

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Maureen Walshe

Mon 10.00am Mary, William, Margaret & Patrick Harford

Tues 8.00am Margaret McEvoy

Tues 10.00am Special Intention

Wed 8.00am Tommy McCabe

Wed 10.00 Rose Brennan

Thurs 8.00am Eileen Halpenny

Thurs 10.00am Rose Brennan

Fri 8.00am Dec members of McLoughney Family

Fri 10.00am Rose Brennan

Sat 10.00am Liam Gargan

Sat 6.30pm Christina & Francis Loughran

Sun 8.30am Paddy Barker

Sun 11.00am Doreen Johnson

Sun 6.30pm Anna Redmond

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Claire McAllister

Christy Fitzsimons

Ranelagh

Cloghran



Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass) & 12 noon Mon & Tues 9.20am

The Drynam Pastoral team will have a meeting tomorrow in Archbishop's House to discuss our best option to comply with the fire regulations recently notified to us by the Fire officer.



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)

Reflection in a well

Once a young boy stood watching a gypsy as he drank from a well in the town square. After drinking, the man continued to gaze into the well, as though looking at someone. He was a giant of a man but had a friendly face. So the boy approached him as asked: 'Who lives down there?'

'God does,' answered the gypsy. 'Can I see him?' 'Sure you can,' said the gypsy. Then taking the boy into his arms he lifted him up so that he could see down the well. All the boy could see, however, was his own reflection in the water. 'But that's only me,' he cried in disappointment. 'All I see is me.' 'Ah,' replied the gypsy, 'now you know where God lives. He lives in you'

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

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The Most Holy Trinity

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"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 11th June 2017



None of us likes to be left out. For instance, a 'significant birthday' is coming up to which we expect to be invited. However, when the invitations are sent out, we don't receive one. This hurts, sometimes a great deal. We feel excluded. We

feel we are not wanted.

Of course, we have to look at ourselves and see how generous we are when it comes to inviting other people in. From time to time people come to our door. Some we dismiss immediately, barely exchanging a word with them. Others we have a polite but brief chat at the door, without bringing them into the house. Others we bring into the parlour where we talk business, and when that business is concluded we show them to the door. But there are a select few whom we welcome, invite in immediately, and offer them food and drink. There is a beautiful Russian icon of the Blessed Trinity painted (drawn) by a monk by the name of Rublev. It depicts the three Divine persons sitting at a table. A dish of food lies on the table. But the thing that immediately strikes you is the fact that at the front of the table there is a vacant place. The vacant place is meant to convey openness, hospitality, and welcome towards the stranger and outsider.

That vacant space is meant for each of us, and for all the human family. It signifies God's invitation to us to share in the life of the Trinity. God doesn't exclude us. He doesn't talk to us at the doorstep. He invites us to come in and sit at his table. He wants to share his life with us. In the words of the Gospel for this feast: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son...'

Many are intimidated by the great mystery of the Blessed Trinity. This is a pity. We should see the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as friends in whom we can relate, and to whom we are no longer strangers and outsiders. We are God's children. We are part of his family. He has already given us a place at the banquet of earthly life. But he wants us to have a place at the banquet of eternal life too. Only at God's table can we find the nourishment our hearts are hungering for.

From all this we see that God is a God of love. Our response can only be one of trust in God and love towards one another. What St. Paul said to the Corinthians is meant also for us: 'Help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace be with you' (Source: Flor McCarthy SDB)

Fr. Michael Carey

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon – God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son



Cemetery Sunday – Help Needed

As we prepare for Cemetery Sunday we need your help. At the moment Paddy Gerrard, Domnic Temple, and Noel Markey are doing all the grass and hedge cutting. It is a huge task and becoming too much for them. Can you help? It is an ideal Corporal Work of Mercy. Please consider and if you can assist you can ring Paddy at 01-8401466.

Cemetery Sunday – Ministers of the Eucharist

Could Ministers of the Eucharist who are free and available to distribute Holy Communion on Cemetery Sunday please let Mary McCarthy know. Thank You

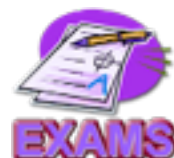
Exams - A Student's Prayer

Loving God be with me now, as I prepare for my exams.

Thank you for the many talents and gifts

You have given me and for the opportunity of education.

Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied,



To express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best that I can.

Holy Spirit, be with me in my exam – and always.

In Jesus' name. Amen

St. Vincent de Paul

The outdoor monthly collection for the VdP, will be taken up **this** weekend at all Masses

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 21st of June from 19:30 to 21:00 in B.A.S.E Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC will meet on Monday 12th June at 8.00pm in the Parochial House

We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community:

Senan Darragh Murphy, Morgan Eamon Fitzgerald, Darragh Denis Connaughton, Cian Seoirse Lynch, Charles Michael Morgan



Prayer of St. Colmcille – Feast day 9th June

Let me bless almighty God,
whose power extends over sea and land,
whose angels watch over all.

Let me study sacred books to calm my soul:

I pray for peace, kneeling at heaven's gates.

Let me do my daily work,
gathering seaweed, catching fish,
giving food to the poor.

Let me say my daily prayers,
sometimes chanting, sometimes quiet,
always thanking God.

Delightful it is to live
on a peaceful isle, in quiet cell,
serving the King of kings



Parish Holiday-Rome, the Eternal City –Thursday 28th September – Tuesday 3rd October

A guided tour. Staying at the Hotel Domus Carmelina 3*, which is centrally located in Rome about 10 mins walk from St. Peter's **Cost: €799.00 per person sharing on a bed and breakfast basis. This price is subject to availability.**

This holiday is organised through **MAP Travel** 36 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. **Tel: (01) 8783111.** MAP Travel is licensed and bonded with the Commission for Aviation Regulation Licence No. T.A. 0474. **Deposit €250 per person.** Can be booked through Colette at the Parish Office or direct with MAP



Cemetery Sunday – Sunday 25th June at 4.00pm

This Mass (with the participation of the Choir) will take place in the Church - followed by Blessing of the Cemetery. If you want to 'hear', celebrate the Mass I invite you to come into the Church, or at least gather around the front door. There will be no use of a sound system that will reach the 'four corners' of the cemetery. The blessing of the Cemetery will take place immediately after Mass. As there is only Fr Pat and I, you will I hope understand, that, we will not be sprinkling individual graves – just sections of the graveyard.

There will be large containers of 'Blessed Water' at the gates. You are invited to bring a small bottle/container and fill it with this water and when the Cemetery is blessed you can sprinkle your family grave.

A request has gone out for Ministers of the Eucharist so we will be able to distribute Holy Communion around the Cemetery.

Rally For Life 2017

Join tens of thousands as we march to celebrate Life and in support of the 8th Amendment on Saturday 1st July in Dublin City Centre. Starting at Parnell Square at 2pm.