

***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***Newsletter 4th February 2024***

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*(Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm)*  
**Sacristy: -8400547 (Mon –Fri 9.30am-9.55am and 10.30am to 10.50am)**  
**Website: www.swords-parish.com 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** Imelda McNeill  
**Sun 11.30am** Thomas & Elizabeth O'Brien



***Mass intentions for next Next Week***

<b>Mon</b> 10.00am Jack, Eileen, John & Frank Sheil	
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Eoin Coffey	
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am Nancy & Bartle Savage	<b>Sat</b> 6.30pm James & Barbara Rooney
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00am Audrey Harkin Mullin	
<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Daniel Burke	<b>Sun</b> 11.30am Tony Fetherson
Henry Mills	Josephine O'Neill
	Health Intention

***Bethany Bereavement Support Group*** are offering telephone support, please contact Brid on 086 6006397 from Sunday 4th February to Saturday 10th February. Please phone after 6pm.

***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:**

Anthony Mulligan	Balbriggan
Kathleen Ryan	Abbeyvale View
Jim Monaghan	Brodmeadows
Thomas McKenna	late of Seatown Villas



**Feast of St. Blaise – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Throats will be blessed at the 6.30pm Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 11.30am Mass on 4th February, in St Colmcille's Church & 10.00am Mass on 4th February in Drynam, to mark the Feast of St. Blaise.



**The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas**

***Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February*** was Candlemas day. Blessed candles can also be purchased for €2 each

**World Day of the Sick - Sunday 11th February**

February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is when the Church celebrates the 'World Day of the Sick'. A special blessing for the sick will be held at 11.30am Mass on Sunday 11th February

**Partnership Working Together.**

**St Colmcille's Parish**

**Do you care for the Environment?**

If so you might be interested in this year's Book Club for Lent. The book this year is **Finding God in a Leaf** by Fr Brian Grogan, which is based on Pope Francis' book *Laudato Si. (Care of our Common Home)*  
*Take a journey with Brian Grogan SJ into nature, and heed God's invitation for us to love and care for his creation.*



We started this book club in 2020 but unfortunately due to Covid we only got to discuss two chapters, so this year we decided to try it again The Book Club will start with an introduction on **Tuesday 13th February @ 2.00pm** It will take place over 5 weeks, on Tuesday afternoons in the Parochial House, Seatown Road. There will be an additional session on Tuesday 12th March at 7.00pm for anyone who would like to read and discuss the book but can't attend the afternoon sessions.

Why not give it a try!! For more information and tips on reading the book, come along to our introduction session on **Tuesday 13th February at 2.00pm**. Books will be distributed on the day or from the Parish Office

For further information or to register your interest contact Colette at the Parish Office 01 8407277

**St Cronan's Parish**

This is the Year of Mark when we read St. Mark's Gospel at Sunday Mass, the earliest and shortest account of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. As a Lenten initiative of the partnership of parishes, we are introducing "I am Mark" a dramatic presentation of Mark's Gospel by Stefan Smart, in Church of St Cronan, Brackenstown on Wednesday 28 February at 7:30pm. Entry by TICKET ONLY available ONLINE from Brackenstown Parish and from the parish offices of Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown parishes. Tickets free of charge. A retiring collection will be taken up at the end of the evening