### **Day for Life Prayer**

Holy Mary, Mother of Love, holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb. graciously look upon our earth and remove from it all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes to the preciousness of human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Through the example of your tenderness teach us the ways of compassion and love that we may build up the civilisation of love among us and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.

Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death, and to work with others of goodwill in promoting the culture of life.

Bring us ever closer to your Son, so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us and come to know that life more perfectly. with you, and all the angels and saints, in the eternal life of Heaven.



Mass Intentions for this coming week: St Colmcille's:

Mon 8.00am Mavis Mangan

Mon 10.00am Special Intention

Tues 8.00am Special Intention

Tues 10.00am Mai Larkin

Wed 8.00am Bridie McGing

Wed 10.00am Colm Wynne

Thurs 8.00 am Robert McGonagle

Thurs 10.00am Olive Scott

Fri 8.00 Billy Monks

Fri 10.00am Mrs McDonnell

**Sat** 10.00 am Philip Markey



Sat 6.30 pm John & Brendan Clarke

Sun 8.30am Essie Fitzsimons

Sun 10.00am Celine Dominguez

Sun 11.30 am Patrick & Bridget Lenehan

Sun 7.30pm Bridget & John McNulty

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Susan Lambe Sean McDonnell **Mount Drinan Walk Rathbeale Crescent** 



The Visitation of the BVM Church of the Visitation Drvnam Mass Times for Drynam: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri:9.20am. Sun, 10.00am 11.00am (Irish)& 12 noon

Today we have tea/coffee after all Masses and after 12:00 Mass we look forward to blessing of animals in the church field beside us.



Fr. Michael Carey-8403378: Fr. Peter McCarron-8405948

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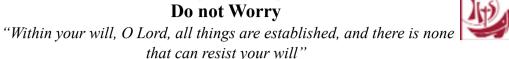
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# 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Do not Worry



# Newsletter Sunday 5th October 2014

In today's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading St. Paul urges the Philippians not to be anxious. He tells them, 'There is no need to worry.' This may seem an unreal piece of advice. There is no way to avoid all worry. Good and sincere people are naturally worried about many things. It is part of the burden they carry, precisely because they are people who care, who care about loved ones, and many other things.

But St. Paul is not talking about normal concerns. He is talking about anxiety. Nothing is more debilitating or fruitless than anxiety. Of itself it does nothing to solve our problems. Rather, the opposite is the case. By dissipating our energy, anxiety weakens us and makes it more difficult for us to finds a solution to our problems.

The root of anxiety is lack of trust – lack of trust in oneself, in others, and especially in God. Hence, the first piece of advice Paul gives the Philippians is to pray. They must learn to commit their cares to the Lord: 'if there is anything you need, pray for it'.

He is not suggesting that prayer should take the place of action. Nor is he implying that their prayers will always be answered. What, then, does prayer do? Prayer implies a willingness to do what we can, and then to leave things in the hands of God. To accept what happens then as his will, even though we may not understand it.

The Paul tells his readers to think positively. People who are over-anxious tend to think very negatively. They imagine the worst scenario. This is disastrous. We must concentrate on the good, not on the bad.

Many people devour newspapers and listen to news headlines every day. It's hard to do that these days without coming away depressed. Instead of filling our minds will all kinds of disasters and negativity, Paul says, 'Fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, everything that can be thought virtuous and worthy of praise'. The power of positive thinking is well known.

However it's not just a question of thinking nice thoughts. We must try to do these things. Thoughts alone will not suffice. We must pursue goodness in our actions. Paul says, 'Keep doing the things you have learned from me.'

In Jesus' parable of the vineyard a lot of ugly things happen. But evil does not have the last say. In the end good triumphs, This shows us that there is only one way to overcome evil, and that is with good. Jesus didn't answer evil with more evil. He triumphed over evil with good.

If we do what we can, and put our trust in God, then Paul assures us that 'the peace of God' which is so much greater than we can understand will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.'

Peace comes, not from having an easy and tranquil life. We can have peace even in the midst of struggle and turmoil provided we are on the side of right. Then the God of peace will be with us. (Homily written by Fr. Flor McCarthy SDB) Fr. Michael Carey Adm

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN**

Antiphon – "The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him."

## **DO THIS IN MEMORY-** Enrolment Mass-Boys

I welcome the boys from St. Colmcille's BNS and their families to the 6.30pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass, for their enrolment into the Do This in Memory Programme, which is part of their Parish based preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. I would also like to thank the parents who are part of the



organising committee who met during the week to prepare for this Mass.

# **The Rosary – A Living Tradition**

The month of October is the Month of Our Lady (along with May) but October is in particular the month of the Rosary due to the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The rosary has been a living, growing tradition within the Church over many centuries. The practice originated in the Middle Ages, with the recitation, 150 times, of the first part of what later became the Hail Mary. This was a kind of 'Psalter of Mary', mirroring the use of the 150 psalms in the Liturgy of the Hours. The medieval practice of reciting the Our Father fifteen times in honour of the Passion of Christ seems to have merged with the Marian prayers, one Our Father being attached to each decade. The second half of the Hail Mary gradually developed, and from around the sixteenth century, was generally included as part of the decade. The form of rosary as is best known today was finally established by 1569.

### Day for Life 2014: Protect and Cherish Life

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life is on Sunday 5 October on the theme "Protect and Cherish"

**A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE** Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing. So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it – *Pope Francis* 

## Mary's Meals

This is an organisation that delivers 'hope' in helping the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children, in various parts of the world. Two and a half poly bags filled with textiles could generate enough funds to feed a child Mary's Meals **FOR A YEAR i.e** €14.50. They are currently feeding over 894,000 world-wide, and they hope to continue expanding they're feeding programme. St. Colmcille's can help – to that end they are organising a Rags to Riches Clothing Collection this weekend 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> October – clothing and textiles only, NO bric-a-brac. Leave your bags in the porch and they will be collected by Mary's Meals

A Special Blessing for Expectant Mothers will take place on Wednesday 8th October at 8.00pm in Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Brookwood Grove, Artane.

#### Feasts this Week

Our Lady of the Rosary – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. This memorial (originally Our Lady of Victories), commemorates the battle of Lepanto (7<sup>th</sup> Oct 1571), when a Christian fleet defeated the Turks. The victory was attributed by Pope Pius V to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the BVM who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, Passion and glorious Resurrection of the Son of God.

**Bl. John Henry Newman, Priest – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. (1801-1890). Beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010. His feast day is the anniversary of his reception into the Catholic Church on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1845. He has connections with Ireland through his project on the establishment of the Catholic University of Ireland. Invited to Ireland in 1850, he became Rector of the Catholic University of Ireland in 1854 until his resignation in 1858

Saint Canice (or Kenneth), Abbot – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. (c.525-600), one of the 'Twelve Apostles of Ireland', was born in Glengiven in Derry and spent a period in Wales under St. Cadoc. After a visit to Rome, he returned to Ireland and founded several monasteries, including Aghaboe in Co. Laois. He also worked energetically in Scotland, bringing many to the faith

### **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The risk for Christians today is that we read the parable complacently, because it clearly refers to Jews and Christians in the first century. But it is not only in the past that the leadership of God's project has changed hands, so to speak. Down through history, more committed groups have challenged the established Church – they can attract by more exciting worship and by a closer living of the Gospel. The hard words of St Paul to the Gentile Christians in Rome may help to shake us up: For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you (Rm 11:21).

**Prayer -** Lord of the vineyard, you call us to live the Gospel and to produce its fruits. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that we know the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22–23).

### **Living the Paschal Mystery**

What is the fruit of the kingdom? What is it we are to produce? Here is the real twist of the gospel: the fruit of the kingdom is the *life* God offers, but the only way to produce that fruit is to die to self! Just like the gospel tenants and the landowner's son (but for very different reasons), we get "killed" ourselves. That is, we must die to ourselves in order to do the work God asks us and to inherit the abundance of life God offers. Finally, then, the kingdom does involve a kind of violence: our rooting out anything that keeps us from growing in relationship with God and hearing God's word, our dying to self so that we can do God's will. This may sound like more than we bargain for, but all we need do is remember that "by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful" (Source: Living Liturgy)

The Monthly Collection for the Local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be taken up after all Masses next weekend, in St. Colmcille's Church