

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Newsletter 9th July 2023

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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



Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Charlie Clarke
Sun 11.30am Brendan Lawless
Sean Andrews
Rosaleen Ryan



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Christy Dignam	Sat 6.30pm Eileen Ryan
Tues 10.00am Kathleen White	Sun 11.30am Bridget & Jack McNulty
Wed 10.00am Annette McMahon	Michael O'Neill
Thurs 10.00am Rose McDonald	
Fri 10.00am George & Elizabeth Fields	

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:
Michael Giffney
Seamont View



St. Vincent de Paul The monthly collection for the local conference of St Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend, All monies raised is kept in Swords

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Brid on 086 6006397 from Sunday 9th July to Saturday 15th July. Please phone after 6pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place from the 7th- 12th September
This weekend 8th /9th July a collection will be held after Mass to help send a sick pilgrim to Lourdes. Your generous support will be appreciated.

Legion of Mary

For Sunday 16th July, the Feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, parishioners, holiday makers and all who love Our Lady are invited to St Colmcille's church for Enrolment of the Brown Scapular following the 11.30am mass.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel ***John Byrne OSA***

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1. For Jesus the key to a personal knowledge of God and relationship with God is not primarily through academic study but through a mind and heart open to learn. Recall moments when you had a sense that your relationship with God took a significant step forward. What kind of dispositions prepared you for that growth?
2. Jesus was dealing with a society in which people were very conscious of status, dignity, and external appearances. He wanted to break down the barriers this created so that all would be aware of their worth and dignity. Perhaps you can recall someone who was not highly thought of in human terms, but who was a light to you.
3. In v.27 Jesus lets us into the secret of his relationship with his Father, one of total trust. This trust freed him from anxiety and worry about himself. As a result, he was a person of gentle and humble heart and was able to bring rest to those who were overburdened. Recall people whose trust in God enabled them to be supportive to others who were stressed or burdened. Perhaps you have experienced this yourself?
4. Recall and give thanks for people who, like Jesus in the story, were able to combine challenge with sympathetic support and understanding. Perhaps you have been able to do this for others at times also.

Teen Hope The Christmas Shoebox Appeal

As you may be aware in 2022 173,366 Christmas Shoeboxes were donated for children living in impoverished conditions in Africa and Eastern Europe. A huge thank you for those of you who were able to take part in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal last year.

Spread the word! We are also actively recruiting for volunteers to check, collect and pack Christmas Shoeboxes. We have 50 teams across the country any of which would be delighted if any members of your church community would be interested in hearing more and potentially getting involved. Contact Tel: [01 294 0222](tel:012940222) Email: info@teamhope.ie