

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*



Sacrament of Confirmation - BNS

Next Wednesday 3rd April, the boys from St. Colmcille's BNS will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11am. I wish the school well in all their preparation these coming days.

Parish Initiative for Lent?

For this Lenten season, the parish Liturgy Team have come up with something new. For each of the Wednesday's of Lent a difference group in the Parish will pray the Stations of the Cross. This will take place on Wednesday Evening at 7.30pm and each week they will follow a different theme and all are welcome. This week, the Members of the **St. Vincent de Paul** will pray the Stations on **WEDNESDAY 3rd April at 7.30pm** in St. Colmcille's. Please do come along and attend

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Wednesday 3rd April due to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation there will be **NO** 10.00 Mass on this day. The 8.00am Mass will be celebrated as normal

Prophets of our Time

JOHN FEEHAN is an Irish geologist, botanist, author and broadcaster. He held the position of Professor of Agriculture Science in UCD

- To care for the earth not as we would care for a garden in which we grow the vegetables that sustain us, but because it is the garden God walks in, and we have been invited to walk with him.
- We share in God's own wonder and delight at his creation; ourselves alone endowed with that gift of Mind that enables us to tend and nurture it as God wants us to tend it, 'so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it, and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness.'

J.Feehan, 'Where is God?' talk - Milford, 2015

LAUDATO SÍ & GOD'S PLAN FOR CREATION 'God's own unfolding plan for Creation' has the most profound theological (and spiritual) implications. Our role is to further that plan: 'so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it, and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness.' (Laudato Si, 53)

Ministers of the Eucharist

There will be a reflective evening on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm, to be held in Drynam Church. This evening will be directed by Fr. John Collins. Please do come along

St Vincent De Paul

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

Happy Mother's Day

When I was happy, you patted me on the back.
When I was frightened, you held me tight.
When I was sad, you hugged me.
When I was cold, you wrapped me in a warm blanket.
When I fell and hurt my knee, you rubbed it and made it better.
When I was nervous, you held my hand.
When I was sick, you cared for me and made me feel better.
When I was born, you welcomed me into your loving arms.
Thank you. Happy Mother's Day!



Take up Something for Lent

Our Parish Book Club, reading Pope Francis's Book, Rejoice and be Glad, has been taking place during Lent. We will meet again on **April 4th at 2.30pm** in the Parochial House. You are welcome to come along even if you were unable to attend last meetings. We will be discussing Chapter 5. Please contact Colette at the Parish office for more information. Books will be supplied and tea and coffee will be served



DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SATURDAY 27th APRIL 2019

The three Parishes in Swords have arranged buses to Knock for the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. We invite you to join our Pilgrimage and celebrate 140 years since the apparition in 1879

The buses will leave at 7:30am on Saturday 27th April. Cost of the bus is €20 and Children under 16 €10 Please bring a Packed Lunch – Tea & Coffee available in St. John's Centre, Knock. Bus will stop for 15 minutes on the way down and back.

To book please contact Colette at the Parish Office



B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn.

Next residential weekend will be held 17th – 19th May 2019, in **Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Dublin 24**. For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com. www.beginningexperience.ie