

Today we celebrate the second Sunday of The Season of Creation. Recall the Spirit of this Season: Celebration, Repentance, Amendment--three themes but they're all about relationships.

Relationships make up our lives: look at our human relationships: here we are, a congregation related through a common faith; we are parent, child, husband, wife; family, friend, companion, teacher, priest. School, workplaces, neighbourhoods, sports clubs, entertainment, social media, -- all are webs of Relationships. In our gospel today, Jesus is urging us to constantly restore relationships, seventy-times-seven, i.e. infinitely.

Today we focus on our relationship with Creation. To stay alive, we depend totally on Creation – air, light, plants, animals, building materials, energy sources... When things go wrong with Nature, as we have seen in recent times, the world grinds to a halt. We know that we are plundering the earth's resources, we are in debt to nature. Nature is generous, on our side. We take and take, and she gives and gives: but she is going bankrupt--she can't keep up with our consumerism. We are destroying our relationship with her.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Sunday

Sun 8.30am Special Intention

Sun 11.15am Paddy Kane & Sons Raymond, Greg & Ron
John & Brendan Clarke



Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Sr Patrick Leamy

Mon 10.00am Special Intention

Sat 6.30pm Susan Lambe

Tues 8.00am John & Kathleen O'Connor

Tues 10.00am Sean Rice

Sun 8.30am Rosanna Casciani

Wed 8.00am Special Intention

Wed 10.00am Nancy & James Dolan

Thurs 8.00am Special Intention

Sun 11.15am Alice & Tom Keane

Thurs 10.00am George Hipwell

Fri 8.00am Sr Patrick Leamy

Fri 10.00am Richard Kenny

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am

The Irish Mass in Drynam is restarting from today 13th September and will continue at 11:00AM each Sunday, subject to Covid-19 regulations.



The Sunday Obligation

In the current emergency, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. You may fulfil your obligation by attending Mass on any day of the week.

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Season of Creation - 2

*“Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait
for you”*



Newsletter Sunday 13th September 2020

Carrying on from last week's newsletter where I quoted some suggestions from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, they have two more headings under the overall theme of **CULTIVATING HOPE** - A Faith Response to the Climate Crisis

The second heading is:

Celebrate the Gift of Food

Cultivate hope by the way you buy, prepare, and eat food

- Grow some of your own • Support local producers • Buy local, Irish and in season • Avoid excessive packaging • Use Fairtrade products • Give thanks and welcome others to your table • Plan your shopping. Make a list • ‘Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic act.’ (LS 206) • Avoid food waste (www.stopfoodwaste.ie) • Learn to compost. ‘Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change.’ (LS 202)

In Genesis 2:15 we were called to till and keep the garden of Eden.

‘Laudato Si reminds us that **‘tilling’** refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while **‘keeping’** means caring, protecting, overseeing & preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature.’ (LS 67).

The third heading is:

Be part of the Solution to Plastic Pollution and Climate Crisis

Cultivate hope by your actions

Personal:

- Always carry your keep cup/refill bottle • Bring your reusable bag to the shop • Avoid impulse purchases • Conserve and reduce energy and water use

Parish:

- Plan to avoid single use plastic • Use Fairtrade products at parish celebrations • Audit Parish events for plastic, packaging, recycling, unhealthy food • Put Think Before You Flush signs in parish toilets (www.thinkbeforeyouflush.org) • Refer to Ireland's official guide to managing your waste (www.mywaste.ie) • Consider an energy audit of your parish buildings. Check www.seai.ie for advice/help.

Together let's Care for our Common Home

2nd Sunday of the Season of Creation – 6th September

For this Second Sunday of the Season of Creation I include below some thoughts by Fr. Brian Grogan SJ & Loving Sister Earth

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*



Sr. Patrick

It was with sadness that I heard of the death of Sr. Patrick. She was the Sacristan when I arrived in Swords back in 2012. She was excellent at her 'job' and a great support and encouragement to myself and Canon Pat. On behalf on myself, Canon Pat and the Parish Community I offer our sincere condolences to her family and to her Community - Sr. Margaret, Sr. Mary, and Sr. Winnie. May she Rest in Peace The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the eternal repose of her soul will be offered this Monday 14th September at 10.00am

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

I am delighted to announce that the Saturday evening Vigil Mass will return next Saturday 19th September. A sincere 'thank you' to all who have volunteered as Stewards. Without your goodwill and generosity this Mass would have not recommenced

St. Vincent de Paul

This collection will take place **THIS SUNDAY** 13th September after the 8.30am and 11.15am Masses.

1st and 2nd Collections

At every Mass, weekday and weekend there will be collection boxes situated around the Church. If you cannot make the Sunday Mass, but are able to go to the weekday Mass, you can make your weekly contribution during the weekday Mass. Thank You. *One contribution per week and not one every day!!!*

Scripture Note – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel raises the question of sin between brothers and sisters, that is fellow-Christians. The psalm talks about the greatness of God's forgiveness, (which contrasts with our miserly forgiveness). Anyone who is forgiven has an obligation to forgive. If we cannot bring ourselves to do this, it is an indication that we really haven't experienced God's forgiveness. The position of the servant in Jesus' story was absolutely hopeless. He owed the king so much money that even if he worked forever, he would not be able to repay him. This is our situation before God. We can't win God's forgiveness. All we can do is plead for his mercy. (Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)

Sr Patrick Leamy.

Sr Patrick was born in Drumbane, County Tipperary in May 1934. She was one of a family of seven, five girls and two boy, four of the girls entered Religious life. Sr. Patrick gave sixty four years in the Congregation of the Ursulines of Jesus, thirty one of which she lived in Swords. She was very dedicated to the Lord and totally committed to her mission. She was friendly, outgoing and had a great sense of humour!! She never let her poor health get in the way of her mission and was known as the "flying sister" here in Swords, causing many hair raising moments to drivers on the roundabouts. She mothers the priests and always referred to them as "her boys".



Sr Patrick, you are sadly missed and thank you for your warm presence among us. May you rest in peace. Amen

Sr Mary, Sr Margaret, Sr Winnie

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group is available to parishioners providing telephone support during the COVID-19 pandemic. We offer our sympathy to anyone bereaved during these very difficult months. If you would like to talk to a Bethany member please phone **Terri 8403243 from 13th September -26th September** If there is no reply please leave your first name and phone number. Or you can email the parish office stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com and your message will be forwarded to Bethany Group. This is a free and confidential service.

Memory Walk Campaign - The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Support the Memory Walk Campaign - Let's Walk together for Dementia services on September 20, in aid of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland - See the full details and registration at

<https://alzheimer.ie/get-involved/fundraising-events/alzheimer-memory-walk/>