

or Blessed Teresa of Calcutta? They themselves would have found this unacceptable. An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. (EG, no. 183)

Resource Material for CSW 2015

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

Mon 8.00am Thomas & Elizabeth O'Brien

Sat 10.00am June Cantwell

Mon 10.00am Ursula Fogarty

Tues 8.00 am Ultan & Ann McCabe

Sat 6.30pm James Rooney

Tues 10.00am Charles & Noel Farrell

Wed 8.00am Margaret O'Reilly

Wed 10.00 am Marie Redmond

Sun 8.30am Patsy Woolhead

Thurs 8.00am People of the Parish

Sun 10.00am Sadie & John McCormack

Thurs 10.00am Frank Millar

Sun 11.30am Desmond Walshe

Fri 8.00am Henry Gordan

Sun 7.30pm Pauline Temple

Fri 10.00 am Marie Redmond

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Agnes Maxwell

Oaklands 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

On Tuesday next at 7:30pm a Service of Light ceremony will take place here for the children and parents from Scoil an Duinninigh who are making their Confirmation on the 4th February. The ceremony marks the child taking responsibility for his or her faith. We congratulate all the children on their upcoming Confirmation.



The Bethany Bereavement Support Group will meet on Monday 26th January at 7.30pm in the Parochial House, Seatwon Road. All Fingal Residents are welcome.

The Pope speaks with journalists on the flight to Manila

Pope Francis spent forty minutes answering questions posed by the journalists who accompanied him on a number of issues: The following is a summary of some of the Pope's answers.

On suicide and kamikaze attacks

"Behind every suicide attack there is an element of human imbalance; I do not know if this can be considered mental imbalance, but human. There is something that does not function in this person. He is not balanced in terms of the meaning of his life, of his own life and that of others. He gives his life, but he does not do so in the right way. Many people work – missionaries, for example – giving their own lives, but constructively. This, instead, is self-destruction in order to destroy".

On security during papal trips and terrorist threats

"The best way to respond is with gentleness. To be gentle, humble. ... I worry about the safety of the faithful, and have spoken about this with the Vatican security officials. ... Am I afraid? I have a fault, a large dose of recklessness ... but I know that it is necessary to take security measures, prudent but sure".

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

Parish Secretary: Colette Stokes - Parish Office, Seatown Road-8407277

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

Sacristan: Stephanie Byrne-8400547 (Mon –Sat 9.30am-10.30am)

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are called to live with others and for others

"O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth."

Newsletter Sunday 25th January 2015

Today begins the celebration of Catholic Schools Week, 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.



Fr. Michael Drumm, Chairperson of the Catholic Schools Partnership has the following to say in introducing this week, Jesus is called 'teacher' on forty-six occasions in the Gospels. It is the title most commonly associated with him by his first followers. So what did Jesus teach? In the villages, hills and valleys of Galilee he taught the people that the reign of God was dawning in their midst. He spoke of the reign of God as healing for the sick, hearing for the deaf, new sight for the blind, freedom for prisoners and good news for the poor.

All Christians are called to serve their brothers and sisters. This means helping them to stand up and walk on their own, exorcising their fear of the unknown and expanding their minds through education. It entails feeding them when they are too weak to feed themselves, opening their eyes to the reality of life, challenging them to let go of hurts and prejudice, and liberating those who are unjustly oppressed. It involves introducing them to ever-greater horizons of transcendence and beauty. This is how we continue the healing ministry of Jesus so that 'the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, the good news is proclaimed to the poor' (Lk 7:22).

Pope Francis has declared 2015 a special year of reflection on consecrated life. He is the first pope to come from a religious order in over one hundred and fifty years, and he invites us to reflect on the past, present and future contribution of religious sisters, brothers and priests to our various communities. Religious orders are challenged to be a prophetic voice in the Church and in the world. It is clear that Pope Francis is just such a prophetic voice, not least because he challenges all of us to serve those most in need.

In *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) the pope says that the social dimension of the preaching of the Gospel is critically important. If we are truly Christian then we are called to live with others and for others. This is because God, in Christ, has redeemed human society and not just each of us as individuals. This is an important insight for Catholic education. Pope Francis states:

No one can demand that religion should be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life, without concern for the soundness of civil institutions, without a right to offer an opinion on events affecting society. Who would claim to lock up in a church and silence the message of St Francis of Assisi

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon – "Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed"



St Colmcille's National Schools

In celebrating Catholic Schools Week, a brief history of our Parish Schools might be of interest.

In July 1966, two new primary schools were opened on Chapel Lane. Previously, the Infant and Senior Boys had gone to the school on Seatown Road and the Infant and Senior Girls went to the school on North Street. There was also a school called St Patrick's NS at Cloghran (opposite Kealy's Pub), and it was closed. The new schools were called St Colmcille's Girls' National School and St Colmcille's Boys' National School. An increase in the population of Swords meant that the Boys' School had some classes in North Street from 1972 until 1986 when the Girls' School re-located to a new building on the same site.

The Principals who have served in the schools since 1966 are:

Ms Alice Kavanagh; Ms Kathleen O' Connor; Mrs Anne McDonagh;

Mrs Bernadette Murtagh; and Ms Karen Burke-Logue. (Girls' NS)

Mr Brendan Kavanagh; Mr Denis A Connolly and Mr James Bennett (Boys' NS)

Mass Schedules

A week has passed since the announcement of the new Mass changes, again detailed in this newsletter. I am sorry for those of you who feel disenfranchised. I accept that losing your preferred Mass time is upsetting but again I hope that you understand the need for the changes.

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. (Reduction of one Sunday Mass from five to four). 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. Fr. Peter will be part of the St. Colmcille's schedule on Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation Mass

Next weekend the boys and girls and their families will be present at the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and the 10.00am Sunday Mass as part of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We hope to rekindle and remind the young people and their families of the experience of being at a Mass where we hope that they will feel at home in the Church, to feel that they belong and are welcome. We look forward to seeing them and praying with them.

Blessed Francis Taylor, martyr - was born in Swords, Co Dublin, circa 1550. He was elected Dublin's mayor in 1595. Later he was imprisoned for his Catholic faith, and died on 29 January 1621, after seven years of refusing to accept his freedom by giving up his religion. Blessed John Paul II beatified Francis Taylor on 27 September 1992. Feast Day 30th January

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE: God stretched out his hands on the Cross so as to embrace the farthest corners of the universe – St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313 – 386/387, Father of the Church)

Enrolment St. Colmcille's Girls School

Enrolment for girls starting school in September 2015 takes place from January 2nd 30th, 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 30th **Baptismal & Birth Certificate must accompany all forms**

Seminars in Clonliffe

There are details on the notices boards of the Spring Liturgy Seminar being held in Clonliffe on **Saturday 31st January from 9.30am to 1.30pm**. If anyone is interested in going along please leave your name with Colette at the Parish Office

Liturgy Team: This team will meet on Thursday next 29th January at 7.30pm in the Parochial House, Seatown Rd.

Parish Mass of healing and Anointing for the sick

February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is when the Church celebrates the 'World Day of the Sick'. On **Saturday 7th February at 11am** the Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick in St. Colmcille's. All parishioners are welcome. It is an ideal opportunity to reach out to a housebound neighbour or a neighbour who has no means of transport and bring them to the church for this celebration.

'The World Day of the Sick..is a call once again to all, to see in the face of their brother or sister who is sick the face of Christ who, suffering, dying and rising, brought salvation to humanity.'

Blessed John Paul II

We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community

Bobby Eugene Daly, Cai Gara O'Farrell, Joshua Sean Noctor, Darragh Ronan Mentor
Corey Sonny Murphy



READING THE NEW TESTAMENT: A series of talks will take place in St Cronan's Church Brackenstown starting on Monday 9th February at 8pm. The first talk on the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, will be given by Fr. Paddy Boyle. All are welcome. Talks will continue throughout the year. To register your interest email brackenstownparish@gmail.com or phone 8401188