

Judgement

All the time the theme of judgement hovers in the background. The language of law courts abounds: truth, falsehood, witness, condemn. The Father has given all judgement to the Son, but the Son judges no one. The followers of Jesus and his opponents judge themselves by their favourable or adverse reaction to Jesus, until the dreadful scene before Pilate. With typical Johannine irony the Jewish leaders think they are condemning Jesus, when in fact they are condemning themselves before Jesus crowned as king and judge, when they reject the true King of Israel by crying out, 'we have no king but Caesar' (19.15). *Continued next week (Source: CTS Bible)*

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Special Intention

Sun 8.30am Kathleen White

Sun 11.15am Tom Gavillet



At our masses this weekend we also remember : Sara Jane & Tony Reddington, Aileen Biggins, Andy Whelan, Jerry Hagan, Sr Anne Cuddihy

Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Reparation of Souls lost through sin Sat 6.30pm Marie Corby

Tues 10.00am Mary Gannon

Wed 10.00am Ita keane

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Thurs 10.00am Robert O'Driscoll

Fri 10.00am Michael Dolan

Sun 8.30am Gwen Kavanagh

Sun 11.15am Kevin Leonard

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am

We are happy to welcome people back to Sunday Mass in the Church. As before everyone must wear a mask in Church. Seats marked for social distance and hand sanitizer to be used on way in. Our church only holds 37 so sorry in advance if we have to turn someone away.



Mass Intentions- How can a book a Mass during these Covid times

1. You can email your request to the Parish Office at stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com
2. Call to the Sacristy before Mass between 9.40am and 9.55am and after Mass from 10.30am to 10.45am or by phone 01-8400547

Saint's in the Church's Calendar

Ss. Joachim and Anne– Monday 26th July parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord. An old tradition going back to the second century gives these names. They remind us that the Word truly became flesh in a particular family. Our devotion to them is an extension of our love of Mary and her Divine Son. St. Anne is patron of Canada, women in labour, miners, cabinet-makers and home-makers.

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(Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm & Tues-Thurs 2pm-4pm)

Sacristy: -8400547 (Mon –Sat 9.30am-9.55am and 10.30am to 10.50am)

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Facebook: St. Colmille's Church, Swords & Church of the Visitation, Drynam



My beloved father (Joseph), all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power

17th Sundays in Ordinary Time

The Gospel according to John (Part 2)

"God is in his holy place"

Newsletter Sunday 25th July 2021



The Author of the Gospel

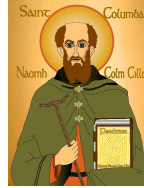
The identity of this author remains mysterious. Tradition associates this gospel with John the Apostle, son of Zebedee. The two sons of Zebedee feature strongly in the synoptic gospels, but are mentioned only in John 21.2. Traditionally this has been explained as self-denying reticence by John, who merely gives himself the code-name 'the Beloved Disciple'. It has, however, been asked why this Disciple occurs only in the Jerusalem stories, how he was 'known to the High Priest' (18.15), if he was a Galilean fisherman. It has even been suggested that the disciple whom Jesus loved, who is the origin of the tradition of the gospel, is Lazarus (see 11.3,5,11,36). Others have suggested that the Beloved Disciple is a symbolic figure standing for any disciple whom Jesus loves, close to Jesus at the Last Supper (13.23), sharing the Passion with Jesus and with his mother forming the first Christian community (19.26-27), believing in the Resurrection (20.8), and custodian for ever of the Christian message (21.22-24).

The Messiah of Judaism – and more

An opposition – or bipolarity is at the heart of the gospel; 'He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him' (1.11). They preferred darkness to light, blindness to sight, falsehood to truth, death to life. They searched the scriptures but refused to come to Jesus to whom the scriptures testify (5.39). This blindness is greater in that throughout the gospel Jesus is seen to sum up in his person the values and festivals of Judaism. At a first series of encounters the disciples acknowledge him as Rabbi, Messiah, Son of God and King of Israel (1.38-49). Then the significant events of Jesus' life are presented against the backdrop of Jewish institutions. At Cana he turns water, always the symbol of the life-giving Law, into the wine of the messianic wedding-feast, and the disciples see his glory (2.1-11). In the Temple the Jews cannot accept that his body, risen after three days, will replace the Temple (2.13-22). At the Pool of Bethzatha he makes the Sabbath his own by working the cure of the sick man (5.1-18). At the Passover he shows that he, not the manna which Moses gave to their fathers in the desert, is the true bread from heaven (6.4-33). At Tabernacles, the festival of water, he claims that his Spirit is the water which quenches all thirst (7.1-38) and also (4.10). At the winter Festival of Light he claims to be the light of the world (8.12). Finally he dies on the Cross at the moment the lambs are being slaughtered for Passover (1.29; 19.14,29,36). The more we know about the liturgical life of Israel, the more we understand John's intentions.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*May the Lord be a sure path beneath your feet,
a bright light before you,
a kindly shepherd behind you;
this day, this night and always.....St. Colmcille (Celebrating 1500 years)*



Mass of Thanksgiving and farewell

I will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell to celebrate and recognise 9 wonderful, fruitful and fantastic years spent in Swords/Drynam. This Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday 25th August at 7.30pm**. We still have our Covid restrictions with the Church limited to 50. But the Mass can be viewed on the Parish Webcam

The webcam can be accessed through the Parish website, www.swords-parish.com

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021 on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20). Resources for use in parishes, which have been collated by the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family, are now available on www.dublindiocese.ie

"I am with you always"

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers,

Dear Elderly Friends,

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. "I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone! (Pope Francis)

Fr Michael

You will note from the Administrator's column that Fr Michael will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving and farewell on Wednesday 25th August at 7.30.

Tea, coffee & biscuits will be served after the Mass. A suitable presentation will be made to Fr Michael on behalf of the parish (St Colmcille's/Drynam. However a number of parishioners had intimated that they would like to make a personal donation to express their appreciation of Fr Michael. To facilitate this, parishioners in St Colmcille's can make donations to Colette in the Parish Office, Seatown Road (9.30am - 12.30am Monday - Friday). Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for the first two weeks of August but it will re-open on Monday 16th August. Parishioners in Drynam can make donations in the Parish Office or in the Church of the Visitation, Drynam.

Parish Pastoral Council

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Denise 086 0610463 from Sunday 25th July to Saturday 31st July. Please phone after 6pm. More details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie> It's good to talk. Do not grieve alone or unaided.

Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of
Gospel faith,
guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.
Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly
homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. **Amen!**
Author: Emeritus Pope Benedict XV



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are three processions included in the Mass: the entrance procession, the procession at the preparation of the gifts and the communion procession. Each is accompanied or followed by a prayer which sums up what the actions express. The prayer over the gifts is a general prayer which does this and which in addition looks forward to a time beyond this particular celebration. In this way life and liturgy are connected. (Source: St. Paul's Missal).

Scripture Note –17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For this and the next four Sundays the Gospel readings come from Chapter Six of St John's Gospel. John has no account of the institution of the Eucharist. But this chapter more than compensates for that.
The miracle described in the First Reading shows God's concern for his people during a time of famine. The bread in question was the bread of the first-fruits, which was meant to be offered to God. But instead of offering it to God, Elisha, the prophet of the old covenant, gave it to the people. The left-overs stress God's generosity.
Like Elisha, Jesus, the prophet of the new covenant, feeds hungry people, and does so even more astonishingly. There are clear eucharistic overtones in the way the miracle is related. Jesus 'took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to the people'. Such language is meant to remind us of what he did at the Last Supper, and of what happens every time we celebrate the Mass.
Even though both feedings are miraculous there is an essential human element in each, without which no miracle is possible. (Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)