

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Eileen Crosbie

Mon 10.00am Paddy Barker

Tues 8.00am Ide Warren

Tues 10.00am Frances Hegarty

Wed 8.00am Terry O'Sullivan

Wed 10.00am Ann Reilly

Thurs 8.00am Tom Lawler

Thurs 10.00am Liam Heffernan

Fri 8.00am Tommy Hanratty

Fri 10.00am Stephen Farrell

Sat 6.30pm Ellen McGrane, Mary & Thomas
McGrane, & Mary & James Stafford
Robert O'Driscoll (MM)

Sun 8.30am Tommy Hanratty

Sun 11.15 Donal O'Toole

At our Masses next weekend we also remember: Bartle McDonnell, Anna Daly

Church of the Visitation Drynam *The Visitation of the BVM*

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

The Irish Mass in Drynam will recommence next Sunday at 11:00AM after the Summer break.

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'Who is Jesus?' is a question which Luke seeks to answer in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles. To answer this question, he sometimes finds it necessary to correct an inadequate view of Jesus. As in the case of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus who are demoralised about the events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion. It is by returning to Jerusalem, which is also a journey back to the risen Lord, that they begin to have the question answered.

Reflection - The stranger who meets the two disciples on the road to Emmaus journeys with them, talks with them and eventually shares a meal with them. By his closeness to them he transforms failure into fidelity. The assurance of the presence of Jesus with his community today is the inspiration that can equally transform our failures. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Lourdes Pilgrimage office would like to thank parishioners for your recent generous contribution of €685 for the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. This year 175 sick pilgrims will travel to Lourdes from 4th - 9th September. The enrolment sheets containing names of the Parish Associates will be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes and Mass is offered for all the intentions of all contributors during the pilgrimage

We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community:

Noah Abofu Alwmka, Libby Jane Joyce



GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

There will be a bus leaving the Star Pub on Sunday 8th Sept. at 8.30 a.m. for Knock
If interested contact Nora at Tel. 8404247 ALL ARE WELCOME

Fr. Michael Carey-8403378: Fr John Collins 8405948

Parish Secretary: Colette Stokes - Parish Office, Seatown Road-8407277

(Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm & Tues-Thurs 2pm-4pm)

Sacristy: -8400547 (Mon -Sat 9.30am-9.55am and 10.30am to 10.50am)

Website: www.swords-parish.com Email: stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer Without Words

"Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me"

Newsletter Sunday 25th August 2019

The following is an article written about Prayer by an Irish Augustinian priest, Fr. John Byrne OSA.

I grew up in a world where prayer meant words. Apart from the rosary we had novenas and prayers to favourite saints, devotions of various kinds, indulgences to be gained. The world of prayer was a busy world in which we did much talking. Looking back on it I think that I, for one, had a limited idea of what prayer was about. I was constantly trying to make sure that God was hearing my needs and wishes. It never dawned on me that God might be trying to say something to me, if only I would stay quiet for a while, be silent and listen.

There is a rediscovery in recent years of the value of quiet prayer. You can see this in many recently published books - and it is something whose value I have come to appreciate more and more. It is so simple. We just decide we are going to give the next 20 minutes to God, sit comfortably upright, close your eyes, and give thanks to the presence of God with us.

It is so simple to describe, but it's not always easy to accomplish. We get so distracted and our minds wander away all the time. That's OK. That's what minds do. It is helpful to pick a word that expresses for you your intention to be attentive to God. You can start your period of prayer by repeating this word a few times and then return to it if you yourself getting caught up in distracting thoughts.

Thomas Keating, the Cistercian monk who died last year, said, 'silence is God's favourite language'. One of the fruits of sitting in silence is developing the capacity to live in the present moment. So often our minds are either bothered about things from the past or preoccupied about what is to come, so we are not fully present in this moment. Over time, when we sit in silence, we learn to live in the present. We also get in touch with our own deepest feelings and needs. We discover the truth of what St. Augustine wrote: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you'.

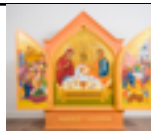
It may seem that to spend time in silence like that is not *doing* anything and is therefore a waste of time. Yet is it not the 'better part' to sit quietly in the presence of God so as to discover the truth about our inner selves as the beloved children of God?

Fr. Michael Carey



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*



Schools are back!

The summer has ended and the schools are back this coming. I hope all are well rested. Sacramentally it is a particularly important year for the 2nd and 6th classes and I hope that the journey and preparations for the Sacrament of 1st Penance, Holy Communion and Confirmation are exciting and rewarding for the pupils, their parents and wider family circle and the class teachers. It is also an important, challenging and probably nervous year ahead for the Junior and Leaving Cert classes 2020 – I wish them well and assure them of the prayers of the whole Parish Community.

Crosscare

The annual collection for CROSSCARE, – Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will take place at all Masses next weekend 31st August and 1st September. This collection is for Community and homeless services. The collection will replace the usual Share collection. Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has: A vision of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. A mission to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need

God's Housekeepers

The next date for cleaning the Church is next **Friday 30th August** 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

Age Action is running beginner computer classes for over 55's -

- in Swords, Malahide, Balbriggan & Donabate We train people on laptops, iPads or Tablets.

The classes are for older people who have little or no computer experience (or for the absolutely terrified!). The aim of the Getting Started programme is to introduce people to the basics of computers, internet and email. Classes are taught by trained volunteer tutors who are transition year pupils on a one to one basis with small groups of learners in a relaxed, non-formal setting. For more information contact Age Action on **01 475 6989**

St Finian's Parish Rivervalley Bible Study

Bible Study course resumes on Friday 6th September at 10.30am in the Oratory in St Finian's Parish Rivervalley, and will continue to study the Gospel of St Luke. Attendance to previous course is not required. Course is free and tea/coffee will be served afterwards. All are welcome

Swords Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group.

Have you suffered the loss of someone special in your life through bereavement? 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,, from 7.30pm. This is a free, confidential service and is offered to all Fingal residents. Date of next meetings Monday 26th August. Further information please phone Terri 8403243

Brackenstown Bible Study group is pleased to announce the following talks in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre, Brackenstown.

Monday 2nd September. Brad Anderson will talk on 'Whose Bible Is It? Judaism, Christianity, and the Old Testament'

Monday 9th September. Joseph Rivera will talk on "The Story of the Early Church."

Both Brad and Joseph are lecturers in theology at DCU. The talks will start at 7.30pm and be followed by a question and answer session until 8.30/8.45pm. Why not come along and learn more about your Christian faith and the early church? Admission is free and all are most welcome.

Scripture Note

The First Reading presents a vision of all peoples coming to Jerusalem to share in the blessings God has conferred on Israel. This prepares us for the universalist note which we find in the Gospel.

God wills that all people should be saved. People will come from all over the world to share in the messianic kingdom, and the Jews will have no advantage over the Gentiles. Jesus refuses to get into the numbers game, or to speculate about matters that are best left to the wisdom and mercy of God. The main thing is: the kingdom is present and the door open. But the door is not so wide that people can saunter casually in at their own convenience; it is narrow opening through which they must thrust themselves with determination. Besides, the door will not be open indefinitely

The message was originally intended for the Jews, but Luke now intends it as a warning to the disciples of Jesus. There were those who thought they could enter the kingdom simply because they had superficial acquaintance with the master, but who commitment was limited to words. There are those who even did evil, and who still expected to get in. it's a warning against presumption. Salvation depends on the favour of God and the honest struggle to follow his ways. (Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently
Lorraine McGauley
formerly Aspen Road

