

Third Sunday of Lent *Newsletter 8th 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 Rivervalley

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

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Ann Savage

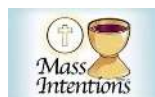
Paul Burke

Sun 11.30am Turlough O'Carolan

Ann Farren

Eileen Bird

Noel Lumley



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Health Intention

Patrick Walshe

Tues 10.00am Paddy Barker

Eileen Green

Wed 10.00am Máirín Higgins

Thurs 10.00am Communion Service

Fri 10.00am Margaret McEvoy

Mary Foxley

Sat 6.30pm Ethel Murray

Sun 11.30am Phyllis & Kevin Smith

Patsy Russell

Gerry Foley

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently

Úna Dunne

Glen Ellan



St Patrick's Day Advance notice, - Mass in St Colmcille's Church, will be at **10.00am** on St Patrick's Day due to the Parade in the town

Third Sunday of Lent



The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A reminds us that God is with us, even when we are tired, unsure, or in need. Each reading shows people who feel empty or thirsty, but God gives them what they truly need. He does not leave them alone. He hears their cries and responds with love and care.

In Exodus, the people are in the desert. They have no water and feel afraid. But God tells Moses to strike the rock, and water flows out. God provides, even when they doubt Him. This shows how God stays close, even when we struggle to believe.

The Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A tells the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus talks with her and offers something much greater than regular water. He gives her hope, truth, and new life. She leaves changed, ready to share what she has found.

These readings help us look at our own lives. Where are we empty? What are we really looking for? Lent is a time to open our hearts to Jesus, the one who gives us living water

Family Mass

Family Mass will be celebrated next Saturday; **14th March at 6.30pm** in St Colmcille's Church.



Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock- 25th April 2026

COACH TO KNOCK SHRINE SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2026

Pickup Location 1: St Patrick's Church, Donabate at 7:00am

Pickup location 2: St. Cronan's Catholic Church, Swords at 7:25am

Pickup location 3: Fingal Co. Co. Offices, Swords Main Street 7:35am

Pickup location 4: St. Finian's Church, River Valley, Swords 7:45am

Cost of Coach is €30.00 per person; Children under 16 Free. Please bring a Packed Lunch – Tea & Coffee available in St. John's Centre, Knock. Bus will stop for 15 minutes on the way down and back at Ballinalack Service Station. To book a place on the coach contact the Parish office

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

Our Lenten programme, Baptised and Sent continues every Wednesday until March 25th, at 2.00pm (Betty & Colette) and 7.00pm (Anthony) in the Parochial House

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 is for 30-40 minutes.

Confirmation 2026

A meeting for parents/guardians of children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm in St Colmcille's Church

St Vincent De Paul

The monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul takes place this 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