

from the strength of God's faithful people, who always find a way to help and accompany those who have fallen! The Resurrection is the proclamation that things can change. May the Paschal Mystery, which knows no bounds, lead us creatively to those places where hope and life are struggling, where suffering and pain are opening the door to corruption and speculation, where aggression and violence appear to be the only way out.

As priests, sons and members of a priestly people, it is up to us to take responsibility for the future and to plan for it as brothers. Let us place in the wounded hands of the Lord, as a holy offering, our own weakness, the weakness of our people and that of all humanity. It is the Lord who transforms us, who treats us like bread, taking our life into his hands, blessing us, breaking and sharing us, and giving us to his people. And in all humility, let us allow ourselves to be anointed by Paul's words and let them spread like a fragrant balm throughout our City, thus awakening the seeds of hope that so many people quietly nurture in their hearts: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies" (2 Cor 4:8-10). Let us share with Jesus in his passion, our passion, and experience, also with him, the power of the Resurrection: the certainty of God's love that affects us deeply and summons us to take to the streets in order to bring "glad tidings to the poor ... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" (cf. Lk 4:18-19), with a joy that all can share in their dignity as children of the living God.

*May the Lord Jesus bless you and the Blessed Virgin watch over you. And please, do not forget to keep me in your prayers.  
Fraternally, FRANCIS*

*Fr. Michael Carey*

### ***Mass Intentions this Sunday***

**8.30am** Victor Geddes

**Sun 11.15am** Anthony McQuillan

Bridget & John McNulty



### ***Mass intentions for Next Week***

**Mon** 10.00am Molly & Joe Hatch

**Tues** 10.00am Brendan Murray

**Wed** 10.00am Fr Jim Gavigan

**Thurs** 10.00am Eilish Taylor

**Fri** 10.00am Andy Whelan

**Sun** 8.30am

**Sun** 11.15am Agnes Donovan

Robert O'Driscoll (1st An)

Tom Gavillet

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

Sunday Mass in Drynam continues at 10:00AM and all going well with fewer than normal numbers. Thank you to all for observing the HSE guidelines in the church.



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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **Let us be surprised yet again by the Risen Lord**

*"I shall be filled with the vision of your glory"*

**Newsletter Sunday 19th July 2020**



Concluding extracts from the Pope's letter to priests.

"The Resurrection is not simply an event of past history to be remembered and celebrated; it is much more. It is the saving proclamation of a new age that resounds and already bursts onto the scene: "Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Is 43:19); it is the future, the "ad-vent" that the Lord even now is calling us to build. Faith grants us a realistic and creative imagination, one capable of abandoning the mentality of repetition, substitution and maintenance. An imagination that calls us to bring about a time ever new: the time of the Lord. Though an invisible, silent, expansive and viral presence has thrown us into crisis and turmoil, may we let this other discreet, respectful and non-invasive Presence summon us anew and teach us to face reality without fear. If an impalpable presence has been able to disrupt and upset the priorities and apparently overpowering global agendas that suffocate and devastate our communities and our sister earth, let us not be afraid to let the presence of the Risen Lord point out our path, open new horizons and grant us the courage to live to the full this unique moment of our history. A handful of fearful men were able to change the course of history by courageously proclaiming the God who is with us. Do not be afraid! "The powerful witness of the saints is revealed in their lives, shaped by the Beatitudes and the criterion of the final judgement" (Gaudete et Exsultate, 109).

Let us be surprised yet again by the Risen Lord. May he, whose pierced side is a sign of how harsh and unjust reality can be, encourage us not to turn aside from the harsh and difficult realities experienced by our brothers and sisters. May he teach us how to accompany, soothe and bind up the wounds of our people, not with fear but with the audacity and evangelical generosity of the multiplication of the loaves (Mt 14:15-21); with the courage, concern and responsibility of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:33-35); with the joy of the shepherd at his newfound sheep (Lk 15:4-6); with the reconciling embrace of a father who knows the meaning of forgiveness (cf. Lk 15: 20); with the devotion, gentleness and tender love of Mary of Bethany (cf. Jn 12:1-3); with the meekness, patience and wisdom of the Lord's missionary disciples (cf. Mt 10:16-23). May the wounded hands of the Risen Lord console us in our sorrows, revive our hope and impel us to seek the Kingdom of God by stepping out of our familiar surroundings. Let us also allow ourselves to be surprised by our good and faithful people, so often tried and torn, yet also visited by the Lord's mercy. May our people teach us, their pastors, how to mould and temper our hearts with meekness and compassion, with the humility and magnanimity of a lively, supportive, patient and courageous perseverance, one that does not remain indifferent, but rejects and unmasks every form of scepticism and fatalism. How much we have to learn

## 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*



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**We've increased it slightly**

### **Slowly heading in the right direction!**

Last Saturday the Parish celebrated its first baptism in 4 months. Needless to say it was a lovely occasion and all went off well. I thank the members of the Baptism Team who not only assisted with the baptism but who graciously sanitised the Church afterwards. This coming week I will also celebrate a wedding ceremony. A young Polish couple living in the parish who were to get married last month in Greece, but obviously it had to be postponed and it will be happening in Swords instead. Many of their family and loved ones will be able to join in the 'Happy Day', through the parish webcam

### **FACE-MASKS**

**The National Public Emergency Team strongly recommend that all people wear cloth face coverings when in an indoor public space**

Can I ask that everybody at Mass please wear a face-mask. If you don't want to wear one, then please do so out of consideration for others. We can all sing quietly through them and speak through them so really it should not be an issue.

### **Seating**

St. Colmcille's has been marked out to observe social distancing. With the 2 metre rule the Church can only accommodate 48 people.

### **Stewards**

Again I would to sincerely thank the stewards in both our churches who are doing a fantastic job. It is not easy, but they as expected are caring and considerate in exercising their ministry and after Mass they sanitise the Church. We could have no Mass without them!

### **Mass Schedule for July and August**

**The Mass Schedule for July and August in St. Colmcille's will be as follows:**

Monday to Friday – 10.00am only

Sunday – 8.30am and 11.15am

### **The Sunday Obligation**

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

You may fulfil your obligation by attending Mass on any day of the week.

### **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*

### **Mass Intentions**

Mass times have changed for July and August.

If you have booked a Mass for 8.00am Monday - Friday for July and August, this intention will be moved to the 10.00am on the day.

If you have booked the 6.30 Saturday Vigil Mass for July and August, this intention will be moved to 11.15am on Sunday

***All Masses can be viewed on the Webcam***

### **Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group is available to parishioners providing telephone support during the COVID-19 pandemic. We offer our sympathy to anyone bereaved during these very difficult months. If you would like to talk to a Bethany member please phone **Bridget 085 2812985 6.00pm - 8.00pm, from 19th July . - 25th July** If there is no reply please leave your first name and phone number. Or you can email the parish office [stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com) and your message will be forwarded to Bethany Group. This is a free and confidential service.

### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today we have two versions of a parable, the original and a later Church interpretation. Communities of faith are always "mixed," in that some people are fully engaged, some are half-hearted and many, perhaps most, are in between. What to do? The temptation to go for a

radical, purified Church has been a recurring one across history. The teaching of this parable is let things alone – it is not for us to judge. It could be that less committed believers may change and a welcoming, compassionate approach may enable that to happen.

**Prayer** - Jesus, your compassion to all however fractured inspires us today to recognise our own need of your grace. Help us work on the plank in our own eyes before we dare offer to remove splinter in our neighbour's eye. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

### **Marino Institute of Education**

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