

Fifth Sunday of Easter *Newsletter 3rd May 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

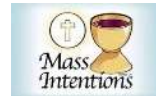
Church of the Visitation Drynam, The Visitation of the BVM
Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am Irish Mass



Mass times St Finian's Church Rivervalley
Mon – Fri 10.00am, Saturday 11.00am (Vigil) 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 12 noon

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm John Broderick
Sun 11.30am Arthur Christina & Maria Murphy
 Josie & Billy Ryan
 James McGee



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Mary & James Kinch Richard Whelan Tues 10.00am Noreen Nolan Wed 10.00am Special Intention Thurs 10.00am Communion Service Fri 10.00am Gerry Clarke	Sat 6.30pm Sun 11.30am
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Blessings of the Graves

The Annual Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 28th June at 11.30am

Family Mass

Family Mass will be celebrated next Saturday; **9th May at 6.30pm** in St Colmcille's Church



LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

Lay Ministry Sunday, and the Associated Lay Ministry Appeal, takes place this weekend 2nd/3rd May and will replace the Share collection. This year's theme is **Building faith-filled communities**

‘We are called to be builders of faith so that we can confidently share our faith in Christ with others. Thanks to your contributions on Lay Ministry Sunday, the diocese can now offer subsidies to participants of the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis, the Pathways into Ministry Programme and the Youth Ministry Leadership Certificate. This year, 1,500 people are participating in formation for voluntary ministries – a great sign of hope to us all. In addition, through the work of the Office of Mission & Ministry, parish ministries such as Lay Funeral Prayer Leaders continue to be supported, formed and resourced. Please help to support lay ministry initiatives. Your committed generosity, today and every day, makes a difference. Together we can build parishes and partnerships that are alive and active, joyful and faith-filled, synodal and missionary.’

+Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin



First Holy Communion

Next Weekend children from Scoil an Duinninigh will receive their First Holy Communion, and over the following weekends children from St Colmcille's GNS, BNS and Holywell ETNS will receive their First Holy Communion. We ask you to keep them in your prayers

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

In his homily during the **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** last Saturday, Archbishop Farrell pointed to the apparition at Knock, given to ordinary people and marked by silence, and how it invites the Church to reflect. Echoing words of the late Pope Francis, he said that although the Church appears to be in crisis, this shows it to be alive. Rather than decline, God is at work, calling the Church to rediscover its mission of bringing hope. The Archbishop called for the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin to move forward in a synodal way, letting go of outdated structures and embracing renewal with courage.

May the Month of Mary

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.



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