Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Newsletter 22nd September 2024 Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October

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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: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am, Thurs Communion Service 10.00am. Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am <u>Confessions:</u> 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

Bridie & Joe McDonnell & Sean McDonnell



Mass times St Finian's Church Rivervalley Mon – Fri 10.00am, Saturday11.00am (Vigil) 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 12 noon

<u>Mass Intentions this Weekend</u> Sat 6.30pm John O'Rourke (MM) Sun 11.30am James & Úna Nevin & Jim Nevin Jnr Brian Morgan Christopher McGuirk Rosanna Casciani

Alice & Tom Kane



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Nicholas Brown Tues 10.00am Anthony Shiel Wed 10.00am Gerald Ryan Beth Hatch Thurs 10.00am Communion Service Fri 10.00am Virgina Torres Sat 6.30pm Donal O'Toole Margaret Stafford Peadar Connolly

Communion Service

A Communion Service will take place on **Thursday 26th September** at 10.00am In St Colmcille's Church. All are welcome

RECENTLY DECEASEDPlease remember in your prayers those who have died recentlyEileen McCluskeyFormerly Kettles laneCatherine FitzsimonsAspen Drive



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 28th September at 6.30pm in St Colmcille's Church. All are welcome, refreshments will be served after Mass

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support please contact Brid at 086 6006397 from Sunday 22nd September to Saturday 5th October. Please phone after 6pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <u>https://bethany.ie</u>

First Holy Communion Enrolment

We were delighted to welcome the children of the First Holy Communion classes and their parents at our Enrolment Mass at 6.30pm Mass this weekend. We ask all our parishioners to pray for these young people in the journey of faith preparation over the coming months.

St Colmcille's Graveyard

We are having problems in our graveyard with people dumping rubbish in different areas. We have also had a major problem with people dumping rubbish in the skip. We have provided bins for green waste, however these bins are not being used correctly, people are putting all rubbish in these bins which causes major problems with the waste collection company. The Parish are paying a large sum of money every year to for bins and the skip. We have made a decision to have a policy of <u>'Leave No Trace'</u> in our graveyard. We are removing the skip and bins and asking people to take their rubbish home with them. We thank you for your support in this matter

Thank you to our volunteers who have made an enormous contribution to the upkeep of the graveyard. If you would like to volunteer with this group, please contact Colette in the Parish Office

Safeguarding Sunday

This year Archbishop Farrell has asked us to focus on all the things we do to make our parish a safe and welcoming place for children and vulnerable adults. The new child safeguarding policy for the Catholic Church in Ireland, launched in June of this year, is called *A Safe and Welcoming Church*. It replaces an earlier policy which was called *Safeguarding Children*. Further, we commit ourselves not just to the prevention of harm but to the promotion of good, to the creation of the material and spiritual conditions for children's full development, as described by Pope Francis.

<u>Blessing of Animals</u> will take place at St Finian's Church Rivervalley on Saturday 5th October at 1.00pm