

His response was simple but sharp and unequivocal; “that was not mortal sin, it was the fourth commandment”
 When speaking in Dublin Castle and in Knock about abuse, he spoke of how the Church failed to offer survivors “compassion and the pursuit of justice and truth”.
 In speaking to the Bishops of Ireland, he gave a stern warning: “Do not repeat the attitudes of aloofness and clericalism that at times in your history have given the real image of an authoritarian, harsh and autocratic Church”.....

The Church must learn anew the ability to speak the things of God not to flee from the realities of life, but to challenge the men and women of our time and the culture of our time to become the seedbed of a new humanity.

Ireland is changing. The Church is changing. The message of the Church must be a message of hope and love that touches the heart especially of our young people. We need a new generation of hope. I know that my time as Archbishop of Dublin is drawing to a close. People ask me how I feel. My answer is simple. I have trust in the Lord and confidence in the ability and the commitment of a younger generation of priests and people to lead the Church and indeed to lead and inspire me on a path of renewal of the Church in our changing times.

A changing Ireland needs a Church that credibly speaks of and incarnates the message of Jesus who embraces each one of us in his love.” *Fr. Michael Carey*

Mass Intentions this Sunday

Sat 6.30pm Ellen McGrane, Mary & Thomas McGrane & Mary & James Stafford
 Robert O’Driscoll (MM)
 Darren Sower (MM)
Sun 8.30am Tommy Hanratty
Sun 11.15am Donal O’Toole

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Ann Reilly	Sat 10.00 am Dec members of Stokes & Higgins Families
Mon 10.00am Maura Donovan	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Tues 8.00am Maureen Mason	Sat 6.30pm Susan Lambe
Tues 10.00am Tommy Hanratty	Margaret Bermingham (1st An)
Wed 8.00am Bartle McDonnell Jnr	Sun 8.30am Michael McCabe
Wed 10.00am Maurice & Vera O’Connor	Sun 11.15 Joe Prendergast
Thurs 8.00am Marian O’Connell	
Thurs 10.00am Tommy Hanratty	
Fri 8.00am Altar List of the Dead	
Fri 10.00am Altar List of the Dead	

At our Masses this Sunday we also remember: Bartle McDonnell, Anna Daly & Eileen Howard

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)
 We will have Mass for First Friday next Friday at 9:20 AM in Drynam.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

One Year on from the World Meeting of Families

“Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long”

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Last Sunday 25th August, the Archbishop’s homily was a reflection of the Pope’s visit to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. Below is an extract.

“Almost exactly to the hour one year ago, Pope Francis landed at Dublin Airport for the final moments of the World Meeting of Families. What can one say today, one year later?

For many the judgement would be less than positive. They would point to the lower than expected attendance at the large events in the Phoenix Park and at Knock. They would attribute this to disinterest in what the Pope had to say in Ireland. This cannot be discounted. Ireland has changed.

However, there is another side to the story. I was witness to the great enthusiasm of the people of Dublin when the Pope travelled through our streets. The Festival of Families in Croke Park was a spectacular event of reflection on the joy of faith.

I remember other events and moments that witnessed to the spirit and charism of Pope Francis. What have we to learn from these? I watched the attention he showed at what was simply to be a short stop to change vehicles outside the Church in Sean Mc Dermott Street. He recognised the challenges and the sufferings of the people of inner city Dubliners. His visit to the Food Centre of Brother Kevin was unique. You could see how Pope Francis was very much at home with those less than fortunate in our society. There was an immediate bond of affection between Brother Kevin and himself.

Here in the Pro-Cathedral the Pope met with hundreds of newly married and engaged couples. It was quite a unique event, to the point that the Pope began by saying that so many say that young people today do not wish to be married. In fact, the aspiration and hope for loving commitment and happiness present in these young couples from all over Ireland was visible and moving.

Many would hardly have noticed the first thing that Pope Francis did when he came into the Pro-Cathedral. He went to the altar on my left and prayed in silence before a candle that has been burning for some years now recalling the suffering of those who were abused within the Church. That candle is special to me in that it was not my idea or the idea of the Church establishment but of survivors themselves. The Pope later met with a small group of victims and survivors at a meeting that lasted three times the time foreseen. The Pope listened and was deeply moved.

Arriving in Croke Park just hours later he showed me how he had already drafted a revised penitential rite for the Mass the next morning in the Phoenix Park taking up the themes that the survivors had indicated. In that revised penitential rite the Pope said things that the Church in Ireland has at times been slow to accept. He spoke of young people, who in Church institutions, had been exploited for their labour. He spoke of members of the hierarchy who took no responsibility for those painful situations. He spoke about the difficulties experienced by single mothers trying to find their children and children trying to find their mothers and who at times were told that such searching was a mortal sin.

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*



Fr. Gerard Desmond

I would like to thank Fr. Gerry for his invaluable assistance during the months of July and August. Fr. Gerry is Anne McDonagh's brother and many of you know him personally. This is his last Mass and he returns to the Lord's vineyard in Lima, Peru this coming week. We offer him our prayers and support as he continues the Lord's mission is what is still a far and distant land despite air travel bringing us all closer. We hope to see you the next time you are home.

1st Saturday of the Month

Saturday 7TH September is the first Saturday of Month. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am followed by Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 30 minutes.

Crosscare - THIS WEEKEND

The annual collection for CROSSCARE, – Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will take place at all Masses THIS 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

St. Vincent de Paul

The outdoor monthly collection for St. Colmcille's Swords, VdP, will be taken up next weekend at all Masses

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently

Sean Colclough	Drynam Road
Eileen Howard	Malahide
Thomas Corbett	Oaklands Park

Coffee Morning Peter McVery Trust

A massive "thank you" to all who supported our Camino de Santiago coffee morning in Castlefarm in aid of the Peter McVerry Trust. Your generosity has been acknowledged by the Trust & monies put to very good use. Our walk begins on Sun Sept 1st. Sincerely, Deirdre Ann & Mary McCarthy

Scripture Note

The readings stress the importance of humility, especially for those in high places. The First Reading praises the person who is humble. A humble person is conscious of his/her own weakness, and never rejects wisdom, no matter where it comes from. Such a person will find favour with God and with his friends and neighbours. Pride raises a barrier to God's graciousness and to communion with our fellows.

This ties in with the Gospel where the key phrase is: 'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.' Jesus criticises those who thrust themselves forward and who engineer their way to the top. That's not the way to gain honour in the Kingdom. Honour in the kingdom comes from the host, not from the guest. God confers honour on those who are humble.

If we want to know the quality of our love, all we have to do is look at the kind of people with whom we share our love. Those who act out of motives of self-interest will receive no reward from God. But those who act from motives of disinterested charity will receive a reward at the resurrection. Here we also see Luke's concern for the poor and the afflicted. (Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)

Pathways: Exploring Faith as an Adult:

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. Late September to May (7.00– 9.30pm). Application now open for September 2019. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie or www.evangelisation.ie Early application advised.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The parables of Luke's gospel appear towards the end of Jesus' ministry when some of the crowds are abandoning him, perhaps from fear of the establishment or for reasons of respectability. The 'harsh ones' are a last warning that such a path is the direct opposite to true discipleship which by contrast is portrayed as remaining with Jesus who remains with his followers.

Reflection - Jesus met opposition from the religious teachers of his day especially in his presentation of God's mercy. In the parable of the lost sheep Luke directs Jesus' words against those who opposed him on this point. He uses it to explain why Jesus, in the name of God, seeks out sinners and rejoices in their conversion. This message is for us today as much as it was for Jesus' first hearers and later for Luke's community. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

EVE Plantmarket will be hosting an open day on the 10th of September between 10 am and 2 pm. It will be an opportunity to learn more about our exciting QQI accredited programmes in Employability Skills, Horticulture and Retail Practice. We offer vocational training to people who have experienced mental health difficulties. Students and staff will be free to answer questions from the: day to day within the centre, to the benefits of attending specialist vocational training or how to come on board? Like previously this day is open to both professionals and/or students.

If you are attending the open day weather by yourself or with a group, it would be much appreciated if you could RSVP: dneacy@eve.ie or call 01 8437351