

open to the need of our brothers and sisters for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation. The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God's question: "Whom shall I send?" is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: "Here am I, send me!" (Is 6:8). God continues to look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, his liberation from evil (cf. Mt 9:35-38; Lk 10:1-12).

The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelisation and Comforter of the Afflicted, missionary disciple of her Son Jesus, continue to intercede for us and sustain us".

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Weekend - Intentions will be prayed for at 11.15am Mass through the Parish webcam

Sat 6.30pm Elizabeth Biggins (1st An)

Margaret Farrell

Sun 8.30am Bridget O'Toole

Sun 11.15am Betty Stokes



Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am

Sat 6.30pm Thomas Byrne

Tues 10.00am

Patricia McCreevey (1st An)

Wed 10.00am Christopher Barnwell

Thurs 10.00am

Sun 8.30am

Fri 10.00am Kathleen Callis

Sun 11.15am Patricia O'Reilly

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Our church in Drynam will continue to stay closed during this period adhering to HSE guidelines. If you wish, Mass from St. Colmcille's can be accessed on the Parish Webcam as per the New Mass Times notice in this newsletter.



THE EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He commissioned His followers to 'go and make disciples of all nations' and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, forever and ever. **Amen**

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Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Here am I, send me"

"Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice"

Newsletter Sunday 25th October 2020



We are still in the month of Mission and the Pope writes a reflection each year about the Missionary Church. I am including an extract in this newsletter which provides for lovely reading but also of course a challenge to the Church and to all of us:

"In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (6:8). This is the ever new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?" (6:8.). This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis. "Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying 'We are perishing' (v. 38), so we too have realised that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this" (*Meditation in Saint Peter's Square*, 27 March 2020).

We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realisation that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.

In the Paschal Mystery, divine mercy heals our wounded humanity and is poured out upon the whole universe. The Church, the universal sacrament of God's love for the world, continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time.

Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, this situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others. And prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more

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*



Until December So!

As we all too well aware we are now at Level 5 restrictions. It means the Webcam Mass will continue for another 6 weeks. Weddings and Funerals remain at 25 being able to attend. Baptisms are postponed again until December, all being well. They are mounting up. The presumption is that come December 1st Level 5 is reduced, but to what level. At Level 3 there are no public liturgies. It is only at Level 2, 1 and 0 that we say Mass publicly again. The Parish now has a 'backlog' of Baptisms as well as 1st Holy Communions. If we re-open in December, which I hope and pray we do, it's sure going to be busy, as well as looking forward to that BIG Feast Day at the end of the month!!

To quote Pope Francis from his homily given at the prayer service in an empty St. Peter's Square on Friday 27th March 2020

We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us

Mass of Remembrance

On Thursday 12th 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.

This year we are in the midst of a Covid 19 pandemic and everything is different.

Due to social distancing requirements St. Colmcille's can hold at a maximum a congregation of 50 persons and therefore we cannot invite families to this special annual Mass.

Instead you are invited to participate in this Mass from your home through live streaming via the Parish Webcam

This Mass will take place in St. Colmcille's Church Swords, on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm, via the Parish webcam. The webcam can be accessed through the Parish website, www.swords-parish.com

If a family member of friend died during this past year but whose funeral was held in another parish and you would like their name called out. Please leave with Colette in the Parish : stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com



The Sunday Obligation

In the current emergency, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass

Donations for World Mission Sunday

Last Sunday the Mission collection replaced the Share collection. As there is no public celebration of the Mass, this obviously cannot happen. If you would like to donate then -

To donate go to www.wmi.ie/mission, call Fiona on 01 497 2035, or lodge money directly: IBAN - IE12 BOFI 9007 5456 9616 36, BIC - BOFIE2D, Account Name - Society for the Propagation of the Faith

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Siobhán O'Scanail	Milton Fields
Olive Keenan	Broadmeadows
Peter Ferris	Glasmore Park
Liam Ryan	Malahide Road

Altar List of the Dead

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

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 **Sr Mary 01 8404323 from 25th October - 31st October** 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.

On-Line Scripture Courses for October

Margaret Aylward Centre, Glasnevin are offering a number of courses during the month of October on the theme of Scripture and invite you to join online. For more information and prices visit or <http://www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie> or contact Geraldine during Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm or Tel: 01 7979364/0876649862 or Email: info@macfd.ie