

prayer appears in a document from 1334, a good century and a half before St. Ignatius was born. Others have attributed it to Blessed Bernadine of Feltre (1439-1494), *but* again the prayer was around for at least a century before his time as well. The prayer is also known as the Prayer of St. Patrick and some scholars formerly placed the prayer's composition in seventh century Ireland. This too seems unlikely, since no copy that early is known to exist. The prayer carries a partial indulgence.

Anima Christi – Feast of Corpus Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me, Water from the side of Christ, wash me, Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me, within your wounds, hide me. Let me not be separate from you. From malicious enemies, defend me. In the hour of my death, call me and bid me to come to you. That with your saints I may praise you. For ever and ever. Amen

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Geraghty & McGreevy Families	Sat 10.00am Morning Prayer
Tues 8.00am Michael, Bridie & Frances Fitzsimons	Sun 6.30pm Veronica Barker
Tues 10.00am Eileen & Michael Gilloughley	
Wed 8.00am Josie Ryan	Sun 8.30am James Kirwan
Wed 10.00am Thomas Savage & Family members	
Thurs 8.00am Joan O’Gorman	Sun 11.00am Parish Picnic -Mass
Thurs 10.00am Jimmy Ahearne	cancelled
Fri 8.00am Gerry Foley	Sun 6.30pm Anna Redmond
Fri 10.00am Aisling Burke	

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)

Congratulations to the children from Holywell Educated Together School who made their First Holy Communion yesterday!

We will have a Drynam Pastoral Team Meeting on Tuesday at 8:00PM.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:
Johnny Fitzsimons
Seatown Villas



St. Columba’s Church Bicentenary: A Service of Thanksgiving to mark the bicentenary of the consecration of St Columba’s Church, Swords will be held in the church on Saturday 9th June (St Columba’s Day), beginning at 3.00pm. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall after the service, during the course of which “St Columba’s 1818 – 2018: A Parish History”, by Brian Scott, will be launched and be available for sale (€5.00). We hope many of our friends can come to the service and the reception afterwards, and joyfully share in the celebrations with us.”

Corpus Christi Procession - Saturday 2nd June at the 6.30pm Mass

We will have a small Corpus Procession in our Parish after the 6.30pm Saturday evening Mass. This weekend marks the last Do This in Memory programme for 2017/18. Thank you to all parents who brought their children to this Mass and all the Masses throughout the programme. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received their first holy communion this year.

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th June is a Bank Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. *There is no 8.00am Mass*

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

A reflection on Corpus Christi

“He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock”

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What does Corpus Christi mean to me? It does not only bring the liturgy to mind; for me, it is a day on which heaven and earth work together. In my mind’s eye it is the time when spring is turning into summer; the sun is high in the sky, and crops are ripening in field and meadow.

The Church’s feasts make present the mystery of Christ, but Jesus Christ was immersed in the faith of the people of Israel and so, arising from this background in Israel’s life, the Christian feasts are also involved with the rhythm of the year, the rhythm of seedtime and harvest. How could it be otherwise in a liturgy which has at its centre the sign of bread, fruit of earth and heaven? Here this fruit of the earth, bread, is privileged to be the bearer of him in whom heaven and earth, God and man have become one. The way the Church’s feasts fit in with the seasons of the year is therefore not an accident. Consequently, we must go on to discover the inner rhythm of the Church’s year and see the place Corpus Christi has within it.

First of all, clearly, it grows out of the mystery of Easter and Pentecost: it presupposes the Resurrection and the sending of the Spirit. But it is also in close proximity to the Feast of the Trinity, which reveals the inner logic in the connection between Easter and Pentecost. It is only because God himself is the eternal dialogue of love that he can speak and be spoken to. Only because he himself is relationship can we relate to him; only because he is love can he love and be loved in return. Only because he is threefold can he be the grain of wheat which dies and the bread of eternal life. Ultimately, then, Corpus Christi is an expression of faith in God, in love, in the fact that God is love. All that is said and done on Corpus Christi is in fact a single variation on the theme of love, what it is and what it does. In one of his Corpus Christi hymns Thomas Aquinas puts it beautifully: *nec sumptus consumitur* - love does not consume: it gives and, in giving, receives. And in giving it is not used up but renews itself. Since Corpus Christi is a confession of faith in love, it is totally appropriate that the day should focus on the mystery of transubstantiation.

Love is transubstantiation, transformation. Corpus Christi tells us: Yes, there is such a thing as love, and therefore there is transformation, therefore there is hope. And hope gives us the strength to live and face the world. Perhaps it was good to have experienced doubts about the meaning of celebrating Corpus Christi, for it has led us to the rediscovery of a feast which, today, we need more than ever. - Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (emeritus Pope Benedict XVI)

Anima Christi – Soul of Christ

The text of this prayer is given below - The author of this traditional prayer from the Roman Missal is unknown. It has often been attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), for it was indeed a favourite of his and it appears at the beginning of his Spiritual Exercises. However, he could not have been its author for a copy of the

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*How much better our family life would be if we used the words....
Please... Thank you....and I'm sorry. Pope Francis.*



1st Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Holy Well Educate Together who celebrated their 1st Holy Communion in St. Colmcille's this Saturday 2nd June. I hope the children and their families had a lovely day. I thank especially the team involved in their preparation throughout the year: Renata Behan; Susan Fitzgerald; Tracy Grimm and Maria Higgins. They did tremendous work

Golf Classic – St. Colmcille's Parish

The 8th running of the Parish Golf Classic will take place in Forest little Golf Club on 8th June 2018. The time sheet will run from 11.00am to 4.00pm. There are a number of slots available from 11.30am till 1.00pm. If you are in a position to enter a team we would be delighted to hear from you. If not maybe you would consider sponsoring a hole. Please contact John Campbell 087 9079245, Bernie Campbell 086 1519562

Golf Classic – Bumper Raffle: tickets on sale at the church this weekend after all Masses. Raffle will be held at our annual Golf classic Friday June 8th. Great Prizes!

We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community:

Zac Dennis Émile O'Prey, Sean Rory McKeown, Joseph William Humphries, David Ekerin, Donal Thomas Grogan, Aaron Pete Davis



Inter - Parish Picnic -12.30pm - 4.00pm

The three Parishes of Swords are planning a Parish Picnic on Sunday June 10th. It will commence with Concelebrated Mass at 12.30pm followed by the picnic and activities including Irish dancing, face painting, bands, majorettes, karate demonstration, penalty shootout, tug of war. To facilitate this Mass, the three parishes are cancelling their last Mass on the Sunday morning for this picnic – to that end the 11.00am Mass in Swords is cancelled

We invite children who made their First Holy Communion to wear their Communion clothes (changing facilities will be available after the Mass) Children who made their Confirmation are also invited.

Please bring chairs, blankets, & your own food. Tea/Coffee will be available. There is a no alcohol policy. Toilets will be available in the school.

Meet at the Church at 11.45am to walk together to Colaiste Cholm. If you need to drive you will need a parking permit which will be available from the Parish Office the week before the Mass.

Volunteers are required – to provide security and safety at this event. There is no heavy work involved. It mainly consists of directing people from the entrance to the altar and picnic area. If you are willing to do this, please ring Colette at 01- 8407277 *Thank You*

Weather permitting: please check the Parish website for details, a final decision will be made on Sunday morning at 10.00am

God's Housekeepers: The next date for cleaning the Church is next Friday 8th June after the 10.00am Mass. Can cleaning group 1 for this Friday please turn up! Also if anyone has a half hour to spare you would be most welcome

Exam Mass

This takes place this **Sunday 3rd June at 6.30pm**. Students will be invited write their names on a piece of paper and place it in the identified basket. This basket will be left in front of the Altar for the duration of the exams. If you have a family member or friend or just know someone who is preparing for exams, please feel free to put their name in the basket. Also a special candle will be lit and kept lighting for the duration of the exams

Prayer for Students and Prayer for parents of students are at the back of the Church

• Cemetery Sunday – Sunday 24th June at 4.00pm

This Mass (with the participation of the Choir) will take place in St. Colmcille's Church. Before the final blessing, I will pray a prayer of blessing for all buried in the Cemetery

CEMETERY BLESSING

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 **R. Amen**

This is always a significant event in our parish Calendar and is an important annual occasion, therefore as you would expect a lot of work goes into this Mass by the Liturgy Team. 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.

Individual Graves

The Mass itself, is offered for all buried in our cemetery and as you can see from the prayer of blessing (above), it refers again to all buried 'in this cemetery'. To that end **there is no need** for all graves to be individually sprinkled and nor will that happen. What I will do after the Mass is 'sprinkle' the different sections of the graveyard.

Why not? Bring a small bottle of holy water and sprinkle your family grave during the Mass.

• 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

• 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.

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock: will take place 11th August, details in next week's newsletter