

Then comes the response evoked by this wide-ranging experience of creation:

“May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord (v31-34)

And then the Psalm concludes as it began:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord (v. 35)”

During this season of creation, we are invited to get in touch with the wonders of creation and discover the presence of the Creator within creation. Dwelling within nature, listening to nature, reading nature like a book gives us a little glimpse of the mystery of God living among us within nature.

To conclude, there is an old proverb that sums up what I have been saying: “Close to nature, Close to God”. Here is how the poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning of the 19th century puts it: “Earth is crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God: but only he who sees takes off his shoes. The rest sit around and pluck the blackberries”

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Susan Lambé

Sun 8.30am Rosanna Casciani

Sun 11.15am Alice & Tom Kane



Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Seamus Kinsella

Annie Clancy

Sat 6.30pm Donal O’Toole

Tues 10.00am Parish Sisters

Jimmy Levin

Sun 8.30am John & Thomas McGrane

Wed 10.00am Special Intention

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Martin Bradley

Sun 11.15am Úna & James Nevin

Fri 10.00am Rosetta Culleton

Gerald Ryan

& Jim Nevin

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am

Sunday Mass in Drynam continues at 10:00AM and 11:AM for the Irish Mass.

Thank you to all for observing the HSE guidelines in the Church. We are prepared to adhere to any new recommendations from the HSE as the Covid-19 pandemic continues..



The Sunday Obligation

In the current emergency, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. You may fulfil your obligation by attending Mass on any day of the week.

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Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Season of Creation - 3

“I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord”

Newsletter Sunday 20th September 2020



CULTIVATING HOPE - A Faith Response to the Climate Crisis

3rd Sunday of the Season of Creation – 20th September

For this Third Sunday of the Season of Creation I include below a piece written by Fr. Dermot Lane, Parish Chaplain of Balally Parish and a member of the Laudato Si Working Group of the Council for Catechetics.

One of the striking features of the Covid 19 pandemic crisis was the way people turned to nature. Many spent more time in their gardens, getting in touch with the life, and beauty, and complexity of nature. Some found themselves dwelling within the spiritual shelter of nature, communing with the Creator within creation.

In our first reading today, Isaiah issues a number of challenges to us:

Seek the Lord while he may be found

Call upon the Lord while he is near

Return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on us (Is.55:6-7)

These invitations from Isaiah provoke the following questions for us today: Where will we find the Lord today, Where is God in our world? Where do I look to discover God? Many of the Psalms in the Bible find God in the wonders of nature. Let us look at Psalm 95 as a good example of this.

“In his hand are the depth of the earth, the height of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed...

O come let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord our master” (Ps 95:4-6).

A similar linking of nature with God the creator can be found in Psalm 104. This Psalm outlines in detail the work of creation:

“You stretch out the heavens like a tent

You set the earth on its foundations.

You cover it with the deep as with a garment (Ps 104:2, 5-6)...

You make the spring gush forth in the valleys(v10)

You cause the grass to grow for cattle and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, and oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart (v.5-15)

You have made the moon to mark the seasons (v19)

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*



Crosscare Collection

This will take place this weekend replacing the Share Collection

Confessions – Last Saturday of the month

Next Saturday-26th September, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated between 10.30am and 11.15am. It will be done in a manner that will be Covid compliant. I will be seated behind a Perspex screen in the Sanctuary area.

Newsletters and Missalettes

This is just a reminder. It's happening the correct way. The Newsletters and Missalettes are left out for the weekend Masses. Please take them **BUT** bring them home with you.

In these Covid times leaflets should not be picked up, read and put back again. Please, please take home with you.

1st Communion – Scoil an Duinnigh (S an D)

I welcome the buachailli and cailini from S an D who will be receiving their 1st Communion this week. I congratulate the pupils and their parents on this wonderful day. I also thank the School principal Ms. Noirin Ni Laighin and the class teachers Muinteoir Niamh agus Muinteoir Ciaran. Because of the Covid Pandemic the Communion Masses will be spread over 4 days and the number of family members who can attend is limited.

**Monday 21st September at 1.30pm; Tuesday 22nd September at 1.30pm;
Thursday 24th September at 1.30pm; Friday 25th September at 1.30pm;**

Stewards – If two people for each of those days could volunteer for cleansing of the Church after each ceremony it would be very much appreciated. I am talking about 2.30pm till 3.00pm. Please contact Jeanette 8400547 or Colette 8407277 /stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com

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Crosscare – THIS WEEKEND

The annual collection for **CROSSCARE**, – Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will take place at all Masses **THIS weekend 19th September and 20th September**. This collection is for Community and homeless services. The collection will replace the usual Share collection. Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has: A vision of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. A mission to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need



1st and 2nd Collections

At every Mass, weekday and weekend there will be collection boxes situated around the Church. If you cannot make the Sunday Mass, but are able to go to the weekday Mass, you can make your weekly contribution during the weekday Mass. Thank You. *One contribution per week and not one every day!!!*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group is available to parishioners providing telephone support during the COVID-19 pandemic. We offer our sympathy to anyone bereaved during these very difficult months. If you would like to talk to a Bethany member please phone **Terri 8403243 from 13th September -26th September** If there is no reply please leave your first name and phone number. Or you can email the parish office stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com and your message will be forwarded to Bethany Group. This is a free and confidential service.

Scripture Note – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The First Reading states, 'God ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts'. Just how vast is the difference between God's ways and our ways, between God's thoughts and our thoughts, is illustrated in the Gospel. God's generosity utterly transcends human generosity.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard was aimed at the Pharisees. These legalistically minded men were critical of Jesus because he befriended sinners and outcasts. In the parable Jesus faces up to his critics, and shows them what God is like: God is generous and full of compassion for the poor and the outcast. In that respect the parable is similar to that of the prodigal son. (*Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB*)