

*Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Newsletter 1<sup>ST</sup> September 2024*

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**Facebook: St. Colmcille's Church, Swords & Church of the Visitation, Drynam**  
**Mass times: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am, Thurs Communion Service 10.00am.**  
**Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am Confessions: Saturday 6.00pm - 6.20pm**

***Church of the Visitation Drynam, The Visitation of the BVM***  
**Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am Irish Mass**

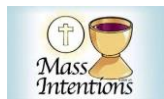


***Mass times St Finian's Church Rivervalley***  
**Mon – Fri 10.00am, Saturday 11.00am (Vigil) 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 12 noon**

***Mass Intentions this Weekend***

**Sat 6.30pm** Cora Duffy  
Joe & Bridie Cain

**Sun 11.30am** Christine & Patrick Foy  
Patrick O'Rourke  
Grace Burke



***Mass intentions for next week***

<b>Mon</b> 10.00am Joe & Peggy Savage	<b>Sat</b> 6.30pm Michael Smith
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Bobby Richardson	Mary Smith
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am Bartle McDonnell	
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00am <b>Communion Service</b>	<b>Sun 11.30am</b> Joseph Prendergast
<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Altar List of the Dead	Deceased members of Ursulines of Jesus

**Communion Service**

A Communion Service will take place on **Thursday 5th September** at 10.00am In St Colmcille's Church. All are welcome

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support please contact, Bridget at 085 2812985 from Sunday 25th August to Saturday 7th September. Please phone from 6pm-8pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

**Season of Creation 2024**

This year's theme is "To Hope and Act with Creation"  
"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children." Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.



The firstfruits of hope  
(Rom 8:19-25)

**TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

In the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans, we see the biblical image of the Earth groaning (Rom 8:22). Today we hear the cry of the Earth all around us. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather actively striving for new life amidst the struggles.

**St Colmcille's Green Team (Laudato Si' Group)**

In response to caring for our common home and creation, the St Colmcille's Green Team (Laudato Si' Group) have been busy helping make our parish greener and cleaner through promoting and providing biodiversity rich 'Bee Friendly' areas around Parochial House, and most recently finalising installation of a rainwater harvesting system located next to sacristy which will provide rainwater for use in the graveyard. In recognition of our efforts, we are pleased to announce recent receipt of the Eco-Congregation Ireland awareness award which truly reflects the spirit of this Season of Creation. For more details on this cross denominational programme please visit: <https://www.ecocongregationireland.com>

**Blessing of School Bags.**

Fr John will bless school bags for children in all classes to mark the beginning of the school year on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm Mass

**Parish Sisters**

A Mass to celebrate over 40 years of Ministry in St Colmcille's Parish for the Parish Sisters, will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm in St Colmcille's Church. All are welcome, refreshments will be served after Mass

**St Cronan's Parish** scripture study group will commence an 8-class study of St John's Gospel on 30th September. Classes will be on Mondays, 7.30 to 8.30 pm in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre, Brackenstown. All welcome and there is no charge.