Brother Brian wrote to me thanking the parish for their fantastic donation of €3255 – yep! A wonderful amount. He wrote a thank you letter which I have displayed on the notice board.

Commitment ceremony

This week the boys and girls from St. Colmcille's BNS and GNS will celebrate their first liturgy on their journey to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. The liturgy is a beautiful and simple Ceremony of Commitment. The girls will celebrate their ceremony on Tuesday 23rd October at 1.30pm and the boys on Wednesday 24th also at October at 1.30pm.

Do This in Memory

Next weekend the boys and girls and their families will be present at the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass as part of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing them and praying with them.

Saturday Morning Prayer

Next **Saturday-27th October**, Morning Prayer will be celebrated at 10.00am. In terms of the Prayer Book it is week 1. Not many people attend this liturgy so I invite you to drop in. If you say morning prayers, then why not join in with your faith community and say the morning of prayer of the church – the books are provided.

Mass of Remembrance

On Tuesday 6th 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.
*If a family member of friend died **during this past year** but whose funeral was held in another parish and you would like their name called out. Please leave with Colette in the Parish Office.*

Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available at the back of the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Friday 2nd November – The Feast of All Souls. All Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.
Drynam - The Church of Our Lady of the Visitation will make its own arrangement for the celebration of Mass for the 'altar list of the dead'.

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS

There will be a bus leaving the Star Pub in Swords for Eddie Stones, Emmanuel Hse. Clonfert on Sunday 11th November at 8 a.m. If interested contact Nora at Tel. 8404247

Today is World Mission Sunday

Today we come together for a truly incredible celebration of solidarity and unity within our Church-World Mission Sunday! Today, every single parish worldwide – and YOU – share what you can so the life-transforming work of missionaries overseas can continue. Today, through your prayers and contributions, you are fully appreciating the dedication of our missionaries who live and work in communities that are struggling and often war-torn



Theme - This year's Mission Sunday theme is: 'Christian Families are Missionary Families'. In fact, what better way to commemorate his visit and the World Meeting of Families by using these words as the theme for Mission Month 2018. "Family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world; it is the leaven of society... Christian families are missionary families, in their everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and leaven of faith'. Indeed, every parish and diocese is a family within our even larger family, the Universal Church! *Pope Francis*

The second collection today will be for Mission Sunday, it will replace Share collection

"Pro Life Fingal talk 'The Way Forward for Ireland's Pro-Life Movement' will take place on Thursday 25th October in The Grand Hotel, Malahide at 7:30pm in the Graham Bell suite. Speakers: Dawn McEvoy of Both Lives Matter and Evangelical Alliance NI, Paddy Manning, Michael Dwyer. *All welcome!*"

Living with Loss

Bereavement Information Evening **Thursday 1st November, 5.30–8.00pm** at the Alex Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street, Dublin 2. Niamh Fitzpatrick, sister of Captain Dara Fitzpatrick, will address the gathering and speak on the theme 'Living with Loss'. Admission is free. For more information, contact The Irish Hospice Foundation: www.hospicefoundation.ie

Legion of Mary

The 38th anniversary mass to commemorate Frank Duff, the founder of the legion of Mary, will be held on Saturday 17th November at 3pm in the Pro-Cathedral. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will be the Principal celebrant. New members are welcome to attend, weekly meeting takes place in the parochial house on Monday at 6.45pm.

The next date for cleaning the Church is next **Friday 26th October** 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