

**Palm Sunday**  
**Newsletter 2nd April 2023**



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**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.swordsparish.ie Email:stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com**  
**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** Paddy Gerrard  
Special intention  
Doreen McKittrick  
Keith Brophy  
**Sun 11.30am** Dr Frank McCarthy



**Mass intentions for next Next Week**

**Mon** 10.00am Patrick Fox  
Maureen O'Rourke  
**Tues** 10.00am Mass of Thanksgiving  
**Wed** 10.00am David McDonnell  
Elizabeth McKittrick  
& dec family members  
**Sat** 7.00pm Donors of East Bouquet Cards  
**Sun** 11.30am Donors of Easter Bouquet Cards

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please  
Bridget on 085 2812985 from Sunday 2nd April to Saturday 8th. Please phone from  
6-8pm. . 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:**

Maeve Scanlon  
Gerard Dignam  
Chapel Lane  
Drynam Road



**Easter Schedule cards** are now available at the back of the Church, please take  
one and feel free to take some and drop them into your neighbours

**Easter Bouquet Cards**

These cards are now available for sale in the Sacristy and Parish Office. They cost  
€5 each and the Mass will be offered on Easter Vigil/Sunday.

**Holy Thursday Renewal of Promises Minister of the Eucharist**

On Holy Thursday all Ministers of the Eucharist are invited for renewal of promises  
during the Holy Thursday Mass. Ministers will be invited to gather in the Sanctuary after  
Holy Communion

**Good Friday**

This year for veneration of the Cross, we will approach the Cross and bow our head.  
Please bring your Rosary beads to the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

**The Holy Oils**

The Holy oils of Baptism (Catechumens), Chrism and the oil of the sick are blessed by the  
Archbishop at the Chrism Mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Holy Thursday morning. These  
oils are then sent to the Parishes to be used in the administration of the sacraments for the  
coming year. The oils represent our initiation into the life of grace and into the Church in  
Baptism and Confirmation. The oils represent the special consecration of priestly  
ministry. They represent the community, which brings Christ's care in a special way to the  
sick and those at the end of their life. These oils remind us that the Church is the  
community within which we realise how our entire life is embraced by the loving care of  
God

**The Meaning of Triduum**

“Triduum” comes from the Latin words (*tres* and *dies*) which  
mean ‘a space of three days’. But since we have four days with  
special names – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday  
and Easter Sunday – the ‘three’ may be confusing to some.

The confusion is cleared up when we understand how the days  
are reckoned. On high festival days the church counts a day in  
the same way as Jews count days and festivals; that is, from sundown to sundown. Thus,  
the Triduum consists of *three* twenty-four hour periods that stretch over four calendar days.  
Therefore, the Easter Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the  
Lord's Supper and concludes on Easter Sunday; its high point is the celebration of the  
Easter Vigil.

**Solemn Pascal Fast**

According to the above calculation Lent ends at sundown on Holy Thursday; thus, Holy  
Thursday itself is the last day of Lent. This doesn't mean that our fasting and Lenten  
resolutions concludes on Holy Thursday, however; the church traditionally kept a solemn  
forty hour fast from the beginning of the Triduum until the fast is broken at Communion  
during the Easter Vigil



