

they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love. Even if parents can betray their love by lies, hatred and infidelity, God never takes back his gift of life. From eternity he has destined each of his children to share in his divine and eternal life (cf. Eph 1:3-6).

This life is bestowed on us in baptism, which grants us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the conqueror of sin and death. Baptism gives us rebirth in God's own image and likeness, and makes us members of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. In this sense, baptism is truly necessary for salvation for it ensures that we are always and everywhere sons and daughters in the house of the Father, and never orphans, strangers or slaves. What in the Christian is a sacramental reality – whose fulfilment is found in the Eucharist – remains the vocation and destiny of every man and woman in search of conversion and salvation. For baptism fulfils the promise of the gift of God that makes everyone a son or daughter in the Son. We are children of our natural parents, but in baptism we receive the origin of all fatherhood and true motherhood: no one can have God for a Father who does not have the Church for a mother (cf. Saint Cyprian, De Cath. Eccl., 6).

*Fr. Michael Carey*

**Mass Intentions this Sunday**

**Sat 6.30pm** Philip Glynn(An) & Janan & Gwen Glynn  
Douglas Cormac (MM)

**Sun 8.30am** Fergus O'Toole (An)

**Sun 11.15am** Patrick & Bernard Lenehan (An)



**Mass intentions for Next Week**

**Mon 8.00am** Vincent Brown      **Sat 10.00am** Philip Markey

**Mon 10.00am** Margaret Carolan

**Tues 8.00am** Vincent Brown

**Next Sunday**

**Tues 10.00am** John Taylor

**Sat 6.30pm** Betty Stokes

**Wed 8.00am** George & Ann McGrane & George Jnr

**Wed 10.00am** Peggy Allen

**Sun 8.30am** Thomas & Margaret Comber

**Thurs 8.00am** Mary Reilly

**Sun 11.15am** Jimmy Devine & dec

**Thurs 10.00am** Liam Coonan

deceased members of Devine Family

**Fri 8.00am** Joan Byrne

Terence Finnegan (1st An)

**Fri 10.00am** Geraldine Cunningham

**At our Masses this Sunday we also remember:** Elizabeth Curran, Leo Walsh

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

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

We had our Drynam Pastoral Team meeting on Tuesday. Among topics discussed were ongoing preparations for the church upgrade work and issues related to ensuring that we conform to Diocesan Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding policy.

**Lectio Divina**

The group resumes on Tuesday 15th October and every Tuesday in the Parochial House, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm, for anyone interested in developing scripture in their lives. *All welcome*



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**As we view the world with God's own eyes and heart.**

*"If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?"*

Newsletter Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019



Pope Francis has written a letter for the Extraordinary Month of Mission. Over the next two weeks I will print it in our parish Newsletter.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters

For the month of October 2019, I have asked that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness and commitment as we commemorate the centenary of the Apostolic Letter by Pope Benedict XV of his mission document titled *Maximum Illud*.

The title of the present Message is the same as that of October's Missionary Month: Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World. Celebrating this month will help us first to rediscover the missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, a faith graciously bestowed on us in baptism. Our filial relationship with God is not something simply private, but always in relation to the Church. Through our communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we, together with so many of our other brothers and sisters, are born to new life. This divine life is not a product for sale – we do not practise proselytism – but a treasure to be given, communicated and proclaimed: that is the meaning of mission. We received this gift freely and we share it freely (cf. Mt 10:8), without excluding anyone. God wills that all people be saved by coming to know the truth and experiencing his mercy through the ministry of the Church, the universal sacrament of salvation (cf. 1 Tim 2:4; *Lumen Gentium 48-Vatican II Document*).

The Church is on mission in the world. Faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see all things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God's own eyes and heart. Hope opens us up to the eternal horizons of the divine life that we share. Charity, of which we have a foretaste in the sacraments and in fraternal love, impels us to go forth to the ends of the earth (cf. Mic 5:4; Mt 28:19; Acts 1:8; Rom 10:18). A Church that presses forward to the farthest frontiers requires a constant and ongoing missionary conversion. How many saints, how many men and women of faith, witness to the fact that this unlimited openness, this going forth in mercy, is indeed possible and realistic, for it is driven by love and its deepest meaning as gift, sacrifice and gratuitousness (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-21)! The man who preaches God must be a man of God (cf. *Maximum Illud*).

This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptised man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn;

## 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*



### Extraordinary Month of Mission

Throughout October, Pope Francis calls us to renew our missionary commitment during this special month of prayer and action.

**Who, me?** - At Baptism you were given a special mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples.

**Why?** - Everyone has the right to hear the Gospel: The Good News that God loves them unconditionally and that love is stronger than death.

**What Mission?** Jesus calls us to share the blessings we have received with others, beginning with the gift of faith.

**Where?** *Half the world has never heard of Jesus!* Christ sends us, his Church, to reveal and to communicate the love of God to all nations. He calls us to bear witness to his especially in situations of poverty, persecution and marginalisation throughout the world. We still have an enormous task to accomplish:

### Scoil an Duinnigh

Tús maith is ea leath na hoibre – well done to the Paisti from Scoil an Duinnigh who celebrated their Commitment Ceremony (Searmanas na nGealltanas) last week.

I thank their class teachers Ms. Niamh Cooke and Ms. Sarah ni Chuinn and Principal Noirin ni Laighin for their excellent preparation and Mary Sheeran for preparing the church and ensuring its lovely welcoming atmosphere.

### 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 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Drynam** – The Church of Our Lady of the Visitation will make its own arrangement for the celebration of Mass for the 'altar list of the dead'

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER CHAIN

As an act of solidarity and love for all people, Pope Francis is inviting everyone to join the EMM2019 Universal Prayer Chain during the month of October. This worldwide prayer chain will connect the whole Church family, and give us all a little extra strength to live out our mission as Catholics!

**WHO** - Everyone, everywhere, all over the world is invited to pray the official EMM2019 prayer

**WHEN** - Every Friday after the Angelus, throughout the month of October

**WHY** - Through praying together we'll revitalise and reawaken our missionary spirit

Even though the Prayer Chain happens each Friday in October, World Missions Ireland invites everyone to pray The Extraordinary Month of Mission Prayer as often as possible

*A few of us met in the Church last Friday at 12noon to 'say' the Angelus and recite this prayer. We shall do so again on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>; 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Why not join us!*

Mediation/silent prayer has resumed in the Emmaus Centre, every Monday at 11am. For more information contact: Marian Burke 0879703640

### Newman Canonisation

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October Blessed John Henry Newman will be declared a Saint by Pope Francis. Blessed John Henry Newman was the founder of the first Catholic university in Ireland. He served as the university's first rector in 1858. In his 1993 Encyclical Letter, *Veritatis Splendor (The Splendour of Truth)*, Pope Saint John Paul II, explaining the relationship between conscience, individual freedom and the duty to adhere to objective truth, quoted Cardinal Newman and described him as 'an outstanding defender of the rights of conscience'.

On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010, during his Papal visit to Britain, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI beatified Cardinal Newman in Birmingham, saying during the Mass of Beatification that he was 'a man of gentle scholarship, deep wisdom and profound love for the Lord.'

On 11<sup>th</sup> October, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin delivered an address on Blessed John Henry Newman at the Pontifical Irish College in Rome. This event is being jointly organised by college staff and the Ambassador of Ireland to the Holy See, His Excellency Derek Hannon.



### Mission Sunday

**Next Sunday** 20<sup>th</sup> October is World Mission Sunday. There will be a special collection at Mass replacing the usual Share collection. "Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born 'to go forth'" – Pope Francis.

**Theme** - This year's Mission Sunday theme is: 'Together We are Mission', is asking you to move away from the idea that mission work is solely the work of priests and sisters, catechists and lay missionaries, and to consider the part you play.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:**

Eimer Cassidy  
Gerard O'Dwyer  
Gloria O'Brien  
Angela Wilson

Seatown Park  
Chapel Lane  
Broadmeadows  
Leas Cross



### Swords Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group.

Have you suffered the loss of someone special in your life through bereavement? Are you suffering the pain of that loss? Would you like to talk to a trained bereavement support person who will listen and help you understand your grief and distress? You are welcome to attend our bereavement support meetings on the second and last Mondays of every month at The Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords. @ 7.30pm. This is a free, confidential service and is offered to all Fingal residents." Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October Further information please phone Terri 8403243".