

8. It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women. “Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together... By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. ***Dreams, on the other hand, are built together***”. Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.

Living the Paschal Mystery

In today’s Gospel parable the five wise bridesmaids can well afford to sleep, for they are prepared with plenty of oil. The five foolish bridesmaids also sleep during the long delay, but they should have been busy procuring the oil they need to greet the bridegroom and enter the feast. Jesus is warning us in this parable that the here-and-now is an important readying for his second coming and we cannot afford to sleep it away! (*Source: Living Liturgy: Collegetown, Minnesota*)

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Weekend - Intentions will be prayed for at 11.15am Mass through the Parish webcam

Sat 6.30pm Michael Lambe & dec members of Lambe & Moriarty Families
Sun 8.30am Mary Flynn
Sun 11.15am Margie Markey & Catherine & Eugue Callaghan



Mass intentions for Next Week

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| Mon 10.00am Ann & Christopher Farrell | |
| Mon 10.00am Patrick Fields | |
| Tues 10.00am Anne Smith | Sat 6.30pm Cathal & Mary O’Toole |
| Tues 10.00am Molly & Michael Toolan | |
| Wed 10.00am In Honour of Holy Souls | |
| Wed 10.00am Una Porter | Sun 8.30am Paddy McNamee |
| Thurs 10.00am Nancy McDonnell | |
| Thurs 10.00am Paddy McKittrick & dec members of McKittrick & Hartnett family | |
| Fri 10.00am Carmel & Christopher Morgan | Sun 11.15am Sean & Tony Clarke & Louise Doyle |
| Sat 10.00am Helen Brophy | |
| Sat 10.00am Olive Keenan (MM) | Pete Ferris (MM) |

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Our church in Drynam will continue to stay closed during this period adhering to HSE guidelines. If you wish, Mass from St. Colmcille’s can be accessed on the Parish Webcam as per the New Mass Times notice in this newsletter.



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

How important it is to dream together

“Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.”

Newsletter Sunday 8th November 2020



The Pope has issued a new encyclical called FRATELLI TUTTI meaning ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP Continuing the Pope’s introduction of ‘Fratelli Tutti’ from last week.

5. Issues of human fraternity and social friendship have always been a concern of mine. In recent years, I have spoken of them repeatedly and in different settings. In this Encyclical, I have sought to bring together many of those statements and to situate them in a broader context of reflection. In the preparation of Laudato Si’, I had a source of inspiration in my brother Bartholomew, the Orthodox Patriarch, who has spoken forcefully of our need to care for creation. In this case, I have felt particularly encouraged by the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, with whom I met in Abu Dhabi, where we declared that “God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters”. This was no mere diplomatic gesture, but a reflection born of dialogue and common commitment. The present Encyclical takes up and develops some of the great themes raised in the Document that we both signed. I have also incorporated, along with my own thoughts, a number of letters, documents and considerations that I have received from many individuals and groups throughout the world.

6. The following pages do not claim to offer a complete teaching on fraternal love, but rather to consider its universal scope, its openness to every man and woman. I offer this social Encyclical as a modest contribution to continued reflection, in the hope that in the face of present-day attempts to eliminate or ignore others, we may prove capable of responding with a new vision of fraternity and social friendship that will not remain at the level of words. Although I have written it from the Christian convictions that inspire and sustain me, I have sought to make this reflection an invitation to dialogue among all people of good will.

7. As I was writing this letter, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident. For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all. Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us **Pope Francis**



Level 5 Liturgy/Prayer Service

For the next few weeks during this Level 5 lockdown the Parish will host a special liturgy every Tuesday and Thursday Evening at **7.00pm**. It began on Tuesday 27th October. The format will be:

- A decade of the Rosary followed by Prayer calling on Our Lady's Protection
- A Reading of the Pope's latest Encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" – On Fraternity and Social Friendship
- The Night Prayer of the Church

This Liturgy/Prayer Service can be viewed through the Parish Webcam. The webcam can be accessed through the Parish website, www.swords-parish.com

Diary 2021

The booking of Mass intentions for 2021 can begin this weekend- November 7th/8th when the Diary will be available. Please note that during this time of Covid, the Sacristy will be open for about 15mins after the Webcam morning Mass until we come out of Level 5 lockdown.

Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available at the back of the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Monday 2nd November – The Feast of All Souls. All Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

In this the month of the Holy Souls we remember in a special way our beloved dead. The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group extend our deepest sympathy to ALL bereaved people, especially those who have suffered bereavement during the Covid pandemic. We offer free and confidential support. If you would like to talk to a member please phone Denise 086 0610463 from 8th - 14th November or you can email the parish office: stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com. You can also find information on <https://www.bethany.ie>. It's good to talk. Do not grieve alone or unaided. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

Mass of Remembrance

On Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm, the Parish will celebrate Mass to remember and pray for all parishioners and friends who died during the past year. During this Mass each person will be remembered by name.

This year we are in the midst of a Covid 19 pandemic and everything is different.

Due to social distancing requirements St. Colmcille's can hold at a maximum a congregation of 50 persons and therefore we cannot invite families to this special annual Mass.

Instead you are invited to participate in this Mass from your home through live streaming via the Parish Webcam

This Mass will take place in St. Colmcille's Church Swords, on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm, via the Parish webcam. The webcam can be accessed through the Parish website, www.swords-parish.com

If a family member of friend died during this past year but whose funeral was held in another parish and you would like their name called out. Please leave with Colette in the Parish : stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com



Young Church Dublin

The Young Church Dublin have started a connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) to gather online. We meet every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm. We will have time of catch up, reflection on Scripture, chat in small discussion groups and enjoy time in prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. If you would like to join us email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

Teen Hope Online

We are launching Teen Hope Online. Teen Hope is a space where teens can be themselves – a pressure free zone. It is a space where through fun and engaging activities you can build friendships, and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship. While we physically cannot gather due to Covid 19, the Young Church Dublin is offering the Alpha Youth Series online as a way to reach out to Teens during this time. For more information email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Patrick Fields

Griffith Ave/Collinstown

Joe O'Neill

Broadmeadow

November

We remember our own dead and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord.