

The task of preaching the Gospel is the first task of the Church. Pope Francis asks what would it mean if we were to take these words seriously? ... And he quotes once again the bishops of Latin America: “we cannot passively and calmly wait in our Church buildings; we need to move from a pastoral ministry of pure conservation to a decidedly missionary pastoral ministry”...

Pope Francis writes “if something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life. More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our doors people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us. ‘Give them something to eat’”. The challenge is great but we should not lose hope. The biggest enemy is pessimism and the great ally of pessimism is pessimism. Pessimism is the mother of all self-fulfilling prophecies and it is a highly contagious disease.

Pope Francis’ answer is a radical one: a Church constantly going out from herself, keeping her mission focused on herself and her commitment to the poor. “God save us”, he says, “from a worldly Church with superficial spiritual and pastoral trappings!”

And he concludes: “Challenges exist to be overcome. Let us be realists, but without losing our joy and our hope-filled commitment. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of our missionary vigour”.

**Fr. Michael Carey Adm.**

### **Mass Intentions for this coming week: St Colmcille’s:**

**Mon** 8.00am Special Intention

**Mon** Charlie Jameson

**Tues** 8.00am Ellen Donovan

**Tues** 10.00am Margaret Malocco

**Wed** 8.00am Special Intention

**Wed** 10.00am Maureen Jones

**Thurs** 8.00 am Judy Lawlor

**Thurs** 10.00am Rose Brennan

**Fri** 8.00 Special Intention

**Fri** 10.00am James Garrigan

**Sat** 10.00 am Kathleen & John O’Connor

**Sat 6.30 pm** Molly McGarry

**Sun 8.30am** Úna & James Nevin

**Sun 10.30am** Rosanna Casciani

**Sun 11.30 am** Molly & Eugene McKenna

**Sun 7.30 pm** Special Intention

### **Church of the Visitation Drynam**

### **The Visitation of the BVM**

**Mass Times for Drynam: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: 9.20am. Sun, 10.00am 11.00am (Irish) & 12 noon**

On Sunday 5th October, we will have blessing of animals after the 12:00 Midday Mass. The blessing will take place in the newly cultivated field beside the church. All your pets welcome.



### **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

People undergoing counselling and therapy sometimes have a block or memory, which is holding them back, often an earlier difficult experience of some kind. Something like that is happening in the Old Testament folk tale of the bronze serpent. The power of the serpents to cause harm is taken away once they are confronted straight in the eye, through the symbol of the bronze serpent. We may say the same of Jesus as he faced death for us. Being lifted up for our sake, he looked death in the eye and took away its power over us.

**Prayer** - Loving God, in your beloved Son, lifted up for our sake, you took away the power of sin and death. Help us to continue to live as people set free, so that we may come to the eternal life you hold out to us

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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### **Living the Joy of the Gospel (Final Part)**

*“We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered”*



### **Newsletter Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

*Speaking about Pope Francis and his Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin addressed a Catholic Leadership Forum of priests, school principals and archdiocesan agency leaders gathered at the Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne on 14 July 2014... continued from last week*

There are real challenges in situations where the number of priests is falling and there are still many services which a parish has to provide. We have to refocus on what is essential. People who have become estranged from belief and religious practice will be attracted back to a Church in which they encounter Gospel wisdom which touches their hearts and lives. Our Church should focus resources on forming our faith communities into places where that Gospel wisdom is developed and shared.

Gospel wisdom does not grow in a culture of hectic. People seek silence and time and peacefulness and the ability to come to themselves. Gospel wisdom will never be the product of slick public relations gestures. Modern media offer new opportunities for the Church, but only if they are used in a way which upturns the inherent superficiality which they can contain.

Pope Francis notes that “we are in an age of knowledge and information, which has led to new and often anonymous kinds of power”.

To transmit faith in Jesus we must have a strong relationship with Jesus. We must identify with him in his self-giving love. Pope Francis stresses that the evangeliser never ceases to be a disciple. And he stresses that if we lose that sense of discipleship of Jesus, we end up becoming “unsure of what it is that we are transmitting”

There is a danger, for example, that in today’s world priests can lose direction and end up being so busy doing “priestly things” that they end up not being true priests. The priest is the one who knows Jesus Christ and who attracts people not because of things he does but because his faith in Jesus Christ gives his life an integrity which allows him to be a true Father to those he encounters. The priest who goes out to reach out to those on the margins of society cannot go out empty handed. He must know the message he is called to transmit.

Going out into the peripheries of human existence is for the Church is not just a one way street. There is a sense in which it is in going out that the Church, the community of believers, discovers who she really is. It is in our encounter with others that we realise the depth or the emptiness of our own knowledge of Jesus Christ. Refusing that encounter may well mean that we prefer comfort zones of our own making and that we are afraid and timid to go out and we think it is enough to keep the message for ourselves. When that happens we quickly find that we have indeed lost what we are really called to transmit.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*Antiphon – “ When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.”*

#### Pastoral Outreach

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has undertaken a number of initiatives in this area. Last November there was in ‘Open Evening’ in the Parochial House for volunteers and members of Ministry Teams. This was to say ‘thank you’ for their commitment and to ‘show off’ the newly refurbished Parochial House.

In the summer months of July and August just gone, members of the PPC and parishioners visited Carlton Court and Highfields. This was to say ‘hello’ to the residents and give them an information pack and to let them know that are part of our Parish of St. Colmcille’s. A lot of the residents appreciated our call and were delighted to have had been visited by the Parish.

The next step is again to hold an ‘open evening’ in the coming months for all parishioners. In order to prepare for this the PPC is inviting all Parish Groups and Ministry Teams *to send a representative to an information and preparation meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Parochial House, Seatown Rd at 7.30pm. If you are interested please leave your name with Colette in the Parish Office*

#### Clonliffe Seminar

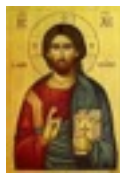
On the notice board at the back of the Church, there are details of a morning seminar in Clonliffe College organised by the Liturgical Resource Centre. If you are interested please leave your name with Colette in the Parish Office. The seminar is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept from 9.30am to 1.00pm. The Tipperary and Kilkenny teams will be going and then playing a game of hurling after it!!

#### 10.00am Sunday Mass

I am delighted to announce that the 10.00am Sunday Morning Mass resumes this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This feast commemorates the rescue of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629 after it had been captured by the Persians; it also marks the original dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where relics of the Cross were kept, in 335. The Feast celebrates the Cross, the instrument of our salvation, and is in many ways an extension of Good Friday. The Cross is a great and powerful sign of God’s love for us – a love stronger than death – and also a daily reality in our lives: the only true path to holiness



**A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE** He became what we are, so that he might make us what he is..... St. Athanasius the Great (ca.295-373, Father of the Church)

#### Crosscare

The annual collection for CROSSCARE, – Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will take place at all Masses next weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> September. This collection is for Community and homeless services. The collection will replace the usual Share collection

**St. Vincent de Paul** The outdoor monthly collection for the VdP, will be taken up this weekend after all Masses.

### Feasts this Week

**Our Lady of Sorrows– Monday 15th September.** Mary, standing by the Cross, ‘suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her’, whom she also offered to the eternal Father. This feast originated as a memorial of the seven sorrows of Mary, most of which were linked to the events of Good Friday.

**Ss Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian , bishop, martyrs – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

**St. Cornelius** became pope in 251 and died in exile in Civitavecchia in 253. Patron for cattle and domestic animals.

**St. Cyprian**, c.210-58, Bishop of Carthage, teacher and preacher, martyred. Both saints are included in the Roman Canon

**Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions-martyrs - Saturday 20th September**, Andrew , the first Korean born priest and Paul, a catechist, and 101 others were martyred during the persecutions of the Church in Korea, 1839-67. Canonised in 1994

### Liturgy Team

The liturgy team will meet this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Parochial House, Seatown Rd.

**Beginners Bridge Classes** with Swords Bridge Club will take place in Rivervalley Community Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. For information contact Frank O’Brien 8401104, Michael Beirne 086 1782981 or Seamus Costello 087 2890814

### We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community:

Katie Ann Tansey, Aoife Grace Kelly, Thomas James Gilmartin, Miles Mason Telyatnikov, Marcel Telyatnikov, Jake Peter Kehoe



### Liturgical Bits and Bites

**Bells at Mass** - Some parishes use them. Some do not. Originally bells started to be used at Mass when the Mass was in Latin. Once Latin was no longer the commonly spoken language, people did not know just where they were in the Mass. So the bells were rung at the Holy Holy, at that time called the Sanctus, to alert people to the fact that the Eucharistic Prayer was about to start. “Heads up, people, an important part is coming.” Then the bells were rung again during the Institution Narrative when the consecrated host was raised and then again when the cup with consecrated wine was raised. It was a signal to the people to look up so they did not miss this important part. Once the Mass began being celebrated in the language of the people, the bells were no longer necessary since people could understand what was happening. Most parishes continue to use them

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:  
**Paddy O’Rourke**  
**Seatown Villas**

