

*Pentecost Sunday*  
*Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

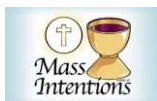
**Fr John Collins 8405948**  
**Parish Secretary: Colette Stokes - Parish Office, Seatown Road-8407277 (Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm)**  
**Sacristy: -8400547 (Mon –Fri 9.30am-9.55am and 10.30am to 10.50am) Website: www.swords-parish.com Email:parishoffice@stcolmcilleschurch.ie**  
**Facebook: St. Colmcille's Church, Swords & Church of the Visitation, Drynam**  
**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** James & Josephine McGuirk  
Tom, Mary & Sharon Conway  
Liam Molloy Jim Mulcahy



**Sun 11.30am** Sinead Kane Margaret Prendergast  
Sean Byrne Maureen Hughes

*Mass intentions for next week*

**Mon** 10.00am Special Intentions  
**Tues** 10.00am Special Intention  
Patrick Clarke **Sat** 6.30pm Harry Sheridan  
**Wed** 10.00am Paddy Clarke  
**Thurs** 10.00am **Communion Service** **Sun** 11.30am Billy Harrington  
**Fri** 10.00am

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please contact Terri at 8403243 from Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th May. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:**  
Patrick Clarke St Colmcille's Park  
Marie Doyle Longlands



**Communion Service**

A Communion Service will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10.00am, in St Colmcille's Church. *All are welcome*

**Partnership working together**

- A half day of recollection for Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist in the parishes of Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown parishes is planned for Saturday June 22nd in Brackenstown Pastoral Centre from 10am to 1pm. This will be led by Peter Siney from the Office of Mission and Ministry. Please indicate to the parish office if you wish to attend.
- Our parish partnership is planning a Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Sunday 15th to Thursday 19th September**. The cost of the pilgrimage for four nights and five days (inclusive of flights, accommodation, and full board) is €735 per person sharing. Single supplement is €40 per night. Booking forms available at the back of the Church and from the Parish Office. For further information contact Marian Pilgrimages 01 8788159 or Pat O'Connor 087 2610405.  
**Accompanied by Spiritual Director Fr. Richard Sheehy.**

**Laudato Si Week-May 19<sup>th</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup> – Seeds of Hope**

This Laudato Si' Week and Pentecost, let us gather in community to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2). Laudate Deum is a reminder about the urgency of the Laudato Si' message and the need for both personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises. This year's Laudato Si' Week theme is inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, "first fruits." Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love. For more information see [www.laudatosiweek.org](http://www.laudatosiweek.org)

**Pentecost Sunday**

This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk — but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission — to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.



**Annual May Procession-Brackenstown Parish**, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May Followed by Mass at 7:30pm Celebrant Fr. Joseph Hao. **Assembly Points:** Entrance to Glasmole Park (from Rathbeale Road), Bottom of steps from Elmwood, Junction Brackenstown Road & St. Cronan's Avenue, Junction Brackenstown Road & Brackenstown Avenue (top Rathbeale). Please be at assemble point nearest you at 7:10pm