

Thanks to people's resilience and solidarity, the skill and efforts of scientists — many of them hidden from public view in labs and lecture halls, the selfless dedication and commitment of healthcare staff, and the adoption of public policies designed to protect the common good, we have arrived at a point where there can be hope for a sustainable return to community life.

The Church has fully supported necessary measures to protect health and welfare. We have encouraged the faithful to see recent restrictions on public worship a form of self-sacrifice, enabling them to perform a Christian service. In the same way, we encourage all those who are eligible to be vaccinated, for their own good and to help to protect others.

When public worship was again permitted, our parish communities rose to the challenge of welcoming the faithful to celebrate safely and responsibly, with a scrupulous regard to numbers, social distancing and sanitisation. In the same way, we urge everyone to be responsible in how they behave outside church, especially by complying with guidelines regarding socialising between households.

In today's second reading the Ephesians are called, as followers of Christ, to practice kindness, patience, and forgiveness. In that spirit, I look forward to a resumption of the positive engagement between the Churches and the public authorities, based on respect both for the protection of public health, and for the responsible exercise of freedom to worship by those who are drawn to receive 'the bread of life'.

Being nourished by the bread of life, bread that is "for the life of the world," is not an end in itself; it is a call to mission.

"The Eucharist is the vital centre of the universe, capable of satisfying [our] hunger for life and happiness," proclaimed the then Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, in his address at the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec in 2008.

Satisfying the world's hunger is not just a gift of God that we receive, it is also a gift we are called to give. "When I was hungry you gave me to eat, ...when I was naked you clothed me..." said Jesus. (Matt 25:35-36). As Saint John Chrysostom would appeal: "Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. Do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk, only then to neglect him outside where he is cold and ill-clad." (*Homilies on Saint Matthew* [PL 3-4 58, 508-509])

"Taste and see that the Lord is good". May it be more and more the mark of our presence in, and witness to, the world.

May the Bread of Life — the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep— be the contour of our lives.

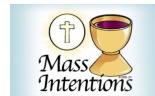
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Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Paddy Barker

Sun 8.30am Louise Quigley

Sun 11.15am Nick Bates



At our masses this weekend we also remember :Eileen Donovan, Ella & James Monks

Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Special intention

Mon 10.00am Kathleen & Christopher Larmon

Tues 10.00am Pat Kinsella

Tues 10.00am Seamus Mulligan

Wed 10.00am Anne Purtill

Wed 10.00am Ann Boland

Thurs 10.00am Eileen Crosbie

Thurs 10.00am Tom Murphy

Fri 10.00am Anne Fagan

Fri 10.00am Jerry Hagan

Sat 6.30pm Cora Duffy

Sun 8.30am Stephen Farrell

Sun 11.15am Ellen McGrane &

Mary & Thomas McGrane &

Mary & James Stafford

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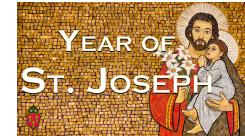
My beloved father (Joseph), all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pallium

"Turn your ear, O Lord and answer me"

Newsletter Sunday 22nd August 2021



This week's newsletter is an extract from the Archbishop's Homily given on 7th August when he received his pallium

"The pallium — which is conferred at this Mass — is a sign of the communion which exists between a metropolitan church, as embodied in its bishop, and the chair of Peter. By the simple yet solemn act of placing the pallium on my shoulders, you Archbishop Okolo, have demonstrated the singular and important service you offer to the Church as a representative of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. The pallium is a sign of the bond we in Dublin share with the successor of Peter; by your presence this evening, you make real the personal character of that bond.

On the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, as he blessed the pallia, Pope Francis reminded those present that, "this sign of unity with Peter recalls the mission of the shepherd who gives his life for the flock. It is by giving his life that the Shepherd, freed from himself, becomes an instrument of liberation" for his brothers and sisters.

One of the earliest and most striking images of early Christian art is the image, from the catacombs of Santa Priscilla in Rome, of the shepherd carrying the lamb. The pallium, this simple white woollen stole edged in black and worn over the shoulders, evokes the image of a lamb being carried by the shepherd. A profoundly biblical image, it evokes Moses and David, two great biblical figures called to serve God's people *precisely because they were shepherds*. It asks me, and the entire Church that I serve, to remember that we are a community which goes after the lost sheep, not only those who have strayed but those who are ignored, forgotten or overlooked. The task is not just to find them and bring them home, but to lift them up high, to shoulder level, where they can begin to see and live a new life, the life made possible by the one who is Himself 'the living bread.'

Jesus is the living bread, and more: Jesus is the bread of life. He is God's food for people in the deserts of life. He is the bread come down from heaven "to give life to the world" (John 6:33), as we heard last Sunday.

In the desert, like Moses before him, and Jesus after him, Elijah comes face-to-face with bread from heaven. In a word he comes face-to-face with the presence, consolation, and call of God. He can taste and see that the Lord is good: "...and strengthened by that food, he walked for forty days and forty nights until he came to Horeb, the mountain of God." (1Kings 19:8) The echoes and re-echoes will be not lost on you.

Neither is the resonance with the pandemic lost on us. With its experiences of lockdown and loss, of uncertainty and isolation, the pandemic has been very much a desert time.

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)*



What is a Pallium

A Pallium is a vestment made of lamb's wool and is blessed by the Pope on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It consists of a narrow circular band placed around the shoulders with a short lappet hanging from the front and back. When worn over Mass vestments, the Pallium symbolises an Archbishop's communion with the Bishop of Rome and his authority and responsibility to care for the flock entrusted to him.

Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell

I will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell to celebrate and recognise 9 wonderful, fruitful and fantastic years spent in Swords/Drynam This Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday 25th August at 7.30pm**. We still have our Covid restrictions with the Church limited to 50. But the Mass can be viewed on the Parish Webcam

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Bridget 085 2812985 from Sunday 22nd August to Saturday 28th August. Please phone from 6-8pm. 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.*

Saint's in the Church's Calendar

St. Bartholomew, Apostle—Tuesday 24th August. Was originally from Cana in Galilee and is usually identified with Nathanael, who was introduced to the Lord by St. Philip. According to Tradition, after Pentecost he preached the Gospel in Arabia, India and Armenia, where he was flayed alive. He is the patron of tanners also of plasterers and leather-workers

St. Monica—Friday 27th August. c332-87, converted her pagan husband, Patricius to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron saint of mothers.

Saint Augustine – Saturday 28th August 354-430. He was converted at the age of thirty-three and baptized by St. Ambrose. He became Bishop of Hippo(Algeria), where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on the understanding of God's grace. Patron of theologians.

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**.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Bridget Graham	Balheary
Christopher McNulty	North Street
Thomas Savage	Mooretown Park
Eileen Donnelly	Caastlegrange Way



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Eucharistic Prayer is a prayer of thanksgiving and praise. One way in which the Jewish people gave thanks was to recount God's deeds, to recall what God has done not simply as a memorial but including the element of proclamation. This is precisely what the Eucharistic Prayer does. By relating what God has done and in particular what God has done through Jesus within the context of proclamation the Eucharistic Prayer becomes an expression of Thanksgiving. (Source: St. Paul's Missal).

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

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road. Late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie. Web: www.evangelisation.ie

Covid Restrictions-Effects

1st and 2nd Collections

At every Mass, weekday and weekend there will be collection boxes situated around the Church. If you cannot make the Sunday Mass, but are able to go to the weekday Mass, you can make your weekly contribution during the weekday Mass. Thank You. *One contribution per week and not one every day!!!*

Newsletters and Missallettes

This is just a reminder. The Newsletters and Missallettes are left out for the weekend Masses. Please take them **BUT** bring them home with you. In these Covid times leaflets should not be picked up, read and put back again. Please, please take home with you.

Seating

St. Colmcille's has been marked out to observe social distancing. With the 2 metre rule the Church can only accommodate 50 people.

More than 50 (Inclusive of celebrant)

What happens when we reach the 50 limit? When that happens the volunteer stewards will inform you that the Church is full, that it has reached the limit demanded by Government regulations.

It will be awful to be informed that you cannot come in to participate and celebrate in the Mass. It will also be awful for the volunteer who informs you of this!