



"God doesn't call you to be successful. He calls you to be faithful"

"Give me the strength to be ever the light of their lives, so that I may lead them at last to you," she wrote in prayer.

**A New Calling**

However, on September 10, 1946, Mother Teresa experienced a second calling, the "call within a call" that would forever transform her life. She was riding in a train from Calcutta to the Himalayan foothills for a retreat when she said Christ spoke to her and told her to abandon teaching to work in the slums of Calcutta aiding the city's poorest and sickest people.

But since Mother Teresa had taken a vow of obedience, she could not leave her convent without official permission. After nearly a year and a half of lobbying, in January 1948 she finally received approval to pursue this new calling. That August, donning the blue-and-white sari that she would wear in public for the rest of her life, she left the Loreto convent and wandered out into the city. After six months of basic medical training, she voyaged for the first time into Calcutta's slums with no more specific a goal than to aid "the unwanted, the unloved, the uncared for." (Source: *American Catholic-Franciscan Media*)

*Fr. Michael Carey*

**Mass intentions for Next Week**

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| <b>Mon</b> 8.00am Adrienne Byrne                             |   |
| <b>Mon</b> 10.00am Phil Droney                               |   |
| <b>Tues</b> 8.00am Patricia Caul                             | <b>Sat</b> 6.30pm John McGreevy                 |
| <b>Tues</b> 10.00am Mary, William, Michael & Patrick Harford | Seamus Earley (1st An)                          |
| <b>Wed</b> 8.00 John Taylor                                  | <b>Sun</b> 8.30am Paddy McNamee                 |
| <b>Wed</b> 10.00 Patricia Caul<br>Lauren Johnson (1st An)    | <b>Sun</b> 11.30pm Geraghty & McGreevy Families |
| <b>Thurs</b> 8.00am John Taylor                              |   |
| <b>Thurs</b> 10.00am Eileen Kavanagh                         |   |
| <b>Fri</b> 8.00am Dec members of Ryan Family                 | <b>Sun</b> 6.30pm Paddy Kane                    |
| <b>Fri</b> 10.00am Joan Beggs                                |   |

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

**Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am & 12 noon, Mon 9.20am**

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a nice bun after Mass today. All welcome! We will now have our postponed monthly Pastoral Team Meeting on Tuesday. If anyone would like to put forward an idea for discussion. Just mention to one of the Pastoral Team.

**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

'The Kingdom of God' is a term which we frequently meet in Luke's gospel. It is a metaphor used by Jesus to refer to God's reign in the world being accepted by humankind. The kingdom is not identical with the Church. Wherever the values which Jesus lived and preached are operating, even though the Church may not be established in that place, the Kingdom is already there.

**Reflection** - One of the mysterious aspects of the Kingdom of God is that on the one hand it is already here and, on the other, it has not yet arrived. The message of a number of kingdom parables is that the kingdom spreads silently and unobtrusively. In spite of apparently weak beginnings and feeble efforts the kingdom is taking root wherever people treat one another with respect and love. (Source: *St. Paul's Missal.*)

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St. Mother Teresa**

"You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right"  
 Newsletter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016

*"The cry of Jesus on the Cross, 'I thirst' (Jn 19: 28), expressing the depth of God's longing for man, penetrated Mother Teresa's soul and found fertile soil in her heart."*

— *Saint Pope John Paul II 19 October 2003*

**Synopsis**

Today in Rome, Pope Francis is canonising Mother Teresa. Born on August 26<sup>th</sup> 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia, Mother Teresa (Born as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu.) taught in India for 17 years before she experienced her 1946 "call within a call" to devote herself to caring for the sick and poor. Her order established a hospice; centres for the blind, aged, and disabled; and a leper colony. In 1979 she received the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian work. She died on 5th September 1997 and was beatified in October 2003. In December 2015, Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to Mother Teresa, clearing the way for her to be canonised as a saint today.

**Early Life**

In the aftermath of her father's death, Agnes became extraordinarily close to her mother, a pious and compassionate woman who instilled in her daughter a deep commitment to charity. Although by no means wealthy, Drana Bojaxhiu extended an open invitation to the city's destitute to dine with her family. "My child, never eat a single mouthful unless you are sharing it with others," she counselled her daughter. When Agnes asked who the people eating with them were, her mother uniformly responded, "Some of them are our relations, but all of them are our people."

**Religious Calling**

Agnes attended a convent-run primary school and then a state-run secondary school. At the age of 12 that she first felt a calling to a religious life. Six years later, in 1928, an 18-year-old Agnes Bojaxhiu decided to become a nun and set off for **Ireland to join the Sisters of Loreto in Rathfarnham**. It was there that she took the name Sister Mary Teresa after Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.

A year later, Sister Mary Teresa traveled on to Darjeeling, India, for the novitiate period; in May 1931, she made her First Profession of Vows. Afterward she was sent to Calcutta, where she was assigned to teach at Saint Mary's High School for Girls, a school run by the Loreto Sisters and dedicated to teaching girls from the city's poorest Bengali families. Sister Teresa learned to speak both Bengali and Hindi fluently as she taught geography and history and dedicated herself to alleviating the girls' poverty through education.

On May 24, 1937, she took her Final Profession of Vows to a life of poverty, chastity and obedience. As was the custom for Loreto nuns, she took on the title of "Mother" upon making her final vows and thus became known as Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa continued to teach at Saint Mary's, and in 1944 she became the school's principal. Through her kindness, generosity and unfailing commitment to her students' education, she sought to lead them to a life of devotion to Christ.



## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*Year of Mercy – “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Lk.6:36)*



### Earthquake in Italy

**At the request of the Archbishop, if anybody would like to make a donation to help the victims in Central Italy, collection boxes are on the tables at the back of the Church. 100% on monies collected will go to the Bishop of Rieti in whose Diocese most of the damage has taken place. Drynam held a collection last weekend.**

### Schools are back!

The summer has ended and the schools are back since last Tuesday. I hope all readers of the newsletter are well rested. Sacramentally it is a particularly important year for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes and I hope that the journey and preparations for the Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 for the Junior and Leaving Cert years – I wish them well and assure them of the prayers of the whole Parish Community. We might even get an ‘Indian Summer’ which will delight all of us.

### Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage Fund

This collection which was held on the August bank holiday weekend raised €1,275. Thank you to the collectors and for your wonderful generosity. These monies help subsidise the sending of sick pilgrims to stay in the hospital in Lourdes during the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Sept)

### The Bible's Most Important People

**James** – Jesus’ brother (in the culture of the extended family ‘brother’ and ‘sister’ may be understood in a wider sense than is current in Western culture), called James the less (younger). When the people of the synagogue were astonished at Jesus’ teachings, they asked if he was not the brother of James (Mk.6:3). James became the leader in the Jerusalem church. Paul visited him after returning from Arabia. When he saw that Paul had received God’s grace, James and some other disciples accepted him for ministry. This James is believed by many to be the writer of the book of James in the New Testament

### Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock

There will be a bus leaving the Star Pub in Swords at 8.3. a.m. on Sunday 12th September for Knock-Shrine Contact Nora at 8404247 if interested  
ALL ARE WELCOME

### St. Vincent de Paul

The outdoor monthly collection for the VdP, will be taken up **next** weekend at all Masses

### Date for Diary

The Autumn Liturgy Seminar takes place in Clonliffe on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 9.30pm to 1.30pm**. The topics included are: 1) RCIA: experiencing the first few steps; 2) Confirmation: What are we at?; 3) The Liturgical Year; 4) Singing the Mystery of Faith; 5) Emmanuel 2017. If anyone would like a detailed programme emailed to them, please contact Colette

### Year of Mercy – the great mystery of God's mercy

The twenty fifth paragraph of the Papal encyclical – ‘Misericordiae Vultus’ continues - I present, therefore, Extraordinary Jubilee Year dedicated to living out in our daily lives the mercy which the Father constantly extends to all of us. In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of casting open the doors of his heart and of repeating that he loves us and wants to share his love with us. The Church feels the urgent need to proclaim God’s mercy. Her life is authentic and credible only when she becomes a convincing herald of mercy. She knows that her primary task, especially at a moment full of great hopes and signs of contradiction, is to introduce everyone to the great mystery of God’s mercy by contemplating the face of Christ. The Church is called above all to be a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ. From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends. The profundity of the mystery surrounding it is as inexhaustible as the richness which springs up from it.

In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: “Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old” (Ps 25:6).

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

**Alice Burns**

**Christine Darcy**

**Paul Murphy**

**Ballintrane Wood**

**Mooretown Road**

**Oaklands Park**



**Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim** w Niedziele 11 Wrzesien o godz 18.45pm w St Cronan’s Church, Brackenstown Road, Swords. (Spowiedz 18.15 - 18.40 pm)

**Swords Historical Society:** Walk Around Historic Swords, **Sunday 4th Sept.** Starting at St. Colmcille's Well 3.00 pm. Visiting places of interest around the town.