

No one ought to remain closed in self-absorption, in the self-referentiality of his or her own ethnic and religious affiliation. The Easter event of Jesus breaks through the narrow limits of worlds, religions and cultures, calling them to grow in respect for the dignity of men and women, and towards a deeper conversion to the truth of the Risen Lord who gives authentic life to all.

Here I am reminded of the words of Pope Benedict XVI at the beginning of the meeting of Latin American Bishops at Aparecida, Brazil, in 2007. I would like to repeat these words and make them my own: "Yet what did the acceptance of the Christian faith mean for the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean? For them, it meant knowing and welcoming Christ, the unknown God whom their ancestors were seeking, without realizing it, in their rich religious traditions. Christ is the Saviour for whom they were silently longing. It also meant that they received, in the waters of Baptism, the divine life that made them children of God by adoption; moreover, they received the Holy Spirit who came to make their cultures fruitful, purifying them and developing the numerous seeds that the incarnate Word had planted in them, thereby guiding them along the paths of the Gospel... The Word of God, in becoming flesh in Jesus Christ, also became history and culture. The utopia of going back to breathe life into the pre-Columbian religions, separating them from Christ and from the universal Church, would not be a step forward: indeed, it would be a step back. In reality, it would be a retreat towards a stage in history anchored in the past"

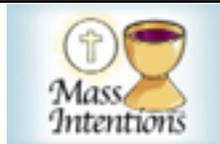
Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Sunday

Sat 6.30pm Betty Stokes (An)

Sun 8.30am Thomas & Margaret Comber (An)

Sun 11.15am Jimmy Devine & deceased members of Devine Family
Terence Finnegan (1st An)



Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Sean McKittrick

Mon 10.00am Margaret Farrell

Tues 8.00am Michael Corcoran

Tues 10.00am Douglas Cormack

Wed 8.00am Martin Harford

Wed 10.00am Joan Byrne

Thurs 8.00am Patrick Leonard

Thurs 10.00am Special Intention

Fri 8.00am Joe Greene

Fri 10.00am Michael Barry

Next Sunday

Sat 6.30pm John & Brendan Clarke

Sun 8.30am Bridget O'Toole

Sun 11.15am Patrick & Bridget Lenehan

At our Masses this Sunday we also remember: Margaret Farrell, Owen Kennedy, Sean McKittrick, John Harvey, Eileen Finnegan

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

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

Next Sunday St Vincent de Paul will have their monthly collection for Drynam outside the church.

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St. Colmcille's Church, Swords & Church of the Visitation, Drynam



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The fatherhood of God and the motherhood of the Church



"For the Lord is great and highly to be praised"

Newsletter Sunday 20th October 2019

Continuing on from last week's newsletter – the Pope's letter

"Dear Brothers and Sisters (*cont'd from last week*)

Our mission, then, is rooted in the fatherhood of God and the motherhood of the Church. The mandate given by the Risen Jesus at Easter is inherent in Baptism: as the Father has sent me, so I send you, filled with the Holy Spirit, for the reconciliation of the world (cf. Jn 20:19-23; Mt 28:16-20). This mission is part of our identity as Christians; it makes us responsible for enabling all men and women to realise their vocation to be adoptive children of the Father, to recognise their personal dignity and to appreciate the intrinsic worth of every human life, from conception until natural death. Today's rampant secularism, when it becomes an aggressive cultural rejection of God's active fatherhood in our history, is an obstacle to authentic human fraternity, which finds expression in reciprocal respect for the life of each person. Without the God of Jesus Christ, every difference is reduced to a baneful threat, making impossible any real fraternal acceptance and fruitful unity within the human race.

The universality of the salvation offered by God in Jesus Christ led Benedict XV to call for an end to all forms of nationalism and ethnocentrism, or the merging of the preaching of the Gospel with the economic and military interests of the colonial powers. In his Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, the Pope noted that the Church's universal mission requires setting aside exclusivist ideas of membership in one's own country and ethnic group. The opening of the culture and the community to the salvific newness of Jesus Christ requires leaving behind every kind of undue ethnic and ecclesial introversion. Today too, the Church needs men and women who, by virtue of their baptism, respond generously to the call to leave behind home, family, country, language and local Church, and to be sent forth to the nations, to a world not yet transformed by the sacraments of Jesus Christ and his holy Church. By proclaiming God's word, bearing witness to the Gospel and celebrating the life of the Spirit, they summon to conversion, baptise and offer Christian salvation, with respect for the freedom of each person and in dialogue with the cultures and religions of the peoples to whom they are sent...

A renewed Pentecost opens wide the doors of the Church, in order that no culture remain closed in on itself and no people cut off from the universal communion of the faith.

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*



Commitment Ceremony - 2019

This week the boys and girls from St. Colmcille's BNS and GNS will celebrate their first liturgy on their journey to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. The liturgy is a beautiful and simple Ceremony of Commitment. The boys will celebrate their ceremony on Tuesday 22nd October at 1.40pm and the girls on Thursday 24th October also at 1.40pm.

Do This in Memory

Next weekend the boys and girls and their families will be present at the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass as part of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing them and praying with them.

Altar List of the Dead

These lists are available at the back of the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Saturday 2nd November-the Feast of All Souls. All Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or Parish Office.

Drynam – The Church of Our Lady of the Visitation will make its own arrangement for the celebration of Mass for the 'altar list of the dead'

Mass of Remembrance

On Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm, the Parish will celebrate Mass to remember and pray for all parishioners and friends who died during the past year. During this Mass each person will be remembered by name. All welcome especially family and friends.

If a family member of friend died during this past year but whose funeral was held in another parish and you would like their name called out. Please leave with Colette in the Parish Office.



Newman Canonisation

Last Sunday Blessed John Henry Newman will be declared a Saint by Pope Francis. He composed some lovely prayers – below are two



- 1) 'O Lord, support us all the day long,
until the shades lengthen and the evening comes
and the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us safe lodging,
a holy rest and peace at the last.'
- 2) 'By night I will lift up my hands to the holy place and bless the Lord.
By day the Lord has sent his loving kindness.
By night I will sing praise to the God of my life.'

Mission Sunday

This Sunday 20th October is World Mission Sunday. There will be a special collection at Mass replacing the usual Share collection. "Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born 'to go forth'" – Pope Francis.

Theme - This year's Mission Sunday theme is: 'Together We are Mission', is asking you to move away from the idea that mission work is solely the work of priests and sisters, catechists and lay missionaries, and to consider the part you play.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Dolores Cavanagh
James Keegan

Tulsk Co Roscommon
Rathbeale Road



Family Mass

St Colmcille's Church are planning to celebrate a Family Mass, once a quarter, this Mass would be prepared with volunteers, parents and children.

In order to do so we would need families to volunteer to help with the preparation of the Masses. If you are interested please contact the parish office. As it will involve working with children, vetting will be required ahead of taking part.

We are planning to have the first Family Mass in January.

Miscarriage Association of Ireland Annual Service of Remembrance: will take place on Sunday 10th November at 3.00pm in St Teresa's Church, Donore Ave, off South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All parents, siblings, grandparents & others affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Mission Sunday)

The Sundays of the year allow the Christian Church to ponder the mysteries of the Lord. One of these mysteries is the forgiveness of God. Those who approach the Sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offences which they have committed against him. At the same time they are reconciled with the Church.

Reflection - The Sacrament of Confession is so called because it reflects both meanings of the word 'confess'. In the first place, the disclosure of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. Secondly, it is also a confession — an acknowledgement and praise of the holiness of God and of his mercy towards sinful humankind. (Source: St.

Paul's Missal)