

to us out of love, there in our respective Galilees. This is always the point from which we can set out anew, especially in times of crisis and trial, remembering our Galilee. But there is more. Galilee was the farthest region from where they were: from Jerusalem. And not only geographically. Galilee was also the farthest place from the sacredness of the Holy City. It was an area where people of different religions lived: it was “Galilee of the Gentiles” (Mt 4:15). Jesus sends them there and asks them to start again from there. What does this tell us? That the message of hope should not be confined to our sacred places, but should be brought to everyone. For everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched “the Word of life” (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death! In every Galilee, in every area of the human family to which we all belong and which is part of us – for we are all brothers and sisters – may we bring the song of life! Let us silence the cries of death, no more wars! May we stop the production and trade of weapons, since we need bread, not guns. Let the abortion and killing of innocent lives end. May the hearts of those who have enough be open to filling the empty hands of those who do not have the bare necessities.

Those women, in the end, “took hold” of Jesus’ feet (Mt 28:9); feet that had travelled so far to meet us, to the point of entering and emerging from the tomb. The women embraced the feet that had trampled death and opened the way of hope. Today, as pilgrims in search of hope, we cling to you, Risen Jesus. We turn our backs on death and open our hearts to you, for you are Life itself.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Weekend - Intentions for 6.30pm Vigil Mass & 8.30am Mass will be prayed for at 11.15am Mass via the Parish webcam
Sat 6.30pm Mark Perry (1st An)
Sun 8.30am The Jubilarians
Sun 11.15am John Collins



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Health Intention	Sat 10.00am Nonie Conlan
Mon 10.00am Ellen Farrell	
Tues 10.00am Lubos Bejsovcra	Sat 6.30pm Peter Gannon
Tues 10.00am David Reid	
Wed 10.00am Patrick Lyons	Sun 8.30am Willie Snow & Cissie Snow
Wed 10.00am Maedara Connolly	Sun 11.15am Nuala Collier
Thurs 10.00am Kathleen O’Malley	
Thurs 10.00am JC Savage	
Fri 10.00am Madge Roughan	
Fri 10.00am Declan Reid	

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

The Church will be open from 12pm - 1.30pm on Sunday’s only for private prayer. Strict HSE guidelines are in place



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My beloved father (Joseph), all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power



Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy
Returning to Galilee means remembering that we have been loved and called by God.

“Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God”
Newsletter Sunday 11th April 2021

Continuing last week’s newsletter which is taken from an Easter Vigil/Sunday homily given by Pope Francis

‘**Courage**’. This is a word often spoken by Jesus in the Gospels. Only once do others say it, to encourage a person in need: “Courage; rise, [Jesus] is calling you!” (Mk 10:49). It is he, the Risen One, who raises us up from our neediness. If, on your journey, you feel weak and frail, or fall, do not be afraid, God holds out a helping hand and says to you: “Courage!”. You might say, as did Don Abbondio (in Manzoni’s novel), “Courage is not something you can give yourself”.

True, you cannot give it to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus’ light can enter. You only need to ask him: “Jesus, come to me amid my fears and tell me too: Courage!” With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken. And, whatever sadness may dwell in us, we will be strengthened in hope, since with you the cross leads to the resurrection, because you are with us in the darkness of our nights; you are certainty amid our uncertainties, the word that speaks in our silence, and nothing can ever rob us of the love you have for us.

This is the Easter message, a message of hope. It contains a second part, the sending forth. “Go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee” (Mt 28:10), Jesus says. “He is going before you to Galilee” (v. 7), the angel says. The Lord goes before us; he goes before us always. It is encouraging to know that he walks ahead of us in life and in death; he goes before us to Galilee, that is, to the place which for him and his disciples *evoked the idea of daily life, family and work*. Jesus wants us to bring hope there, to our everyday life. For the disciples, Galilee was also the place of remembrance, for it was the place where they were first called. Returning to Galilee means remembering that we have been loved and called by God. Each one of us has their own Galilee. We need to resume the journey, reminding ourselves that we are born and reborn thanks to an invitation given gratuitously

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*May the Lord be a sure path beneath your feet,
a bright light before you,
a kindly shepherd behind you;
this day, this night and always.....St. Colmcille (Celebrating 1500 years)*



EASTER - Level 5 Liturgy/Prayer Service

For the Month of **April** as the Level 5 lockdown 2021 continues the Parish will host a special liturgy every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** Evening at **7.00pm**

The format will be:

- A Decade of the Rosary
- Spiritual Reading – “Let us Dream” by Pope Francis
- The Night Prayer of the Church

This Liturgy/Prayer Service can be viewed through the Parish Webcam and should last about 30 minutes

The webcam can be accessed through the Parish website, www.swords-parish.com

Easter Dues

A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues envelopes. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated. *If you have not made a return and would like to there are dues envelopes available at the back of the Church*

Mass Intentions

How can a book a Mass during these Covid times

- 1) You can email your request to the Parish Office at stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com
- 2) Call to the Sacristy *before Mass* between 9.40am and 9.55am and *after Mass* from 10.30am to 10.45am or by phone 01-8400547

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Easter tide extends from the Easter Vigil until Pentecost and during it the Paschal or Easter candle is lit. It is intended to be a symbol of the risen Lord among his people. His presence is light, shedding this light on the meaning of life. The candle is an invitation to those who seek this light in their lives to search the Scriptures, especially the Gospels, if they wish to embrace the teaching of Jesus found there. (Source: *St. Paul's Missal*).



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Paddy Gerrard

Seatown Villas

Bernadette Costello

St Columbas Rise

Scripture Note –2nd Sunday of Easter

The reading from Acts gives a picture of a Christian community that is ideally faithful to the Gospel. It is a community of shared faith and shared possessions.

In the Gospel Jesus appears to his apostles, showing them his wounds and bestowing peace on them. Then he entrusts his mission to them, giving them the gift of the Spirit and the power to forgive sin. Thomas' profession of faith, 'My Lord and my God', is the supreme Christological statement of John's Gospel. Originally John's Gospel ended where today's passage ends.

The Second Reading stresses the Christian vocation to love. Through faith in Jesus Christ, Christians have become children of God. They will show their love for God by keeping his commandments. And if they love God, they will surely love their fellow Christians, because they too are children of God. Keeping the commandments is not difficult because through baptism they share in Christ's victory over the powers of evil.

(Source: *Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB*)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Sr. Mary -8404323 from Sunday 11th April to Saturday 17th April. Please phone Sr. Mary from 6-9.30pm.. More details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie> It's good to talk. Do not grieve alone or unaided.

“Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted”.

Living the Paschal Mystery

The Good News is that when we are locked in harmful unbelief, Jesus comes gently to move us toward the kind of belief that brings new life. Jesus carries through on his greeting of peace when he is patient in his manner of approaching Thomas and forgiving of his unbelief. This is what Jesus' disciples must also do.

Like Jesus, we are to be patient and forgiving in how we assist others grow in belief. This belief can be in God, in Jesus, and in the fact of the resurrection. This belief can also be in the worth of being part of the community of the church, in the life-giving power of living by gospel values, in promoting peace and forgiveness, in all our relationships. This belief is wholly practical and entirely life-giving. (Source: *Living Liturgy: Collegeville, Minnesota*)

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024