

When Jesus' followers were filled with the Holy Spirit their fears left them, they felt called by God to *go tell everyone* as they were no longer satisfied keeping the Good News to themselves. With this act of leaving the upper room, the tradition of evangelisation began. (*Resource Material for CSW 2015*)

**Fr. Michael Carey Adm**

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

**Mon** 8.00am Billy O'Regan

**Mon** 10.00am Servant of God Alphonsus Lambe  
Eithne Behan (MM)

**Tues** 8.00 am Owen Kennedy

**Tues** 10.00am Joe O'Rourke

**Wed** 8.00am Judith Hamill

**Wed** 10.00 am George McDonnell

**Thurs** 8.00am Barlta McDonnell

**Thurs** 10.00am Deirdre Byrne

**Fri** 8.00am Health Intention

**Fri** 10.00 am Kathleen Phelan

Margaret O'Reilly (MM)

**Sat** 10.00am Dick Houlihan

**Sat** 6.30pm Richard Madden

Stephanie Larkin (MM)

Joseph Hurley (MM)

**Sun** 8.30am Declan Hanratty

**Sun** 10.00am Nick Bates

Matt Hanlon (1st An)

**Sun** 11.30am John Bateman

Billy O'Regan (MM)

**Sun** 7.30pm Elizabeth Ivers

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Called to Serve**

*"All the earth shall bow down before you, O God"*



**Newsletter Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Next Week, 25<sup>th</sup> January begins the celebration of Catholic Schools Week (CSW), which has been celebrated in Ireland for the last five years. This year the theme is **Catholic Schools: Called to serve**. This call comes from Christ himself.

**Serve**, as a word, **is a call to action**. Service is an integral element of Jesus' mission in the Gospels. Two of the ways in which our mission to serve can be fulfilled are as follows:

**THE EUCHARIST:** Eucharist is one of the sacraments of initiation. In the celebration of the Eucharist we remember the selfless love that Christ showed us by giving his life for us, but also that we have been promised eternal life. We gather, we celebrate, we share and are fed, and we go forward with a very specific mission. At the end of Mass the priest says 'go forth, glorifying the Lord by your life'. We are called to try to live what we have prayed and what we have shared. We are called to serve. When we meet the needs of our brothers and sisters we become 'One Body' in the Eucharist. We are united by our participation in the Eucharist

**EVANGELISATION:** We only tell stories to others that give us pleasure to tell. The Gospel is a story that has been told time and time again. It is a story of Good News, a story which calls us to be Good News for one another.

Pope Francis wrote, in *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*, 'Evangelisation aims at a process of growth which entails taking seriously each person and God's plan for his or her life ...' (EG, no. 160).

From this, as followers of Jesus, we can understand evangelisation **as the act of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Good News of the Gospels, to all whom we meet**. The Gospel writers were known as the evangelists. Evangelists are described as 'Gospel writers (Mark, Matthew, Luke or John) who spread the "Good News of Jesus Christ"'.

Good news is such a wonderful and positive thing! When you have good news can you easily keep it to yourself? When the tomb was found empty, when Jesus appeared to his apostles, when he sent the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' followers were simply full of joy. They ran into the streets to tell anyone who would listen that Jesus was Saviour of all, that he was risen and that all who believed in him would have peace in their hearts, that they would know true freedom and that they could look forward to eternal life. Perhaps you might know the words from the hymn below:

*'Go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come ... He sent me to bring the Good News to the poor; tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more ...'*

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

**Brenda McKenna**

**Peter O'Gorman**

**Seatown Road**

**Castle Ave**



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

**Mass Times for Drynam: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: 9.20am. Sun, 10.00am 11.00am (Irish) & 12 noon**

The Look Sunday sheet is available at the back of the church. Put together by Redemptorist Publications it explains today's Gospel story in a fun way. Suitable for 4 – 9 year olds. Don't forget to bring a copy with you for children at home.



**Some Reflections for the New Year**

- Don't overestimate what you **can do in a week** and don't underestimate what you **can do in a year**.
- The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul. (GK Chesterton)
- Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring and integrity, they think of you. (H Jackson Brown Jr)

**B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

**Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St., Dublin 2** For further information phone 086 0877379 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon – “We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us”



### World Day of Migrants and Refugees

This takes place today 18<sup>th</sup> January. In his pastoral message marking this important date in the Church calendar, Pope Francis reminds us how Jesus identified himself with strangers and outcasts: 'Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognised in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches.' On this day we are asked to remember in our prayers those who have left our shores and also those who have joined us here in our parishes from overseas.

Let us remember in a special way those migrants whose journeys were filled with fear, trepidation and hostility. In particular, let us remember the elderly Irish community in Britain, the undocumented in the United States and Irish prisoners overseas. Closer to home we remember those who are victims of racism, human trafficking and those living in the direct provision system. May we all walk together in prayerful solidarity with migrant peoples – both at home and abroad. May they find comfort and shelter in our parish and in our community. (Irish Bishop's Council for Emigrants)

### Mass Schedules

Due to the ongoing shortage of priests in the Archdiocese of Dublin, our Parish of Swords/Drynam will be re-organising its Mass times and schedules early in the New Year. Discussions at the PPC took place last Monday. The outcome of these discussions are as follows:

#### **St. Colmcille's**

Monday to Friday the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses are retained. As we have two morning Masses the Parish Funeral Masses are also at 10.00am.

Saturday and Sunday – the 10.00am Saturday morning Mass to cease. The proposed new Sunday timetable to be as follows: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm. Sun 8.30am; 11.00am and 6.30pm. This involves a cessation of the 10.00am Mass and a changing of the times of the 11.30am and 7.30pm Masses

#### **Drynam**

Cessation of the Tuesday and Wednesday 9.20am morning Masses which leaves Morning Mass for Mondays and Fridays at 9.20am. The Sunday Masses of 10.00am and 12 noon to remain.

There is a more detailed information sheet at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

### Ordinary Time

We are now in what the Church calls Ordinary Time. The term "Ordinary Time" may be misleading. In the context of the liturgical year the term "ordinary" does not mean "usual or average." Ordinary here means "not seasonal." Ordinary Time is that part of the Liturgical Year that lies outside the seasons of Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas. In Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ not in one specific aspect but in all its aspects. The readings during the liturgies of Ordinary Time help to instruct us on how to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives.

### Soil Nailing - What's that?

You may have seen the machinery and temporary traffic lights on Chapel Lane. Work is being done on the wall to secure it, 'stick it' to the soil if you like, so that it doesn't fall. This is a fortnight's job of work.

**A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE:** Apart from the Cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven – St. Rose of Lima (1586-1617, patron saint of Peru, first saint of the Americas)

### Open Day – St Colmcille's Girls School

An 'Open Day' will take place in St Colmcille's Girls' School on Wednesday 21st January from 9am – 11 am. All welcome.

### Enrolment St. Colmcille's Girls School

Enrolment for girls starting school in September 2015 takes place from January 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 10.30am each morning. **Baptismal & Birth Certificate must accompany all forms**

### Enrolment St. Colmcille's Boy's School.

Application forms for enrolment for boys starting school in September 2015 are available from the school, 9.00am – 4.00pm daily. Completed forms must be returned by January 30<sup>th</sup> **Baptismal & Birth Certificate must accompany all forms**



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

To celebrate this week there will be a special liturgy of prayer in **St. Columba's C o I Church this Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 8.00pm**. The guest speaker will be Rev. Asa Bjork, Rector of Dun Laoghaire. ALL ARE WELCOME

### Planned Giving

Thank you to all who have collected their 2015 Planned Giving/Family Offering Envelopes boxes and thanks to those who delivered them. There are still boxes awaiting collection. Please can you collect them from the Parish Office, Parochial House, Seatown Rd. If you are unable to collect your box, can you ring Colette and arrangements can be made for delivery. *Thank You*

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Sundays of the year outside of the various seasons are occasions for celebrating the resurrection of the Lord and for considering one or more of the aspects of the Lord's person, life and role which the Church sometimes terms the mysteries of Christ. In a three-year cycle the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are read respectively on a yearly basis. Occasionally this sequence is interrupted as it is today, for instance, when the gospel proclaimed is that of John.

**Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick:** Archbishop Martin is celebrating Mass of the Sick in St. Canice's Church, Finglas Village, Dublin 11 on Sunday 8th February at 3.00pm. For further information or to arrange travel for those wishing to attend, please contact the parish office on: 01 8343110 Or Email: [www.stcanicesfinglas.com](http://www.stcanicesfinglas.com)