

Equality is judged not just in 'exact-measure-distributive-justice'; true equality means that I work to see that the measure of hope for others is that they experience that generosity which we ourselves would really love to receive.

Generosity is an understanding of what life is about and what human interaction is about. Living the Christian life is not about some added-on extras to what is means to be good. It is about a vision of life on a totally different plane. The Christian ethic of self-giving and generosity challenges the Church, which is called never to be self-promoting and self-defending or turned-in on itself, but rather to be a place where generosity is the by-word and the atmosphere which you breathe at every level. Everyone who encounters the Church must encounter, not a vast organisation with its structures even with its organisations of philanthropy, but a space where you realise that life can be lived within a different vision of welcome and outreach, where the quality of life of the highly qualified professional may be surpassed by the humble person who has no sense of self-pretence.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions for this coming week St Colmcille's

Mon 10.00am Brendan O'Keefe

Mon 10.00am Servant of God Frank Duff

Tues 8.00am Special intention

Tues 10.00 Ita Mongey

Wed 8.00am Special intention

Wed 10.00am Paddy Grimes

Thurs 8.00 Sr Laboure Cuddihy

Thurs 10.00am Paddy Hanratty

Fri 8.00am Kathleen & Patrick O'Reilly

Fri 10.00am Thomas Savage

Sat 10am Tommy Droney

Sat 6.30pm Liam Gargan

Sun 8.30am Margaret Doyle

Mary Heron

Sun 11.00am Paddy Barker

Christine & Francis Loughran

Sun 6.30pm Dan & Eva Geoghegan

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

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

We are planning a Visitation Evening on Tuesday 7th July to reach out to one area here in Drynam. We request parishioners who would like to participate to join us for about 2 hours on the evening. We will first have a short prayer service and then we'll call to houses in pairs.

We'll let people know that our church is here and provide them with information on the services we provide. If interested please give your name to Fr. Peter or one of the Pastoral Team.



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the midst of destruction and despair, God replants the tender shoot of life (1st reading). In the silent hours of night time sleep, God pursues the growth of the kingdom (gospel). What seeds of growth is God planting in you? What tender shoots is God nurturing? How can you give thanks to God this week?

St. Vincent de Paul

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

St Colmcille's Annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 8th August 2015. For details contact Mary @ 087 2711376, or Ita @ 01 8402268

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Year of Consecrated Life - Generosity

"O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help."



Newsletter Sunday 14th June 2015

The **Year for Consecrated Life** is still ongoing and the next Diocesan event for this celebration takes the form of a Pilgrimage of Religious run Churches in the city centre. Each day from the 12th-20th June, the Religious Orders from various churches in Dublin's city centre open their doors to warmly welcome you to pray, celebrate and discover the beauty of religious life in the heart of the city and to share and give witness to their mission, spirituality, prayer and daily life! Special times of prayer will take place in each Church. All are welcome!

Events taking place:

Today - June 14 Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin 1 (Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, SSS): Special event after each Mass, Masses at 11.00 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 5.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.

June 15 - Church Street, Dublin 1, Capuchin Franciscans (O.F.M Cap), Franciscan Holy Hour with Benediction at 1pm.

June 16 - Adam and Eve's Friary, Merchant's Quay, Dublin, Order of Friars Minor (O.F.M), Mass at 12pm.

June 17 - Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2, Carmelites (O. Carm), Mass at 3 pm.

June 18 - St. Saviour's Parish, Upper Dorset St, Dublin 1, Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Sung Vespers at 6 pm.

June 19 - Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B), Evening Prayer at 6pm.

June 20 - 1400th year of St. Columbanus, Pro - Cathedral, Marlborough Street, Mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Diarmuid Martin at 3pm

In his homily at the Mass for consecrated life earlier on this year the Archbishop said some words on generosity would apply to all of us.

Generosity means breaking out of the closed logic of everyone getting their just-deserves and nothing more. It means breaking out of the logic of many models of today's market economy or business strategies or policies of international solidarity.

Generosity is never just about plans or strategies or programmes. Generosity can never be simply CEO pre-packaged and driven, much less outsourced to others. It is something that touches the very essence of being a person. Being a generous person is part of being a true human being. There will always be something lacking in the make-up of any person who fails to be generous.

Generosity is also of the basic essence of the Christian life. The good Christian is not the one who carries out a series of norms and rules or devotions better than someone else. Jesus in the Gospel says: "You will have heard it said, but to you who hear me, I say". The believer in Jesus sets out from a totally different ethical platform from a vision where everything is judged in terms of my rights and my entitlements and what I need, to one in which the focus is on the other's rights and needs and hopes and aspirations.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*Antiphon – “There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the souse of the Lord all the days of my life.”*



Corpus Christi in the Parish

Last weekend saw the end of the ‘Do This in Memory’ programme for 2015. It finished beautifully with a Corpus Christi procession in the grounds of the Church. The boys had theirs at the Saturday evening Mass at 6.30pm and the girls at the 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass. There was a great turn out of the boys and girls, a wonderful tribute to their parents and the Committee headed up by Sr. Mary and Sr. Margaret. Thank you again to the parents committees who met during the course of the year to help prepare each Sunday’s special DTiM Mass. It was a wonderful year.

Corpus Christi Procession - Clonliffe

Last Thursday evening there was the annual Corpus Christi through the grounds of Clonliffe led by the Archbishop. It was a beautiful summers evening and the procession went off very well. A lovely smell of incense despite the vast open space and the music was beautiful. There was also a wonderful display of colour from the many Parish banners and the uniforms of the Dames and Knights of Malta. Thanks to all who attended from Swords – we proudly displayed our Parish banner. Fr. Paul Thornton, Administrator of Brackenstown Parish was on the organising committee and he did a great job!

Feast of St. Colmcille – Sun 14th June - our Parish Feast

Day.

The Feast of St. Colmcille falls on Tuesday 9th June. As a Parish, we celebrate our Feast day this Sunday **14th June**. As usual the congregation will be sprinkled with water from St. Colmcille’s well and you may also take some home with you

Exam Mass

The exams are ongoing and well pass the half way mark. I thank the Liturgy team for the beautifully prepared exam Mass which the Parish held on Sun 31st May



A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE It is no part of our duty to judge others, so let us not torment ourselves about their doings.. Edel Quinn, *Words of Life*

Cemetery Mass

This will take place in St. Colmcille’s on **Sunday 28th June at 4.00pm**. Blessing of Graves for nearby Cemeteries are as follows: **St. Fintan’s, Sutton** – today 14th June at 3pm. **Fingal** – Sun 21st June at 12 noon. **Glasnevin** – Sun 28th June at 3pm; **Balgriffin** – Sun 5th July at 12 noon and **Dardistown** – Sun 5th July at 3pm

The Presentation Brothers are organising a pilgrimage to Lough Derg (Friday, 26th - Sunday, 28th June) for young adults (18-40). Full details at www.PresentationBrothers.org Contact Andrew at 01-2300824 or email comms@PresentationBrothers.org

Golf Classic-2015

This year was the 5th annual Golf Classic. It was a tremendous success and the weather held up. On behalf of the Parish I want to sincerely thank and commend the organising committee who did such a marvelous job and gave an enormous amount of their time and talents: **John and Bernie Campbell; Susan Rallo; Jack and Maura Moore; Ann and Paddy Farrell and Pat Lynch**. I also thank the people who entered teams; the people who sponsored holes and the people who contributed prizes for the raffle. I also thank Peter O’Brien who tied up all the loose ends and was an invaluable help with the Golf Club and Tim Ralph who spent the day taking photographs. Finally I thank Forrest Little Golf club for the use of their excellent facilities and for their great hospitality and congratulations to all who won prizes and supported the raffle. The proceeds are going towards a fund for the decorating of St. Colmcille’s Church.

St. Vincent de Paul – Annual Clothing Appeal

The Appeal is for clean good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. Bags will be distributed next weekend **20th/21st June** in the porches of both our churches. They will be collected the following weekend 27th/28th June. There will be no Sunday evening collection.

The seed that grows by itself

On many an idle day have I grieved over lost time. But it is never lost, my Lord. You have taken every moment of my life in your own hands. Hidden in the hearts of things you are nourishing seeds into sprouts, buds into blossoms, and ripening flowers into fruitfulness. I was tired and sleeping on my idle bed and imagining all work had ceased. In the morning I woke up and found my garden full with wonders of flowers. (Source: *Flor McCarthy SDB*)

We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community: Shannon Mary Brunt, Hannah Mary Noreen Whelan, Madison Elizabeth Lynch, Finn Gerard o’Grady, Harry David Breen, Darragh Anthony Dunne Nugent, Isabelle Sarah Olohan Nolan.



Feasts this Week

The Irish Martyrs – **Saturday 20th June**, in 1992 Saint John Paul II beatified 17 representative martyrs who suffered in Ireland during the 16th and 17th centuries. They include bishops, priests and lay men and women and our own **Blessed Francis Taylor** who was born in Swords, Co Dublin, circa 1550. He was elected Dublin’s mayor in 1595. Later he was imprisoned for his Catholic faith, and died on 29 January 1621, after seven years of refusing to accept his freedom by giving up his religion. A statue of Blessed Francis Taylor and his grandmother-in-law, Blessed Margaret Ball, who had also died in prison (in 1584), stands outside St. Mary’s Pro-Cathedral in Dublin.