

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Newsletter 5th June 2022**

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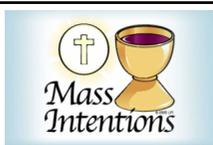


**Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM**  
**Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)**



**Mass Intentions this Weekend**

**Sat 6.30pm** Lucy Ryan  
**Sun 8.30am** Health Intention  
**Sun 11.15am** Anne, Thomas & James McKenna



**Mass intentions for next Next Week**

<b>Mon</b> 10.00am Joan Savage	
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Frank Burke	
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Mick Spellman	<b>Sat 6.30pm</b> Jack & Mary Mulligan
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Thanksgiving to the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph	
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am Vera Barker	<b>Sat 8.30am</b> Michael & Mary Moroney
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am Paul Woods	
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00am Aisling Burke	<b>Sun 11.15am</b> Jim Nevin Jnr & James & Úna Nevin
<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Des Allen	

**Blessing of the Graves**

The Blessing of the graves will take place in St Colmcille's Parish (Chapel Lane) on 26th June after the 11.15am Sunday Mass. The Blessing Prayer will be recited in the Church. Parishioners are asked to bring their own holy water bottles (available to buy in the sacristy and parish office for €1). After the Blessing Prayer from the Altar parishioners are asked to Bless their own family grave.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:**  
James Corcoran Longlands



**Feast of St Colmcille-St. Colmcille, abbot and missionary – Thursday 9th June, c. 521-597,** one of the 'Twelve Apostles of Ireland', was born in Gartán, Co. Donegal. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow and Kells but felt compelled to leave Ireland as an act of penance around 563. With twelve companions he settles at Iona, just off the Isle of Mull, and this became the effective base for the evangelisation of Scotland and northern England. He died in 597 and his relics were later translated to Dunkeld



**A message from Fr Colin**

Dear parishioners,  
Last week I received a call from the Vicar for Priests with the surprising news that Archbishop Farrell wishes me to spend the forthcoming year studying Clinical Pastoral Education on a full-time basis, with a view to undertaking Hospital Chaplaincy work. Although moving parish is one of the most difficult parts of a diocesan priest's life, I accepted this as the will of God.  
Since the time demands of this course are incompatible with full-time parish ministry, I have been appointed to help in the parishes of Springfield/Jobstown/Brookfield, beginning on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. I will finish my ministry in Swords on that date.  
Due to the very short duration of my time here, I did not get to know many of you, but to those of you I did get to meet, I wish to thank you for the welcome you showed me on my arrival, your kindness, your patience, your encouragement and your prayers. It has been an enriching experience to play a part, even for only one year, in the ancient and venerable tradition of Christian faith and worship in this part of our diocese. May the Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost, fill and guide us all!  
I will continue to pray for all of you. Please say a prayer for me.

*Fr. Colin*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

"Come, Holy Spirit!" Where truth, love, goodness, peace, kindness, wisdom, courage, patience, and many others of his fruits are present, there the Spirit is active. In so many different ways, the Spirit reminds the world of the Gospel. Pentecost, the second feast in rank of the Jews, means the "fiftieth day" after Passover. For the Christians it is celebrated ten days after the Ascension, to commemorate the descent of the Spirit and the beginning of the Church.

In the Jewish calendar there was a tradition of celebrating the fiftieth day after Passover, which they called Pentecost. Today the Christian Church reaches the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season when we commemorate the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the scriptures the Spirit is also known as 'the Spirit of the promise', 'the Spirit of adoption', 'the Spirit of the Lord', 'the Spirit of Christ', 'the Spirit of God' and 'the Spirit of Glory'.  
**Reflection** - The Church is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. The mission of Christ and of the Spirit and now also of the Church is to bring humankind to share in the communion which Father, Son and Spirit share. It is the Spirit who makes present the mystery of Christ, particularly at the Eucharist in order to reconcile humanity and to bring them into relationship with God. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)



**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please contact Bridget on 085 2812985 from Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th June. Please phone from 6-8pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>