

God's Holy Spirit rules through justice, peace, charity, love, joy, moderation, kindness, generosity, freedom, compassion, reconciliation, holiness, humility, wisdom, and truthfulness. Is because of the doctrine of the Trinity, that we can point to the love between people and say quite literally, "There is God." "Where there is charity and love, there is God."

Our faith in the Trinity is about a God who is *for us*, who lived as a blessing for the 'little ones' and mourners, confronted the power of evil, entered with compassion into the world of human suffering, broke down the barriers between human weakness and divine holiness and reconciled enemies. If Jesus—the very face of God, and the fullness of God's presence—is "with us" what should we be doing? One way to recognize God's presence among us is live in harmony and communion with every creature in our common home, eat with modern-day lepers and other outcasts, pray constantly, respond to God in faith, hope and love, eventually becoming unrestrictedly united with God. How much more is this necessary in these difficult pandemic days?

The apostles and Paul and the earliest Christians bore witness to the truth of God, who came to dwell among them, who gave his life for them, who remained in their midst as the Holy Spirit. This was who God was, not because they could subtly define the trinitarian nature of God, but because they had experienced "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." May we too experience the grace, love and communion of God ... and put flesh on it for those around us, especially those isolated and those in need. May the God who is with us—Spirit, Son, and Father—show us how to be with each other. "And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." (*Homily given by Archbishop Dermot Farrell for Trinity Sunday 2021*)

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Gerry Murphy

Sun 8.30am Geraldine Casserly

Sun 11.15am Paddy Gerrard



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Paddy Gerrard

Mon 10.00am Jerry Murphy

Tues 10.00am Gerard McNally

Tues 10.00am Pat Ryan

Wed 10.00am Special Intention

Wed 10.00am Gerard Travers

Thurs 10.00am Rory O'Dowd

Thurs 10.00am Ivan Rogers

Fri 10.00am Altar List of the Dead

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Sat 10.00am Bridget Kavanagh

Sun 6.30pm Lucy Ryan

Sun 8.30am Irene O'Keefe

Sun 11.15am Special Intention

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.30am (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.

We have a mass at 10am in English and our Irish mass is at 11.30 am until July



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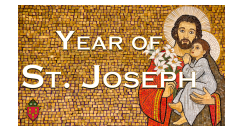
My beloved father (Joseph), all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am with you always

"All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!"

Newsletter Sunday 27th June 2021



"And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." A person's last words hold special importance for us. It is that way with those close to us: we often say things like, "The last thing your Father said to me was ..." "The last thing she said was ..." It is no different with Jesus. The last words of the Risen Lord to his disciples are as memorable, as they are important: "And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

His final word is not a command but a reassurance. Not something we are to do for him, **but something he does for us**: "I am with you" and more, "I am with you *always*." Christ is faithful to his disciples.

When it comes to describing how God is, God's "inner" life, as it were, many turn to the use of verbal images and metaphors. For example, Saint Patrick used the shamrock. Nature provides us with other metaphors. One comes from the early Church: the early bishop Tertullian imagines the Trinity as a plant, with the Father as the root, the Son as the shoot breaking forth into the world, and the Spirit as that which fills the earth with flower and fruit.

Even with such helpful images, our God remains a mystery, and that is as it should be. Any description is trying to express though a limited means of imagery, what can only be grasped by faith. Saint Paul would not have been able to define the Trinity, yet from his experience of God he was able with ease to describe the activity and presence of the three persons of the Trinity. For Paul, love characterises the intimate life of God.

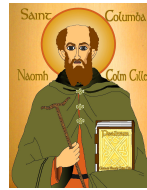
Although Paul never met the earthly Jesus, through his encounter with the risen Lord he had experienced God as grace and communion; in short, as love.

The root of our faith lies in the response of our father Abraham and in Moses who experienced the mystery and call of God in the burning bush.

In Jesus, God—the same God who called Abraham and Moses—gives himself to us in new ways. In Jesus—the mystery of God's inner life is made known to us: "The one who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). God remains a mystery: but we have been given a glimpse—and more than a glimpse of God. Jesus is the true image of the Father. He came to show us by word and action what God is like: that God's life is not confined to the eternal self-giving of the Father to Son, but that God's very gift of God's self is given to us. God gives himself to us in love, so that we may be, so that we may have life, that so our life would be God's life. In other words, that we would become divine. God's divine life is not confined to God, and it is not confined to us. By the power of God's Holy Spirit we participate in divine life through communion with others.

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)*



End of Year School Masses

We are coming to that time of Year where our Primary Schools are winding down to the summer holidays and that means Graduation Liturgies for the 6th classes as they get ready to leave the comfort and joy of their Primary School and move into a very different Secondary School. We know that they will be fine and that the Secondary Schools are well aware of these 'new beginnings' and will settle the new 'First Years' very quickly. Any way we begin our Graduation Masses this week, always mindful these days of Covid restrictions. This year it will involve just the pupils themselves. Due to social distancing requirements etc. their parents cannot attend but the Mass can be viewed on the Parish webcam.

GNS – Graduation Mass on Monday 28th June at 11.30am and 1.00pm

BNS – Graduation Mass on Tuesday 29th June at 11.30am and 1.00pm

The webcam can be accessed through the Parish website, www.swords-parish.com

1st Saturday of the Month

Saturday 3rd July is the first Saturday of July. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Colmcille's followed by Confessions from 10.45am until 11.15am. Church will be closed straight after Mass to allow for sanitisation and then will re-open for Confessions

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

Cemetery Sunday

In light of the ongoing pandemic and restrictions on social gatherings including outdoor gatherings for a second year in a row the Blessing of the Graves ceremony at 4pm Sunday 27th June is **cancelled**. What I will do is pray the Prayer for 'The Blessing of the Cemetery' at all weekend Masses of Sat/Sun 26th/27th June and I will bless/sprinkle with holy water the graveyard during the week beginning Sunday 27th June

Grant that this cemetery,
Placed under the sign of the cross,
May, by the power of your blessing,
Be a place of rest and hope.
May the bodies buried here sleep in your peace,
To rise immortal at the coming of your Son.
May this place be a comfort to the living,
A sign of their hope for unending life.
May prayers be offered here continually
In supplication for those who sleep in Christ
and in constant praise of your mercy.



We ask this Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

You can pray this blessing yourself over your loved one's grave and amend to include the names

EASTER - Liturgy/Prayer Service

I will continue this for the month of JUNE 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

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road. Late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie. Web: www.evangelisation.ie

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Sr. Mary - 8404323 from Sunday 27th June to Saturday 3rd July. Please phone from 6-9.30pm. Please phone after 6pm. 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".

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Aideen Biggins

Hawthorn Park

James Reilly

Jugback Crescent

Saint's in the Church's Calendar

Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles – Tuesday 29th June, On the day traditionally considered by pagan Rome to be its foundation day by Romulus, we celebrate the twin founders of the Church in Rome. St. Peter died by crucifixion and St. Paul by beheading between 64-67

Peter was a humble fisherman, eventually chosen as the leader of the Twelve, the 'rock' on which the Church was built. **Paul**, a tentmaker from Tarsus, a Pharisee and a Roman citizen was a persecutor of the first Christians, but was converted by the Lord on his way to Damascus. He became the Apostle of the Gentiles. But they were chosen to become the pillars of our faith, which they sealed with their martyrdom in Rome.

The Church is like the human person: we are both body and spirit at the one time. The body of Christ – which is what we are – has both a bodily reality (membership, structure and sacraments) and a spiritual reality (the life of faith and prayer, the indwelling Spirit). The institutional and the prophetic dimensions of Church are sometimes in tension and that is really normal. To be part of the living body of Christ is to hear again Jesus' question, who do you say I am? As St. Paul reminds us, no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3). Christ, Son of the living God, you call us to confess your name and to acknowledge you as Lord. Help us to live our faith and find new words for what we believe so that we may proclaim your Gospel to our contemporaries in words they can understand.