

that all forms of hostility or conflict be avoided and that a humble and fraternal “subjection” be shown to those who did not share his faith.

4. Francis did not wage a war of words aimed at imposing doctrines; he simply spread the love of God. He understood that “God is love and those who abide in love abide in God” (1 Jn 4:16). In this way, he became a father to all and inspired the vision of a fraternal society. Indeed, “only the man who approaches others, not to draw them into his own life, but to help them become ever more fully themselves, can truly be called a father”. In the world of that time, bristling with watchtowers and defensive walls, cities were a theatre of brutal wars between powerful families, even as poverty was spreading through the countryside. Yet there Francis was able to welcome true peace into his heart and free himself of the desire to wield power over others. He became one of the poor and sought to live in harmony with all. Francis has inspired these pages. *(concluded next week)*

*Fr. Michael Carey*

***Mass Intentions this Weekend - Intentions will be prayed for at 11.15am Mass through the Parish webcam***

***Sat 6.30pm*** Thomas Byrne

Patricia McCreevey (1st An)

***Sun 8.30am*** Faith Porter

***Sun 11.15am*** Patricia O'Reilly



***Mass intentions for Next Week***

***Mon*** 10.00am

***Tues*** 10.00am Dec members of Legion of Mary

***Wed*** 10.00am

***Thurs*** 10.00am Michael Savage

***Fri*** 10.00am Altar list of the Dead

***Sat*** 10.00am Ethel Nulty & Family

***Sat 6.30pm*** Michael Lambe & dec

members of Lambe & Moriarty Families

***Sun*** 8.30am Mary Flynn

***Sun*** 11.15am Margie Markey &

Catherine & Eugene Callaghan

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

Our church in Drynam will continue to stay closed during this period adhering to HSE guidelines. If you wish, Mass from St. Colmcille's can be accessed on the Parish Webcam as per the New Mass Times notice in this newsletter.



**November**

We remember our own dead and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord.



**The Sunday Obligation**

***In the current emergency, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass***

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**Sunday in Ordinary Time**



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**A way of life marked by the flavour of the**

**Gospel**

*“Let us all rejoice in the Lord”*

**Newsletter Sunday 1st November 2020**



The Pope has issued a new encyclical called FRATELLI TUTTI meaning ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

I will not you'll be glad to know be reprinting the entire encyclical which would make up at least 20 newsletters. But the introduction to this encyclical makes I think for interesting reading and I will reprint it in part below:

“FRATELLI TUTTI”. With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way *of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel*. Of the counsels Francis offered, I would like to select the one in which he calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother “as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him”. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives.

2. This saint of fraternal love, simplicity and joy, who inspired me to write the Encyclical Laudato Si', prompts me once more to devote this new Encyclical to fraternity and social friendship. Francis felt himself a brother to the sun, the sea and the wind, yet he knew that he was even closer to those of his own flesh. Wherever he went, he sowed seeds of peace and walked alongside the poor, the abandoned, the infirm and the outcast, the least of his brothers and sisters.

**Without borders**

3. There is an episode in the life of Saint Francis that shows his openness of heart, which knew no bounds and transcended differences of origin, nationality, colour or religion. It was his visit to Sultan Malik-el-Kamil, in Egypt, which entailed considerable hardship, given Francis' poverty, his scarce resources, the great distances to be travelled and their differences of language, culture and religion. That journey, undertaken at the time of the Crusades, further demonstrated the breadth and grandeur of his love, which sought to embrace everyone. Francis' fidelity to his Lord was commensurate with his love for his brothers and sisters. Unconcerned for the hardships and dangers involved, Francis went to meet the Sultan with the same attitude that he instilled in his disciples: if they found themselves “among the Saracens and other nonbelievers”, without renouncing their own identity they were not to “engage in arguments or disputes, but to be subject to every human creature for God's sake”. In the context of the times, this was an extraordinary recommendation. We are impressed that some eight hundred years ago Saint Francis urged

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us* **Pope Francis**



### Level 5 Liturgy/Prayer Service

For the next few weeks during this Level 5 lockdown the Parish will host a special liturgy every Tuesday and Thursday Evening at **7.00pm**. It began on Tuesday 27th October. The format will be:

- A decade of the Rosary followed by Prayer calling on Our Lady's Protection
- A Reading of the Pope's latest Encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" – On Fraternity and Social Friendship
- The Night Prayer of the Church

This Liturgy/Prayer Service can be viewed through the Parish Webcam. The webcam can be accessed through the Parish website, [www.swords-parish.com](http://www.swords-parish.com)

### Diary 2021

The booking of Mass intentions for 2021 can begin next weekend of November 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> when the Diary will be available. Please note that during this time of Covid, the Sacristy will be open for about 15mins after the Webcam morning Mass until we come out of Level 5 lockdown.

### Mass of Remembrance

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

This year we are in the midst of a Covid 19 pandemic and everything is different.

Due to social distancing requirements St. Colmcille's can hold at a maximum a congregation of 50 persons and therefore we cannot invite families to this special annual Mass.

Instead you are invited to participate in this Mass from your home through live streaming via the Parish Webcam

**This Mass will take place in St. Colmcille's Church Swords, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, via the Parish webcam. The webcam can be accessed through the Parish website, [www.swords-parish.com](http://www.swords-parish.com)**

*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 : [stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com)*



### All Saints Day

Today's feast to celebrate all the Christian saints, known and unknown, was originally kept on the first Sunday after Pentecost which is the date on which it is still kept by the Eastern Christian Churches. From the middle of the Eighth Century it has been observed on November 1. The word 'saint' means 'holy one'. To make holy is the work of the Spirit. Those in whose lives this work is completed are saints. The Spirit was sent by Jesus from the Father to complete this work on earth.

### All Souls Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

To remember our beloved dead in the presence of God is wholesome and it is natural to remember them in love and thanksgiving. We thank God for the gifts bestowed on us through them – signs of his grace and presence. We entrust our beloved to the love and mercy of God because, even though we do not grieve as those who have no hope (1 Th 4:13), to remember the dead is holy and devout (2 Mac 12:45). All they have meant for us is not lost forever, for God the God of the living – is their life now and always.

**Prayer** - O God, to you all are alive (Lk 20:38). Confident of your great love and mercy, we entrust all our beloved dead to you, Father of us all. May they rise in Christ, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. (Source: *St. Paul's Missal*)

**The Mass Intention for this day is the 'NEW' Altar List of the Dead**

### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:**

Peter o'Brien

Cliffords Lane



### 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 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group

In this the month of the Holy Souls we remember in a special way our beloved dead. The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group extend our deepest sympathy to ALL bereaved people, especially those who have suffered bereavement during the Covid pandemic. We offer free and confidential support. If you would like to talk to a member please phone Terri at 8403243 from Sunday 1st to Saturday 7th November or you can email the parish office: [stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com). You can also find information on <https://www.bethany.ie>. It's good to talk. Do not grieve alone or unaided. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted"