Fourth Sunday of Advent
Newsletter 22nd 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, Saturday11.00am (Vigil) 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 12 noon

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Vera Barker
Kevin Traynor
Special Intention
Sean Green (MM)
Sun 11.30am Aisling McConnell (1st An)
Sheila & James Fitzsimons
Des Becton
Annie Sweetman Snr & Dec members of Sweetman, McGlynn, McCann, Salmon & Andrews
Michael & Olive Keenan

Mass intentions for next week
Mon 10.00am Elizabeth Burke
Michael Aylward
Deceased members of Finnegan & McGrath Families
Tues 6.30pm **Christmas Mass Bouquets**
Tues 9.00pm **Christmas Mass Bouquets**
Wed 9.00am **Christmas Mass Bouquets**
Wed 11.30am **Christmas Mass Bouquets**
Thurs 11.00am **Christmas Mass Bouquets**
Fri 10.00am Michael Toft
Special Intention
Sat 6.30pm John Breen
Pat Purcell
Sun 11.30am Michael Toft
Beatrice Mahon

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

Confession Confessions in St Colmcille's Church will take place on Tuesday Dec 24th from 10.30am – 12 noon

Advent Wreath 4th CANDLE – (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE – The angles announced the good news of a Saviour. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17)

CAROL SERVICE
The Annual Carol Service will take place on **24th December at 8.30pm.** Under the direction of our Choir Director Morgan Crowley we have an invigorating and interesting programme of the Choir's wonderful harmonies and popular season carols. The Carol Service can also be viewed through the Parish webcam

Christmas Mass Bouquets Special Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available in the Sacristy 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.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group
The Bethany Bereavement Support Group continues to offer bereavement support to the families, friends and relatives of deceased loved ones. Please phone Terri on 8403243, or Brid on 086 6006397.Details on the Parish website

Mass intentions for week beginning 30th December
Mon 10.00am Brian O'Connor
Tues 10.00am Thomas Green
Wed 10.00am John & Eileen Shiel
Jack, Frank & Anthony Shiel
Brian Walsh
Thurs 10.00am **Communion Service**
Fri 10.00am Altar List of the Dead
Sat 6.30pm Peter O'Neill
Eveline Sweetman
& Deceased family members
Sun 11.30am Marie Doyle
Bridie Hoare
Frank & Aileen Marron

Tap & Go Machine
During the month of November 2024 the Tap and Go machines in Swords Parish collected €1,128.00 from 118 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.
Thank you for your ongoing support for First Collection and Share collection through the machine and from the collection boxes in the Church.

• Thank you for your generous support to the recent St Vincent de Paul collection.