

*Fourth Sunday of Easter-Day of Prayer for Vocations
Newsletter 21st April 2024*

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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

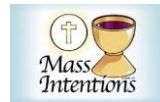
Sat 6.30pm Oliver Morton

Sun 11.30am Robert Power

Tom & Alice Kane & Vera & Vinny Pepper

Fiona Collins

Barney O'Rourke



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Paul Ludden

Jim Leonard

Tues 10.00am Rita Reynolds

Sat 6.30pm Niamh Sheridan

Wed 10.00am

Brendan Murphy

Thurs 10.00am **Communion Service**

Sun 11.15am Christopher & Ann Farren

Fri 10.00am NO MASS

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Terri at 8403243 from Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th April. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

Good Shepherd Sunday Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus is the one shepherd of one flock. "I am the good shepherd; I know my own and they know me ... and I will lay down my life for my sheep." We pray for all whom the Lord is calling to follow him as shepherds to His flock, laying down their lives in service as priests, deacons and religious, will hear his voice in their hearts.

The Lay Ministry Appeal will take place **next weekend, April 27/28**. This collection will replace the usual Share collection

Ministry Sunday April 21st

There are many groups of volunteers who give generously of their time and talents to the parish. Without their generosity the parish could not function. As part of Ministry Sunday volunteers representing all Ministry groups will be available after 11:30am Mass to explain what they do. If you are interested to find out what they do or if you are might be interested in volunteering, please stick around after mass to find out more.

Laudati Si- Care for our Common Home.& World Earth Day 2024

Following of from our Book Club in Lent, we have established a new group which embraces Pope Francis *Laudati Si- Care for our Common Home*.



The mission of the group is to promote sustainability awareness, water and energy conservation, biodiversity, social inclusion, carbon conscious tips. Representatives of the group will be available after Mass on Sunday as part of our Ministry Sunday event, if you are interested in volunteering with this group please have a chat with them for more information.

World Earth Day takes place on April 22nd. Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future. For more information [Earth Day 2024 | Activities & Resources for April 22 - Earth Day](#)

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the children from Scoil and Duinnigh , the boys from St Colmcille's Boys' NS & children from Holywell Educate Together NS who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday and Friday.

Thank you to their teachers and the Sacramental Team, Betty and Renata who helped prepare them for this special day.

Next Friday Children from St Colmcille's Girls NS will receive their First Holy Communion

There is no 10.00am Mass next Friday



Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 27th April. A coach has been arranged by Swords Parishes partnership. The coach is leaving from Donabate Church at 7am, St. Cronan's Church Car Park at 7:30am; Swords Main Street (at Co Co Offices) at 7:45 and River Valley Church Car Park at 8am. on Saturday 27th April. The cost of the bus is €25 per person and we ask that it is paid in advance. Contact Colette at the Parish Office. Please bring a Packed Lunch – Tea & Coffee are available in St. John's Centre, Knock. The coach will stop for 15 - 20 minutes on the way down and back for a toilet break and refreshments.

Next Thursday there will be a Communion Service at 10.00am in St Colmcille's Church