

*First Sunday of Advent  
Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> December 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**

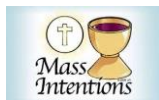
***Church of the Visitation Drynam, The Visitation of the BVM***  
**Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am Irish Mass**



***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** Margaret Pawley  
Ellen & Terry Finnegan  
Joseph & Robert Ryan  
**Sun 11.30am** Michael Rothwell Jnr  
Stephen Lucy  
Aileen Marron  
Special Intentions



**Mass intentions for next week**

<b>Mon</b> 10.00am Sean Dunne	<b>Sat</b> 6.30pm Jack Shiel
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Cecily Collins	<b>Sun</b> 11.30am Dec members of O'Reilly & Kealy Families
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am Patrick Smith Jnr	Dominic King
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00am <b>Communion Service</b>	Priests of the Parish
<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Altar List of the Dead	Michael & Mary Vesey
	Sal Saputo
	PJ Carey

**Christmas Mass Bouquets** Special Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available in the Sacristy and Parish Office for both churches. All Masses on Christmas Day and St. Stephens Day will be offered for the intentions of the donors of these cards. They cost €5 per card.

**Christmas Schedule Cards** are at the back of the Church please take one, and you may also take some to drop into your neighbours.

**St Vincent de Paul Annual Collection**

The Annual collection for St Vincent De Pual will take place **next weekend 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> December and will replace the Share collection.**

You can donate to our collection or you can donate directly to our conference on [svp.ie/stcolmcilleswordschristmasappeal24](http://svp.ie/stcolmcilleswordschristmasappeal24) or by calling 0818 176 176. There is also Blue Envelopes at the back of the Church.

**Advent** is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and to welcome him once again into our hearts and lives. Some symbols and signs associated with advent are : The advent wreath, the Jesse tree and the colour purple .The Advent wreath has candles standing upright, representing the four Sundays of Advent. The round ring of the Advent Wreath represents eternity-time without end. As the circle is never ending, so time with God goes on and on. The evergreens are for eternal life, life without end. Evergreens do not die in the winter and like them God is always fresh and new. The candles remind us of Christ 'Light of the World'.

**1st CANDLE – (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE**

This candle is called the "Hope" or "Prophet's Candle," symbolising the anticipation of the coming Messiah and the hope that He brings to the world.



**Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in St Colmcille's Church every Thursday from 7.00pm – 8.00pm starting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December . *All are welcome*

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** The Bethany Bereavement Support Group continues to offer bereavement support to the families, friends and relatives of deceased loved ones. From 1st December please phone Terri on 8403243, or Brid on 086 6006397. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie> "I ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here". *May they rest in peace.*

**Volunteer Sacristans**

We are looking for new volunteer Sacristans for St Colmcille's Church for weekdays and weekends. If you are interested, please contact Jeanette in the Sacristy. Full training will be provided.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently**  
Liam Heron Longlands

