

Second Sunday of Lent Newsletter 1st March 2026

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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 Rivervally

Mon – Fri 10.00am, Saturday 11.00am (Vigil) 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 12 noon

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Fiona Collins
Frank Murray
Adrian Thorne

Sun 11.30am Peggy & Johnny Reid
John O'Brien, Catherine O'Brien, &
Jimmy O'Brien
Maria Coleman
Larry Mulvihill



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Maureen & Patrick O'Keefe

Tues 10.00am Special Intention

Wed 10.00am Liam & Alice Ryan & dec members
Of Ryan & Long families
Renee Shields

Thurs 8.00am Eileen Darville

Thurs 10.00am **Communion Service**

Fri 10.00am Altar List of the Dead

Sat 6.30pm Ann Savage
Paul Burke

Sun 11.30am Turlough O'Carolan
Ann Farren
Eileen Bird
Noel Lumley

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently

Carmel Allen

Boroimhe Cedars



Novena of Grace

The St. Francis Xavier Novena Prayer will be recited at all Masses in St. Colmcille's from the 4th – 12th March inclusive. The Novena of Grace Prayer is available at the back of the Church, please take a copy home with you



Second Sunday of Lent

'Lent is like a long "retreat" during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One.

It is a period of spiritual "combat" which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance.

In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.'

Pope Benedict XVI



Sacrament of Reconciliation – First Holy Communion

Reconciliation for children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place on:

Tuesday 3rd March at 3.00pm for St Colmcille's GNS AND BNS in St Colmcille's Church

Wednesday 4th March at 1.30pm for Scoil and Duinninigh and 3.00pm for Holywell ETNS in Church of the Visitation Drynam

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confirmation

Reconciliation for children preparing for Confirmation will take place on:

Tuesday 3rd March at 6.30pm for St Colmcille's GNS & BNS in St Colmcille's Church

Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm for Holywell ETNS & Scoil and Duinninigh in St Colmcille's Church

St Colmcille's Parish 2026 – Lenten Discussions -Baptised & Sent

We started our Lenten programme, Baptised and Sent last Wednesday. We will be continuing every Wednesday until March 25th, at 2.00pm (Betty & Colette) and 7.00pm (Anthony).

The format involves meeting as a group, reading a Gospel passage which will be followed by reflection and discussion. (It is similar to Lectio Devina).

You are welcome to join any of the sessions. Each session will be approximately 30-40 minutes.

World Day of Prayer

The annual World Day of Prayer, a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women, will be observed on **March 6, 2026, in St Columba's Church**, with a theme centered around finding "Rest" – a message prepared by the women of Nigeria. This year's observance invites participants to reflect on the burdens they carry and to seek solace in faith, community, and divine grace. The venue is The parish room, across from St Columba's Church, Church Road, (in the school) at 7.30 PM on the 6th March. All are welcome



St Vincent De Paul

The monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul takes place next weekend after Masses. All monies raised are kept for those in need in Swords. If you are interested in joining the SVP kindly go to: www.svp.ie/volunteer