

of honour and privilege that they should have in the kingdom than about what the kingdom really meant. Jesus' kingdom changes the very definition of honour and privilege. his followers, the promise that Jesus had opened out seems to have vanished. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, who were disciples who believed but who did not want others to know, get the courage at least to deal with the authorities to ensure that the dead Jesus is assigned a decent burial spot.

Now those women who had accompanied Jesus on his journey want to show their respect for the Jesus who had shown them what self-giving love means. At the first sign of dawn after the Sabbath, they set out to the tomb. They bring with them spices they have prepared. You do not bring spices to adorn an empty tomb. You bring spices to show respect for a dead body. They also had not understood what Jesus had told them.

Resurrection surprises. Resurrection still today brings surprise. Resurrection is the ultimate unexpected that challenges in depth our gloom and doubt. Even encountering an empty tomb the women fail at first to grasp what has happened. They have to be reminded by the two men in brilliant clothes of the words that Jesus had used saying that that he would rise again on the third day. *(Continues next week)*

*Fr. Michael Carey*

**Mass intentions for Next Week**

<b>Mon</b> 8.00am Teresa Barker	<b>Sat</b> 10.00am Paddy Mahon
<b>Mon</b> 10.00am Christpher & Ann Farren	
<b>Tues</b> 8.00am Helen Clarke	<b>Sat</b> 6.30pm Mary Stafford
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Nancy Lynch	
<b>Wed</b> 8.00am Morton Family	<b>Sun</b> 8.30am Ann Yorke
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am Mary & Matthew Dillon	
<b>Thurs</b> 8.00am Connie Forsyth	<b>Sun</b> 11.15 Gwen Glynn
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00am Cora McLarkey	
<b>Fri</b> 8.00am Altar list of the Dead	
<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Altar List of the Dead	

**At our Masses next weekend we also remember:** Patricia Fitzpatrick, Nellie Clune

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

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

In order to ensure that our practices in Drynam relating to Safeguarding are fully compliant with Archdiocesan policy, Drynam Pastoral Team members will attend Safeguarding training including Garda vetting in St Finian's Church on Tuesday evening 30th April at 7:30PM.

***RECENTLY DECEASED***

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:  
Oonagh O'Flaherty                      Carlton Court



**Service of Remembrance:**

Coombe Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 28 April in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Dolphins Barn, at 3.00pm. All Welcome.

**Fr. Michael Carey-8403378: Fr John Collins 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)**  
**Website: www.swords-parish.com Email: stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com**



Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy

**A small light**

*“Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God”*

Newsletter Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019



As I normally do in the newsletters straight after Easter Sunday, I look up on the internet the Archbishop's homilies over Easter and reprint them. Below and next week is the Archbishop's Easter Vigil homily for 2019.

“On Good Friday afternoon, the liturgy left us with a sense of darkness. Jesus, the just man, had allowed himself to fall into the hands of the powers of darkness. It seemed the end. The goodness and the loving kindness of our God, which was revealed in the life and ministry of Jesus, appears to have been vanquished, overwhelmed by the power of evil.

In our liturgy this evening, from within the darkness something new emerges. It is not the explosion of revolution. What appears is just a small light. The Light of Christ appears as a small light, but this small light unties and spreads and opens up to something extraordinary.

This small light spreads and we welcome a new light that changes not just our personal attitudes but changes the world in which we live. The great liturgical hymn that we have heard, the *Exultet*, reminds us that from this small light a new sanctifying power emerges which “dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty”. The small light is the sign of a new path for humanity that comes with the Resurrection of Jesus.

To understand the significance of this Easter night, the liturgy called on us to reflect on God's dealings with humankind across the history of salvation. It reminds us that everything that God created is good and contains within it a harmony between all things. It reminds us that that the history of humankind is however marked by two things: the sinfulness and infidelity of humankind and the extraordinary faithfulness of our God.

We watch then as the significance of this new light unfolds and begins to be understood by the followers of Jesus Christ. Out from the horrendous scene of inhumanity that was the crucifixion of Jesus, humanity is redeemed. Jesus abandoned becomes for us the source of life.

Even the close followers of Jesus struggle to understand what is happening. Jesus had spoken on many occasions about his upcoming death. Peter was so upset that he refused to understand. At the Last Supper, some of his disciples were more concerned about the place

### 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*



#### Do This in Memory

I welcome the boys and girls and their families to the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass as part of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. I would also like to thank the parents who are part of the organising committee who met during the week to prepare these Masses. This is their second last Mass, the last on the Feast of Corpus Christi, but before that date is their First Communion

#### First Penance

This week the girls and boys from Scoil an Duinnigh will make their First Confession on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 1.00pm in Drynam Chapel

#### Easter Dues

A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues envelopes. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated. *If you did not receive an Easter Card from the Parish containing a dues envelope, there are some available at the back of the Church. If you are not a regular contributor to the Parish and would like to do so, please leave your name and contact details with myself or in Sacristy or Parish Office.*

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of May

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May is the first Saturday of May. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am followed by Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 30 minutes

#### ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service

Volunteers Required For: Marriage and Relationship Counsellors and Marriage Preparation Facilitators:

- To give courses for couples preparing for marriage and
- Marriage and Relationship counsellors.

If you would like to join a committed and professionally trained team who support couples in their marriage and those preparing for marriage, please contact us. Training for both roles will take place in the Pontifical University in Maynooth.

For further information please contact 01 4784400 before 30 April 2019.

#### Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group advises with regret that our twice monthly support meetings are suspended with effect from 25th March 2019 until further notice. Hopefully this is a short interruption and meetings will resume as soon as possible.

#### We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community:

Roger Cheng, Simon Boelsh, Hunter McGrane



#### Second Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

The Easter or Paschal candle is a reminder to us of the presence of the risen Lord among his people when they assemble in his name. Its flame is bright and alive. His presence among us is dynamic and empowering. It gives light in the darkness. Jesus as the light of the world is the clearest revelation of God that has ever been or will ever be.

**Reflection** - In the Easter season we celebrate our Redemption. What does this mean? The biblical background sheds much light on it. If a Hebrew person were sold into slavery because of debt his nearest relative would redeem him, that is, would pay what was needed in order to restore him to freedom. Redemption begins in this life when people can worship God in conditions that are worthy of their dignity as human beings and it continues into the next when the glory of Christ's resurrection will be theirs. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

#### An Evening in 'the Valley'

Gary Kehoe from the 'Child Protection and Safeguarding Office' of the Diocese will give an information session in **River Valley Parish on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**. I invite ALL volunteers, ministry team and choir members to attend this information session – yep that is what I have written – ALL. Obviously if you cannot attend then you cannot!

Gary is an engaging speaker and his talk among other things will make clear as to why all involved in ministry etc. have to be 'Garda Vetted'.

As Pope Francis said "*Families need to know that the Church is making every effort to protect their children. They should also know that they have every right to turn to the Church with full confidence, for it is a safe and secure home*".

This evening is for the Swords Grouping of Parishes and if all volunteers, ministry team and choir members from the 3 parishes attend we would have upwards of 300 people

#### 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 **17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**, in **Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Dublin 24**. For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com). [www.beginningexperience.ie](http://www.beginningexperience.ie)



#### Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Devotions in St Cronan's Church Brackenstown on Sunday 28th April Beginning at 2.45pm. Chaplet at 3.00pm concluding with Mass at 5.30pm. Blessing with the Relics of St Faustina and Blessed Michal Sopoko