

sacred places, but should be brought to everyone. For everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched “the Word of life” (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death! In every Galilee, in every area of the human family to which we all belong and which is part of us – for we are all brothers and sisters – may we bring the song of life! Let us silence the cries of death, no more wars! May we stop the production and trade of weapons, since we need bread, not guns. Let the abortion and killing of innocent lives end. May the hearts of those who have enough be open to filling the empty hands of those who do not have the bare necessities.

Those women, in the end, “took hold” of Jesus’ feet (Mt 28:9); feet that had travelled so far to meet us, to the point of entering and emerging from the tomb. The women embraced the feet that had trampled death and opened the way of hope. Today, as pilgrims in search of hope, we cling to you, Risen Jesus. We turn our backs on death and open our hearts to you, for you are Life itself.

Fr. Michael Carey

**Mass Intentions this Sunday**

**Sat 6.30pm** Thomas ,Annie & James McKenna

**Sun 8.30am**

**Sun 11.15am** Jim Nevin Jnr and parents Úna & James



At our Mass this weekend we also remember: Ted O’Connor

**Mass intentions for Next Week**

**Mon** 8.00am Ita Kennedy

**Mon** 10.00am Paul Woods

**Tues** 8.00am Vera Barker

**Tue** 10.00am Aisling Burke

**Wed** 8.00am Rita Quinn

**Wed** 10.00 Special intention

**Thurs** 8.00am Kathleen Flood

**Thurs** 10.00am Dec members of Spencer family

**Fri** 8.00am Anthony Reilly

**Fri** 10.00am Pauline Bermingham

**Sat** 6.30pm Anna Redmond

**Sun** 8.30pm John & Mary Mulligan

Mary OConnor

**Sun** 11.15am Christine & Frances

Loughran & son Colm &

June kenny

**Church of the Visitation Drynam    The Visitation of the BVM**

Fr Paddy Boyle will offer up his Masses in coming weeks for all the intentions requested for the 11:00AM Irish Mass in Drynam from March 15 to June.

All are invited to attend daily Mass and prayers from St. Colmcille’s church via Webcam. Click on the link on the parish website to see the full timetable and to attend.



**Feast of St Colmcille- Tuesday 9th June**

**St. Colmcille, abbot and missionary** – c. 521-597, one of the ‘Twelve Apostles of Ireland’, was born in Gartán, Co. Donegal. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow and Kells but felt compelled to leave Ireland as an act of penance around 563. With twelve companions he settles at Iona, just off the Isle of Mull, and this became the effective base for the evangelisation of Scotland and northern England. He died in 597 and his relics were later translated to Dunkeld



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The Most Holy Trinity

**GOD IS THE TRINITY**

*“The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life”*



**Newsletter Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Concluding Pope’s Francis Easter Vigil 2020 homily from a fortnight ago:

*Courage.* This is a word often spoken by Jesus in the Gospels. Only once do others say it, to encourage a person in need: “Courage; rise, [Jesus] is calling you!” (Mk 10:49). It is he, the Risen One, who raises us up from our neediness. If, on your journey, you feel weak and frail, or fall, do not be afraid, God holds out a helping hand and says to you: “Courage!”. You might say, as did Don Abbondio (in Manzoni’s novel), “Courage is not something you can give yourself” (*I Promessi Sposi*, XXV). True, you cannot give it to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus’ light can enter. You only need to ask him: “Jesus, come to me amid my fears and tell me too: Courage!” With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken. And, whatever sadness may dwell in us, we will be strengthened in hope, since with you the cross leads to the resurrection, because you are with us in the darkness of our nights; you are certainty amid our uncertainties, the word that speaks in our silence, and nothing can ever rob us of the love you have for us.

This is the Easter message, a message of hope. It contains a second part, the sending forth. “Go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee” (Mt 28:10), Jesus says. “He is going before you to Galilee” (v. 7), the angel says. The Lord goes before us; he goes before us always. It is encouraging to know that he walks ahead of us in life and in death; he goes before us to Galilee, that is, to the place which for him and his disciples evoked the idea of daily life, family and work. Jesus wants us to bring hope there, to our everyday life. For the disciples, Galilee was also the place of remembrance, for it was the place where they were first called. Returning to Galilee means remembering that we have been loved and called by God. Each one of us has their own Galilee. *We need to resume the journey*, reminding ourselves that we are born and reborn thanks to an invitation given gratuitously to us out of love, there in our respective Galilees. This is always the point from which we can set out anew, especially in times of crisis and trial, remembering our Galilee.

But there is more. Galilee was the farthest region from where they were: from Jerusalem. And not only geographically. Galilee was also the farthest place from the sacredness of the Holy City. It was an area where people of different religions lived: it was the “Galilee of the Gentiles” (Mt 4:15). Jesus sends them there and asks them to start again from there. What does this tell us? That the message of hope should not be confined to our

## 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*



### The Church is open

St. Colmcille's is open every day for private prayer from 10.30am until 4.30pm. Please use the hand sanitisers provided and observe social distancing

### Feast of St. Colmcille – Tuesday 9th June - our Parish Feast Day.

The Feast of St. Colmcille falls on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. This year we are in the midst of a pandemic so there won't be the annual 'Pilgrimage Walk' between the three Swords Parishes and St. Columba's CoI. Nor will there be a sprinkling of water from St. Colmcille's Well.

### Priest's Income

As a result of the current pandemic with Masses cancelled, the Priest's income has been cut by 25%. This will be reviewed one month after Sunday Mass celebrations can resume. I and all Dublin priests appreciate that so many families and individuals throughout our land and around the world are in even worse situations because of this Pandemic."

With the above in mind, if you haven't submitted Easter Dues and are in a position to do so you can either

- 'Click the Donate button' on the Parish webpage
- Or you can put a donation into the envelopes marked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at the door of the church – these envelopes should fit into the wall safes.
- Or put in an envelope and slide under the Sacristy Door – *the side nearest the door hinges.*

### THANK YOU

Many parishioners have already used the 'Donate' button and some have sent Easter Dues and 1<sup>st</sup> Collection offerings via the envelope under the door system – I sincerely thank you for your generosity. Thank you also to all who have used the 'new' 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> collection envelopes.

### The Most Holy Trinity

The Trinity is not first of all a puzzle, which in principle could be solved, but rather a mystery, a relationship which is first of all lived, never exhausted and only inadequately spoken of in words. This is true of any of the significant relationships in our lives and true therefore all the more so of God. Within the mystery of that relationship, we recognise God, from whom we come, in whom we live and move and have our being. We recognise the Son, the Way, the Truth and the Life. We recognise the Spirit, who helps us to pray when we do not know how to pray as we ought.

**Prayer** - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon us all. Amen. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

### The Blessing of the Graves

The Annual Mass with the blessing of Graves due to be held on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> is **cancelled** due to the Covid19 pandemic

### Mass in Swords/Drynam

**ALL MASSES IN SWORDS ARE SUSPENDED** until further notice.

**BUT** I have installed a web camera and will be saying a daily Mass at 5.00pm if you care to tune in. A lot of parishes including Brackenstown have Mass at 10.00am. River Valley has Mass at 7.00pm and therefore I have rightly or wrongly chosen 5.00pm. As I have been writing in the past few newsletters, for those who cannot attend Mass and receive Holy Communion there is a prayer below which may be said. A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**“And all will be well and all manner of things shall be well” – Julian of Norwich**

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

**Sunday Mass** – I will celebrate Mass via the webcam on Saturday Evenings at 7.00pm (The Vigil for Sunday) and on Sunday at 5.00pm I will celebrate the Evening Prayer of the Church

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**. Hours may be extended to meet the demand

### Parish Finances

At this time, we must still try to maintain our Churches so we would ask that parishioners who contribute via the family planned giving envelopes to please drop them into the candle shrine safes in the church. Also, this might be a time to consider donating by Standing Order. Please contact the Parish Office by email and a form can be posted out to you.

There is also an on-line payment facility for the Common Fund and Share collections on the front page of the diocesan website. Click on “Donate”.



- The Parish Office is closed but can be reached by email [stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com).
- A digital copy of **Sunday's missalette**, which includes the readings is now available on the Parish website (home page) [swords-parish.com](http://swords-parish.com)

