

the grace to work for justice and peace, and above all the grace to allow ourselves to be forgiven by God so as to become instruments of His mercy. This is what all the Saints did, those who have preceded us in the celestial homeland. May they accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage and encourage us to go forward”.

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Kathleen Callis
Michael Farrell 1st An

Tues 8.00am Ellen Donovan

Tues 10.00am Mary & Harry Farnan

Tues 6.30pm

Wed 8.00am Michael White

Wed 10.00am Holy Souls

Thurs 8.00am Altar List of the Dead

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Fri 8.00am Paddy McNamee

Fri 10.00am Rose Howard

Sat 10.00am Kathleen Doyle

Sat 6.30pm Cathal & Mary O'Toole

Sun 8.30am Anthony Dunne

Sun 11.00am John & Anne Green

Sun 6.30pm Michael Savage

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Fergus O'Toole

Chapel Lane



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

We will have a Pastoral Team Meeting on Tuesday 26th at 8:00PM..

We are still looking for volunteers such as a carpenter who may be able to assist in ongoing work such as widening the doors in the church. We hope to move back by the end of November.

We had a Drynam Pastoral team meeting on Tuesday. We now hope to continue 12:00 Mass until 10th December. This year we will not distribute Christmas Dues envelopes and Mass timetable cards to all houses in the Drynam area. These will be available for collection at the back of the church.



Feast of All Souls(Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)

This coming Thursday 2nd November is a day to do more than celebrate the faithfulness of those who have died. This is a day to unite ourselves with their goodness in such a way that their faithful lives are mirrored in our own gospel living. Actually the Month of November is the Month of the Holy Souls, so we have the whole month to reflect and 'do' something. What do I mean? Perhaps during November take as an example the good deeds and virtues of deceased family members or friends. Choose one good thing and strive to put it into practice in your own lives. In this way the remembering of our loved ones is translated into our daily living and becomes a permanent visible memorial of their faithfulness. The will of God is our salvation. For this purpose, God sent his Son to show us the way to salvation. All who come to him – who seek him and his teachings, who follow him faithfully – will find salvation. The choice to come to Jesus and be changed is ours.

The souls in purgatory have followed the Father's will, have come to Jesus, listened to him, and been changed. But not perfectly. They still are in the process of being purified to become the gift Jesus wished to give his Father. We, too, still are in the process of being changed as we make our choices to follow Jesus more faithfully. The souls in purgatory can show us the way. We pray for them on the final stage of their journey, knowing that salvation is theirs. May it be ours as well.

Songs at St. Columba's – Church of Ireland

A selection of Irish songs, art songs and popular favourites – David Scott, Baritone; David O'Shea, Piano. Saturday 4th November at 3pm. Tickets €10. Concessions €7. All welcome

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)

Sacristy: -8400547 (Mon –Sat 9.30am-9.55am and 10.30am to 10.50am)

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Beatitudes are the way to happiness

“Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice”

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Next Wednesday 1st November is the Feast of 'All Saints'. Pope Francis spoke very well about this Feast Day using the Beatitudes as a guide. This is what he had to say.



“Jesus taught the Beatitudes, the way to true happiness, to the disciples and the multitude gathered on the hill by the Sea of Galilee. “It is a difficult path to understand as it goes against the grain, but the Lord tells us that he/she who takes this path is happy; sooner or later he/she finds happiness”.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven’. We might ask ourselves how a person who is poor of heart, whose only treasure is the Kingdom of Heaven, can be happy. But the reason is precisely this: that having a despoiled heart, free of many worldly things, this person is 'awaited' in the Kingdom of Heaven”.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted’. He who in life has not experienced sadness, anguish and pain will never know the strength of consolation. Happy instead are all those who have the capacity to be moved, to feel the pain that is in their life and in the life of others. They will be happy, because the tender hand of God the Father will console and caress them”.

“Blessed are the meek’. On the contrary, we are so often impatient, nervous, ready to complain. We make so many demands of others, but when it is our turn, we react by raising our voice, as if we were the owners of the world, while in reality we are all children of God”.

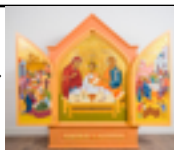
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied'. Those who have a strong sense of justice, and not only towards others, but first of all towards themselves, they will be satisfied, because they are ready to receive the greatest justice, which only God can give”.

“And then, 'blessed are the merciful, because they will obtain mercy'. Happy are those who are able to forgive, who have mercy on others, who do not judge everything and everyone, but who try to put themselves in the shoes of other people. Forgiveness what we all need, without exception. This is why, at the beginning of Mass we recognise ourselves for what we are, sinners”.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God’. Let us look at the faces of those who go around sowing discord: are they happy? Those who always seek occasions to embroil, to take advantage of others, are they happy? No, they cannot be happy. Instead those who every day seek with patience to sow peace, are architects of peace, of reconciliation: these are blessed, because they are true children of our Father in Heaven, who always and only sows peace, sending His Son into the world as a seed of peace for humanity”. “This is the way of holiness, and it is the very way of happiness”, concluded the Holy Father. “It is the way that Jesus followed; or rather, He himself is Way. Those who walk with Him and pass through Him enter into life, eternal life. Let us ask of the Lord the grace to be simple and humble persons, the grace to be able to weep, the grace to be meek,

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*



Halloween

Halloween or Hallowe'en, also known as All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is a celebration observed in a number of countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day (All Saints Day). It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs, and all the faithful departed. It is widely believed that many Halloween traditions originated from ancient Celtic harvest festivals.

Do This in Memory

Last Saturday's evening Vigil Mass was a joyous occasion. There was practically a full turn of the children and their families. The church was packed. The preparation that went into the Liturgy was evident – it was wonderful and I trust prayerful. The choir from St. Colmcille's GNS under the direction of Lisa Willmont was excellent – well done girls. Thanks to one and all and we meet again for this special Mass on Saturday 25th November

Mass of Remembrance

On Thursday 9th 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. All welcome especially family and friends. If you have a family member who died during the past year and would like their name called out please contact Colette in the Parish Office (01-8407277) before Thursday 26th October



Garda Vetting Evening

Tus maith, leath na hoiubre! Thank you so much to all who attended the Garda Vetting evening. It was a tremendous turn out. There is a bit of work to be done, but that is perfectly fine. The main thing is that we have started!

Feast of All Saints – 1st November

Wednesday next 1st November is the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. Masses are as follows. Swords: 6.30pm (Vigil-Tuesday) and 8.00am and 10.00am (Wednesday). There is no Mass in Drynam

Living with Loss

The Irish Hospice Foundation are giving an information evening for the public about bereavement with guest speaker Laura Kennedy – columnist with the Irish Times. The venue is the Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian St, Dn.2 from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. on **Thursday 2nd November**. This public event is free to attend and bookings are not necessary

Mission Sunday –Thank You

Thank you so much for your contribution to last week's Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world to share the Gospel with those in need, and help to build a worldwide Church. Those who have never heard the message of Jesus are given the chance to experience the love of Christ and to know the support of our Church family. Please pray for the work of World Missions Ireland and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples.

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.

Next residential weekend will be held 17th – 19th November 2017, in **Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, Co Dublin**. For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com. www.beginningexperience.ie



Altar List of the Dead

These lists are available at the back of the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Thursday 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 Parish Office.

Why not – prepare a small sacred memorial space in your home for the month of November. When preparing the list say a prayer together as a family or by yourself along the lines of 'we continue to love them now that they are elsewhere. They can no longer be physically present to us, yet for all death's power, "love is as strong as death" (Song of songs 8:6).'

We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community:

Sean Edward O'Donovan, Georgia Frances Fitzpatrick, Emma Sphhia Margaret Quilty, Ellie-Marie Corrigan, Ella Lucia O'Hanlon,



Bethany Bereavement Support Group

There will be no Bethany Bereavement Support Group Meeting on Bank holiday Monday 30th October. Meetings continue as usual on the last Monday of every month in the Parochial House on Seatown Road at 7.30 pm. This is a free and confidential service. You are most welcome to attend.

Monday 30th October

This day is a bank holiday, St. Colmcille's will celebrate Mass at 10.00am. There is no 8.00am Mass on this day.