

## Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families, strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen! Author: Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI

### Fr. Michael Carey

#### Mass intentions for Next Week

**Mon** 8.00am Patsy Kealy

**Tues** 8.00am Mary Cassidy

**Tues** 10.00am **Parochial House** May Larkin

**Wed** 8.00am Niamh Pierce

**Wed** 10.00am **Parochial House** Niamh Morris

**Thurs** 8.00am Mary Cassidy

Thomas McGrane

**Fri** 8.00am John & Kathleen O'Connor

**Sat** 10.00am Thomas Salmon

**Sat** 6.30pm Donal O'Toole  
John Reid (MM)

**Sun** 8.30am Patsy Kealy

**Sun** 11.00pm Declan Kealy

**Sun** 6.30pm Paddy Kane

## Church of the Visitation Drynam    The Visitation of the BVM

**Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)& 12 noon.**

Thanks to Scoil an Duinnínigh for permission to use the school hall for Sunday Masses, now including 11:00AM Mass in Irish..

Bo Peep Montessori will continue to provide services at their portacabin beside the church hall for 1 further year finishing on 30th June 2018. Since the church hall is now closed access will be via the large gate to the side of the hall.



## The Bible's Most Important People

**Samson** – Twelfth judge of Israel. He was called to follow a Nazarite vow, which meant he could not eat or drink anything from the grapevine, drink alcohol, cut his hair, or eat anything unclean. Samson performed amazing feats of strength. When he married, Samson choose a Philistine woman. God used the union to confront the Philistines, who ruled over Israel. Betrayed by his wife, Samson took out his anger on her people, burning their grain and performing more feats of strength. Later he fell in love with the Philistine woman Delilah, which led to his ultimate downfall. Eventually, Samson tells Delilah that he will lose his strength with the loss of his hair. God supplies Samson's power because of his consecration to God as a Nazarite, symbolised by the fact that a razor has never touched his head. Whilst asleep Delilah calls for a servant to shave Samson's seven locks. With this, Samson has finally broken the last tenet of the Nazirite oath; God leaves him, and Samson is captured by the Philistines who blind him by gouging out his eyes. After being blinded, Samson is brought to Gaza, imprisoned, and put to work grinding grain by turning a large millstone. According to the biblical narrative, Samson died when he grasped two pillars of the Temple of Dagon, and "bowed himself with all his might" (Judges 16:30). And he bent with all his might so that the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. After his death, Samson's family recovered his body from the rubble and bury him near the tomb of his father Manoah. A tomb structure which some attribute to Samson and his father stands on the top of the mountain in Tel Tzora. The Bible does not mention the fate of Delilah

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## The Gift of Grandparents

*"You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right."*

Newsletter Sunday 10th September 2017

To mark the Irish National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock this Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, a newsletter on grandparents is, I think, appropriate.

Timothy's grandmother Lois was a person of living faith who had passed on her beliefs to her daughter and grandson (2 Timothy 1: 5) Grandparents can play a very special part in communicating faith and values to their grandchildren. In their calling as "elders in faith" they have wonderful gifts to offer.

**Self Worth** – Children feel great when their grandparents give them positive recognition and unconditional love.

**Heritage** – Whether they are close by or far away, grandparents give their children a sense of their identity and belonging.

**Acceptance** – children need to know that the adults who are important to them accept their enthusiasms, ideas and activities. Such acceptance by grandparents is hugely affirming for children.

**Love** – The gift of "I will be there for you at all times, no matter what" – whether spoken aloud, written in a letter, or shown by actions – will always be the most treasured and remembered gift of all.

*It must have heartened Lois to know that Timothy grew to be a man of faith who served our Lord. We don't always know the fruit of our prayers, faith or actions.*

*So... grandparents, remember that you have much still to give in the nurture of faith. And parents... perhaps a word of thanks to your children's grandparents would help them to know their own worth. They have a special, God given calling!*

The Bible has something to say about Grandparents:

### **Isaiah 46:4-5**

Even to your old age and grey hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. "With whom will you compare me or count me equal? To whom will you liken me that we may be compared?"

### **Proverbs 17:6**

Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.

### **2 Timothy 1:5**

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

### **Psalm 92:14**

They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,

### **Proverbs 16:31**

Grey hair is a crown of splendour; it is attained in the way of righteousness.

**Proverbs 17:22** A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones



## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*Antiphon – 'I am the light of the world says the lord;'*

### New Choir Director/Organist

I have bad news in this regard. The candidate (John Conlon) phoned me on Wednesday last, and has, for personal reasons declined the position. He was very sorry to do this as he was looking forward to starting – his position is genuine. So it is back to the drawing board I am sorry to say and at this stage it will **take time**. Fr. Pat O'Donoghue at the Liturgical Office in Archbishop's house is doing his best for us.

### Church Painting

The painting of the Church is due to start this Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and will take 4 weeks plus 'injury time'. The plan is that for those 4 weeks the Parish will celebrate the 8.00am Mass. Having discussed the matter with Fr. Pat, there is a slight change to the arrangements announced in last week's newsletter.

**8.00am Mass** – this will be celebrated in the Parish Church every day during the period of painting.

**10.00am Mass** – This will be celebrated on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the **Parochial house, Seatown Road - upstairs**. There is **NO PARKING** in the Parochial house for this Mass. Brackenstown and River Valley celebrate a 10.00am Mass.

Unfortunately, the Parochial House is not wheelchair accessible

There will be no 10.00am Mass in the Parish Church (except for Funeral Masses) for the duration of the painting so that the painter can get a good run at the day. The intentions booked for the 10.00am Masses will be transferred to the 8.00am of the same day, where applicable. If that doesn't suit - please contact the Sacristan to re-arrange. The Sunday Masses will be as normal.

### Church will be open

For the duration of the painting the Church will remain open and people can visit as normal to say prayers and light a candle

### Do this in Memory

As we prepare for this years' programme which will be beginning shortly, the Parish will be hosting its Parent's meeting for this year's First Communicants. This meeting is held every year at the beginning of the Programme and it is always well attended and I trust that the parents find it useful. The Parents of the girls in St. Colmcille's **GNS** will have their meeting on this **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**. The Parents of the boys in St. Colmcille's **BNS** will have their meeting on this **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**. Both meetings will be held in the **Church**

### Book of Intentions- a new book

At the back of the Church (St. Colmcille's) is a 'Book of Intentions'. I invite you to write prayer requests in it and a special 'Prayer of the Faithful' will be said every Sunday. This is proving very popular and the Parish is now on its **8th book**. One can only be but touched at the difficulties that people are experiencing and also the prayers of thanksgiving for 'favours' received



### Saturday Morning Mass

The Saturday morning 10.00am Mass returns next Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

## Crosscare

Crosscare - Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin annual collection for community and homeless services will take place at all masses **next weekend 16th & 17th September**, it will replace the normal Share Collection

Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has: a **VISION** of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their full potential. A **MISSION** to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need.



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### Swords Senior Citizens, Chapel Lane Swords

Sword Senior Citizens Centre are holding their AGM on Monday 11th September at 8.00pm, in the centre on Chapel Lane All welcome

### Senior Citizens Centre - Coffee Morning

Coffee morning for St Francis Hospice will take place in Senior Citizens Centre, Chapel Lane on Friday 15th September at 10.30am. **All are welcome**

### St. Vincent de Paul

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

### Bethany Group public Talk

A free public talk by Brid Carroll entitled: 'Grieving Alone' has been arranged for both Bethany members and members of the public in Holy Child Parish Centre Thatch Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9 on Wednesday September 20th from 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

The next **Bethany Bereavement Support Meeting** will take place on Monday 25th September at 7.30pm in the Parochial House, Seatown Road. This is a free and confidential service. You are most welcome to attend. Please phone 8403243 for further information.

### We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community:

Grace Marie McClean, Max Paul McCormack, Charlie Phil McCarthy, Alfie James Dunne Savage, Molly Matilda Bolger, Sadie Hazel Tyrrell, Nathan Joseph Michael Reilly.



### Suicide Bereavement Group

Living Link; Suicide Bereavement Support Group meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month at Dublin Central Mission, 9C Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1. Providing a safe place for families and loved ones of suicide loss. For more information contact 086 9371030 [www.livinglinks.ie](http://www.livinglinks.ie) email: [livinglinks.irl@gmail.com](mailto:livinglinks.irl@gmail.com)