

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024-Day for Life*

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**Mass times: Monday - Friday 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, Irish Mass at 11.00am**



***Mass Intentions this Weekend***

**Sat 6.30pm** Liam Gargan

Patrick Clarke (MM)

**Sun 11.30am** Jim Nevin Jnr & Una & James Nevin

Michael O'Neill (1<sup>st</sup> An)



***Mass intentions for next week***

**Mon 10.00am** Christine, & Francis Loughran & Calum Loughran

Anne Phelan

**Tues 10.00am** Brian Cummins

**Sat 6.30pm** Annie & Edward Coppinger

**Wed 10.00am** Mary Carroll

Mary Broderick

Special Intention

**Thurs 10.00am** **Communion Service**

**Sun 11.30am** Dan & Eva Geoghegan

**Fri 10.00am** Anne Phelan

Tommy Hanratty

Maura & Owen Kennedy

Aideen Biggins

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please contact Kay at 086 2209297 from Sunday 16th to Saturday 22nd June. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

**Communion Service**

A Communion Service will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am, in St Colmcille's Church. *All are welcome*

***RECENTLY DECEASED***

**Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:**

Michael Derham

Seatown Road

Teresa Walsh

Broadmeadow



**Fr John**

Fr John will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving and farewell on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in St Colmcille's Church. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served after Mass. A presentation will be made to Fr John on behalf of the Parish. However, a number of parishioners have said they would like to make a personal donation to express their appreciation of Fr John. To facilitate this, donations can be left with Colette in the Parish Office – 9.15am – 12.30pm Monday – Friday.

**SUMMER DUES 2024**

The Summer Dues collection for the support of priests will launch this weekend. The Summer Dues has become an important initiative in recent years supporting priests in parishes and sick and retired priest throughout the Archdiocese. Archbishop Dermot Farrell extends his gratitude for your ongoing support. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

**Blessing of the Graves – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

We invite you to attend Mass at 11.30am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, and after Holy Communion to assemble in groups at your family grave. At the Mass we will bless all lights, candles etc so they should be at hand. Families may also place their lights, flowers etc at Our Lady's Altar and the Sacred Heart Altar as a focal point during our Mass and collect them after Communion and be brought to the family grave.

After Communion you will be invited to move in procession towards your family grave and reverently place lights, candles, flowers etc on the graves. As you process the choir will sing a Hymn. Please follow the remainder of the ceremony through the webcam on your phone.

**Peter's Pence Collection**

Next weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June the Annual Peter's Pence collection will replace the Share collection. This collection is for the Pope's apostolic and charitable ministry

**DAY FOR LIFE – SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday, June 16, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: **The Lord is my shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.**

This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.