

cross can be understood to be a surrender to God, a giving of our whole self to the triune God, a placing ourselves in God's loving presence. The sign of the cross also reminds us our God is three and acts in different ways on our behalf. The challenge is to make these words and their accompanying gesture something other than habit (*Source: Living Liturgy: Collegeville, Minnesota*)

"The desire to truly know God, that is, to see the face of God, is inherent to every human being, including atheists. Perhaps we also, unconsciously, have this desire to simply see who He is. ... But this desire is fulfilled in following Christ thus ... we finally see God as a friend. What is important is that we follow Christ not only when we need Him or when we find a minute of time among our thousands of daily tasks. ... Our entire existence must be directed toward meeting Jesus Christ, toward love for Him. In such an existence, love for our neighbour must take a central position; that love that, in light of the Crucifix, allows us to recognize the face of Jesus in the poor, the weak, and in those who are suffering." (*Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI-audience 2013*).

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Harry Sheridan

Sun 8.30am Tom, Mary & Sharon Conway

Sun 11.15am Billy Harrington



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Paddy Gerrard

Tues 10.00am Elizabeth & George Fields

Tues 10.00am Gerard Lavelle

Tues 10.00am Colm & Dyphna Wynne

Wed 10.00am Time Brett

Wed 10.00am Jerry Murphy

Thurs 10.00am Jerry Murphy

Thurs 10.00am Mass for Canonisation of Frank Duff

Fri 10.00am Altar List of the Dead

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Sat 10.00am William, Esther & Liam Spencer

Sat 6.30pm Annie, Thomas & James McKenna

Sun 8.30am Paddy Gerrard

Sun 11.15am Joseph Tully

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Joe Robinson

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

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

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.



The Most Holy Trinity

The Christian teaching on the Most Holy Trinity is based on what has been revealed of God in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. It is Christianity's answer to the question: who is God? The Jewish people knew God only as one. With the proclamation of Jesus as divine this question took on a fresh urgency. Jesus the Christ reveals God fully. This God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (*Source: St. Paul's Missal*).

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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



The Most Holy Trinity

The Sign of the Cross

"Blessed be God the Father, and Only Begotten Son of God and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love"

Newsletter Sunday 30th May 2021

We celebrate today the Feast of the Blessed Trinity. The Trinity is one of the most basic teachings of the Church. One of the first prayers each of us learned at home or at school was making the Sign of the Cross, in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. All the creeds – the fundamental professions of our faith – speak of our belief in God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the Name of the Father- *God for us*; of the Son – *God beside us*; of the Holy Spirit – *God within us*

Karl Rahner years ago implied, and I paraphrase, that were the Church to announce tomorrow that we no longer adhered to the doctrine of the Trinity, many would just "ho, hum" and be about their day. Perhaps this is part of the reason that we are so lost as a people, a nation, a human family. We've forgotten who we are; we've lost our identity. Richard Rohr has said: "God created us in God's own image, and darn it, we've returned the favour." The only trinity some seem to worship today is "Me, Myself, and I."

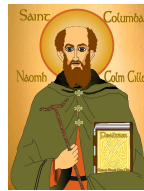
Genesis states: "Let us make humans in our image and likeness," and God saw that it was very good. We have been created by Love, out of Love, for Love, to BE unique sacraments of that Love on Mother Earth for a brief time. What would it look like if we consistently lived aware of our DNA as children of a Trinitarian God?

I love to dance, but, to be honest, I've never been good at line dancing. I was happy, therefore, to discover that the ancient Greek Fathers depict the Trinity as a Circle Dance, a to and fro of love energy, dynamic, generative, an infinity of trust and mutuality (*Source: Sr. Joan Delaplane OP – US Dominican Centre*)

The sign of the cross: Jesus commissioned the eleven to baptise "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We use these words and sign ourselves in the form of a cross thousands of times. Is this merely a habit, or do we reflect on its meaning? "In the name" suggests in the possession of or protection of. The sign of the

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)*



1st Saturday of the Month

Next Saturday 5th June is the first Saturday of June. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Colmcille's. The Church will then close for Sanitising and will re-open for Confessions at 10.45am until 11.15am.

Confessions

Next Saturday June 5th I will be available for the Sacrament of Confession from **10.45am until 11.15am** and from **4.00pm until 4.30pm**

I will not be in the confessional box but sitting in the Sanctuary behind a clear screen

Feast of St. Colmcille – Wednesday 9th June

I am delighted to announce that Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate the 10.00am Mass for this our Parish Feast Day.

To comply with Government guidelines the number who can attend this Mass is limited to 50 (inclusive of Priests and Religious).

Covid Restrictions-Effects

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!!!*

Newsletters and Missalettes

This is just a reminder. The Newsletters and Missalettes are left out for the weekend Masses. Please take them **BUT** bring them home with you. In these Covid times leaflets should not be picked up, read and put back again. Please, please take home with you.

Seating

St. Colmcille's has been marked out to observe social distancing. With the 2 metre rule the Church can only accommodate 50 people.

More than 50 (Inclusive of celebrant)

What happens when we reach the 50 limit? When that happens the volunteer stewards will inform you that the Church is full, that it has reached the limit demanded by Government regulations.

It will be awful to be informed that you cannot come in to participate and celebrate in the Mass. It will also be awful for the volunteer who informs you of this!

The Sunday Obligation

In the current emergency, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass

EASTER - Liturgy/Prayer Service

I will continue this for the month of MAY on **Thursday Evening at 7.00pm**
This Liturgy/Prayer Service can be viewed through the Parish Webcam and should last about 30 minutes
The webcam can be accessed through the Parish website, **www.swords-parish.com**

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Bridget 085 2812985 from Sunday 30th May to Saturday 5th June. Please phone from 6-8pm. 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.

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted".

Saint's in the Church's Calendar

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Monday 31st May. The Visitation commemorates the meeting between Mary and her cousin St. Elizabeth at EinKarem, just outside Jerusalem. Feeling the presence of his Divine Saviour, St. John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb on the Blessed Virgin's arrival. Following St. Elizabeth's words of greeting, Our Lady proclaimed the Magnificat, a hymn praising the Lord for all that He had done for His handmaid and expressing her gratitude of faith and humility

St. Justin, Martyr – Tuesday 1st June, was born in the Holy Land and settles in Rome. He became a Christian at 33 and is remembered for his defence of Christian belief and practice. Martyred c. 165 AD during the reign of Marcus Aurelius

St. Kevin, abbot – Thursday 3rd June grew up in Kilnamagh and baptised by St. Cronan. Wishing to be a hermit he settles in Glendalough. But disciples gathered around him. Gradually a great monastic settlement grew and spread through the glen after his death in 618

Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions – Friday 4th June twenty-two Ugandan youths martyred in 1886.

St. Boniface, bishop and martyr – Saturday 5th June 673-754, was born at Crediton in Devonshire and educated in monastery schools in England. He was a missionary to Germany and eventually named Archbishop of Mainz.. He founded monasteries in Bavaria, including Fulda, in 735

Irish Volunteer Agency Creates Online Global Network

Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC have just launched, along with our partner agencies in Volunteering for Humanity, a new Online Discussion Forum that is open to all! The Forum is an online community that is free for everyone to join and to start discussions about volunteering - how to become a volunteer; to share stories and to find volunteering opportunities such as the #EUAVI. To learn more about the forum go to our website www.vcvolunteers.ie