

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my father's died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."  
 And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!  
 Let freedom ring from the snow capped Rockies of Colorado!  
 Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California!  
 But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!  
 Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!  
 Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.  
 And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!" **Fr. Michael Carey**

### **Mass intentions for Next Week**

**Mon** 8.00am Patricia McGonagle

**Mon** 10.00am Patrick Feehan

Deirdre McCarthy

**Tues** 8.00am Lorraine Carney

**Tues** 10.00am Patrick Feehan

**Wed** 8.00 Joseph & Catherine Jones

**Wed** 10.00 Kitty Nulty

**Thurs** 8.00am Tom O'Reilly

**Thurs** 10.00am Maura Donovan

**Fri** 8.00am Altar list of the Dead

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**Sat** 6.30pm Victor Geddes

Johara Mablakova (MM)

**Sun** 8.30am Bartle McDonnell

**Sun** 11.30pm Anthony & Kathleen

Gargan

Maura Donovan (MM)

**Sun** 6.30pm Paddy Hughes

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

**Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am & 12 noon, Mon & Tues 9.20am**

There will be a regular Drynam Pastoral Team meeting tomorrow evening at 8PM. Next Sunday the Irish Mass at 11:00 will return and we will have Tea/coffee after all Masses

### **Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The parables of Luke's gospel appear towards the end of Jesus' ministry when some of the crowds are abandoning him, perhaps from fear of the establishment or for reasons of respectability. The 'harsh ones' are a last warning that such a path is the direct opposite to true discipleship which by contrast is portrayed as remaining with Jesus who remains with his followers.

**Reflection** - Jesus met opposition from the religious teachers of his day especially in his presentation of God's mercy. In the parable of the lost sheep Luke directs Jesus' words against those who opposed him on this point. He uses it to explain why Jesus, in the name of God, seeks out sinners and rejoices in their conversion. This message is for us today as much as it was for Jesus' first hearers and later for Luke's community. (Source: St. Paul's Missal.)

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

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **I have a Dream**

*"O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you"*

**Newsletter Sunday 28th August 2016**

On this date 28<sup>th</sup> August, fifty three years ago the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous and well renowned speech – 'I have a dream', in Washington D.C. To mark this occasion I am printing the second half of it below

"I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

**I have a dream** that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.



## **ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN**

*Year of Mercy – “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Lk.6:36)*

### **World Apostolate of Fatima**



The World Apostolate of Fatima will be holding a  
Eucharistic Vigil in  
St. Colmcille's Swords this **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**September at 7.30pm.**



It starts with Holy Hour at 7.30pm finishing  
with 9.30pm Mass of the Immaculate Heart  
of Mary –

See notices in Church for more details

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

### **The Parish Pastoral Collection.**

This outdoor collection takes place after all Masses this Sunday.  
Please support, as all funds go to the Parish

**Hopefully I have two collectors for each Mass**

### **The Bible's Most Important People**

**Job** – a righteous man from the land of Uz whom God tested to prove to Satan that Job was not faithful to Him because he had many physical blessings. For a time, God gave Job into Satan's power. First Job lost his cattle and servants. Then a messenger came with news that all his children had been killed. Yet Job worshipped God. Satan covered Job with sores, and his wife told him, “Curse God, and die” (Job.2:9). Yet he remained faithful. Eventually, God restored all of Job's original blessings

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

Catherine Ciara O'Tooke, Camden Jewel Regan, Faye Morris-Lawlor,  
Callum Joseph Ryan, Freya Ross Saxby, Joanne Jacinta Morton Green



## **NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK EVENTS:**

- To commemorate the veterans of the 1916 Rising buried in St. Colmcille's, Swords Historical Society are hosting a walk around the graveyard on Sunday August 28th at 3 pm
- Launch of 'Swords Remembers 1916' Presented by James Bennett & Bernadette Marks - Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords 8 pm... Thursday September 1st.- a Video shot in St. Colmcille's Graveyard to commemorate those buried there who fought in the 1916 Rising.
- Also launch of 23 in the Swords Voices series. Queries to Phone (01) 8400080
- Sunday August 28th - Walk around Historic Swords with Swords Historical Society, starting at St. Colmcille's Well 3.00 pm

### **Year of Mercy – the foot of the Cross**

The twenty fourth paragraph of the Papal encyclical – ‘Misericordiae Vultus’ continues - At the foot of the Cross, Mary, together with John, the disciple of love, witnessed the words of forgiveness spoken by Jesus. This supreme expression of mercy towards those who crucified him show us the point to which the mercy of God can reach. Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception. Let us address her in the words of the Salve Regina, a prayer ever ancient and ever new, so that she may never tire of turning her merciful eyes upon us, and make us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy, her Son Jesus.

Our prayer also extends to the saints and blessed ones who made divine mercy their mission in life. I think especially of the great apostle of mercy, Saint Faustina Kowalska. May she, who was called to enter the depths of divine mercy, intercede for us and obtain for us the grace of living and walking always according to the mercy of God and with an unwavering trust in his love.

### **Spirituality and Human Development Course**

Marino Institute of Education has been offering a programme in Spirituality and Human Development for several years. This Adult Education Certificate is an inspiring and life changing programme open to all regardless of formal educational background. It is a two-year part-time course which takes place on Tuesday evenings and six Saturdays throughout the year. There will be ten modules and six workshops (see [www.mie.ie](http://www.mie.ie) under Education Courses for further details). This programme begins on 20 September 2016. For further information, contact Mary at [mary.gao@mie.ie](mailto:mary.gao@mie.ie), or at 087 450 8549