

It reminds us that this life is not the ultimate value. Paul, "If our hope is only in this life we are the most miserable of all." We are waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

We do not hold on to this life too tightly. We take it as a gift. We enjoy it and cherish it while we have it and we let go gracefully and thankfully when the time come. The gift of life is great but the Giver of life is greater still and in Him is a life that never ends.

The proclamation of the coming of the Kingdom dominated the preaching and teaching of Jesus and also of his apostles. Now the proclamation of the Gospel has been passed on to us. And we proclaim the coming of the Kingdom not so much in words as in our lives. We proclaim it by our peace, love and joy. We express our gratitude for being called to be a citizen of this Kingdom by being happy, happy to be me. We proclaim the coming of the Kingdom by "earthly mysticism," by living an ordinary earthly existence while "keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." (Source: Homily written by Fr. Rodney Kissinger S.J.)

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Peggy Hiney

Mon 10.00am Martina Phillips

Tues 8.00am Concepta Monks

Tues 10.00 Thomas Greene

Wed 8.00am Sr Helen Fitzpatrick

Wed 10.00am Special Intention

Thurs 8.00am Patrick Duffy

Thurs 10.00am Dec members of Murphy Family

Fri 8.00am Michael Farrell

Fri 10.00am Pat Barnwell

Sat 10.00am Patrick Barnwell

Sat 6.30pm Ronald Kane

Sun 8.30am James Fitzsimons

Sun 11.15am Dominic King
Pat O'Reilly (MM)

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am & 11.00am (Irish Mass)

Today we have the 'Do This in Memory' program for the children from Holywell ETNS. St. Vincent de Paul will have their monthly collection outside the church.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Emma O'Rourke Mythen

Sean Kennedy

Melrose Park

Seatown Walk



Monday 26th November

On Monday 26th November at 7.30pm Fr. Damian McNeice, Master of Ceremonies to the Archbishop, will speak to all Ministry Teams (Ministers of the Word; Ministers of the Eucharist; Choir; Folk Group etc) about his experience of the World Meeting of Families and the Icon. **All welcome**

November

We remember our own dead and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord.



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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ the King

"How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity"



Newsletter Sunday 25th November 2018

On this last Sunday in the Liturgical Year we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It is a good time to reflect on this most unusual king and his kingdom.

The proclamation of the coming of the Kingdom dominated the preaching and teaching of Jesus. "To the other towns also I must proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God because for this purpose I have been sent." (Luke 4:44) He taught his disciples to pray, "Thy Kingdom come." (Matt. 6: 10) He told them to "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all of these things will be given to you besides." (Matt. 6: 33) He handed on this purpose to the apostles, "Jesus said to his apostles: 'As you go make this proclamation: The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" (Matt. 10:7)

What is this Kingdom, this Kingdom of God, this Kingdom of heaven? We hear and read this expression many times and seldom stop to think what it really means. The Kingdom of God is described for us in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis. It is a kingdom of holiness, justice and peace. Man is the Lord and Steward of this creation. Made in the image of God, man has an intellect and free will and is at peace with God, with himself and with all of creation. But this creation is short-lived. Man is not satisfied he wants to be like God and so exercises this absolute independence and is banished from the Kingdom.

In the fullness of time God sends his only Son, Jesus Christ to restore and usher in anew the Kingdom of God, a kingdom which is not of this world. The kingdom begins in this world but finds its completion in the next world.

Jesus is the King of this Kingdom. But He is a most unusual King; he is a crucified King. And from his royal throne on the cross he extends his royal invitation to his subjects. "If anyone will come after me he must pick up his cross daily and follow me." In Baptism we have accepted this invitation. There are no states in this Kingdom that are more perfect than any other. Everyone is called to reach the potential that he has been given.

It is a most unusual kingdom. The greatest in the Kingdom are the childlike. The weak conquer the strong, the foolish confound the wise and a camel gets through the eye of a needle, we add by subtracting and multiply by dividing because nothing is impossible with God.

In the Kingdom of God there is only one law, the law of love. "You shall love the Lord.... you shall love your neighbour as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend of these two commandments." (Matt 22: 37-40) Jesus identified the neighbour as the one in need and said that we love the neighbour by doing to him/her what we would wish him/her to do for us. Whatever we do for the neighbour he takes as having been done to himself.

In the Kingdom of God there is only one banquet, the Eucharist, which is a foretaste of the feast we will share in the next life. The King said that we are to do this in memory of him. It reminds us that Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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*

Do This in Memory

I welcome the boys and girls and their families to the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. I would also like to thank the parents who are part of the organising committee who met during the week to prepare these Masses.

1st Saturday of the Month

Saturday 1st December is the first Saturday of December. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am followed by Confessions.

Talk by Fr. Damian McNeice

Even though I mention in the notice below that the talk is for the Ministry Teams, in fact all are welcome to attend if you feel that it might be of interest. Fr. Damian worked at the 'coalface' in preparation for the World Meeting of Families. What he has to share about that may be of interest to you. The talk will be here in the Church this coming **Monday 26th November at 7.30pm**. Again **All** are welcome

Talk by Fr. Paddy Boyle

I have invited Fr. Paddy Boyle to give a talk on **Tuesday 27th November at 7.30pm** here in the Church. It is titled, **'One hour on the Bible'**. It is aimed specifically for the parents of the 1st Communion children – they have received a personal invitation from me to attend. It will cover such topics as: The Bible: Who wrote it? When was it written? Why was it written? Why do we need to read the Bible? What does the Bible teach us?

BUT again if you find that this might be of interest to you then **PLEASE COME ALONG**. In short **All** are welcome



CAROL SERVICE - St Colmcille's Church Sun 9 Dec 2018 at 5pm



The Parish Community is delighted to announce that, having missed last year, the Annual Carol

Service again takes place on Sunday 9 Dec 2018, at the **later time of 5pm**. Under the direction of our Choir Director, Morgan Crowley, changes have been introduced to make the programme more invigorating and interesting. These include solo performances by small groups and individuals adding to the Choir's wonderful harmonies, but popular seasonal carols are still included. We would ask you to support our Choir by attending and bringing your family and friends to this wonderful presentation of the great seasonal carols. *Note that the start time is an hour later at 5pm*

Swords Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group.

Have you suffered the loss of someone special in your life through bereavement? Would you like to talk to a trained bereavement support person? Date of next meeting 26th November at The Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords. @7.30pm. Further information please phone Terri 8403243".

Christmas Draw 2018 almost last chance to buy tickets

St. Colmcille's is having its 3rd Christmas draw this year and as always the Parish Pastoral Council is looking for your support. The draw will take place at 4pm on Sunday 2nd December in the Parochial House on Seatown Road.

1st Prize €1000

2nd Prize €250

There will be 10 prizes in all. Tickets are €2 each and a book of 3 tickets for €5. Tickets will be on sale in the Church before and after all Masses this weekend and finally 1st/2nd December. Tickets will be available in the Sacristy and in the Parish Office on Seatown Road.

To summarise: • Draw on 2nd December • The cost of a ticket is €2 or 3 for €5

• Good Prizes • Please Support

CHRISTMAS
RAFFLE

Garda Band Christmas Concert 2018

The Garda Band are holding a Christmas concert in aid of Loreto College Swords on Tuesday 4th December at 7.00pm in St Finian's Church, Rivervalley. Tickets €5 are available from the school. *All welcome*

Irish Catholic Paper

There is a real need for us as Catholics to feed our faith on a daily basis. This is why our parish is partnering with The Irish Catholic newspaper to launch a special initiative for 10 weeks from **November 16th, 2018**. Extra copies of the paper will be available for just **€1** for this time, and we encourage as many people as possible to pick it up. From hearing uplifting positive news from parishes around the country, to getting the Catholic perspective on the latest news, there is something for everyone in the paper. So please pick up a copy, take time to read it throughout the week, and invest in your faith this winter.

Teen Hope

This is a parish based faith outreach to teenagers. Young people often feel stressed and anxious. Would you agree? Teen Hope is a space where teens can just be themselves – a pressure free zone. It is a space where through fun and engaging activities you can build friendships, and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship. Each gathering includes hospitality with music & refreshments, team building games, main activity & prayer. Teen Hope Clontarf will launch on **November 25 in St John the Baptist Parish Centre at 7pm**. We are also looking to recruit volunteers from the Blanchardstown area for Teen Hope Blanchardstown. If you are interested please email st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie.

We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community:
Amelia Barrett, & George Alexander Hennessy

