

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Newsletter 13th April 2025

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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

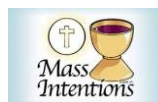
Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Peter Gannon

Johnny Collins

Teresa Ennis

Sun 11.30am Patsy Russell (MM)



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Tommy Walsh

Stephen & Molly O'Grady &

dec members of O'Grady Family

Tues 10.00am Vincent O'Reilly

Wed 10.00am Mylie Ryan

Sat 8.30pm Easter Bouquet Cards

Sun 11.30am Easter Bouquet Cards

Easter Bouquet cards are now available from the Sacristy or Parish Office. They cost €5 and the intentions of the donors will be prayed for at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass

Easter schedule cards are now available at the back of the Church, please take one and feel free to take some and drop them into your neighbours homes.

Holy Thursday renewal of Promises Minister of the Eucharist

On Holy Thursday all Ministers of the Eucharist are invited for renewal of promises during the Holy Thursday Mass

Easter Vigil

Easter water will be available after the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. If you have a small bottle from a previous year, please bring it with you and we will refill it.

Family Stations of the Cross

This year on Good Friday we will have Family Stations at 12 noon in St Colmcille's Church. We look forward to seeing you there



Palm Sunday- Final Lenten JustHOPE

Welcome to the final moment of our Lenten JustHOPE resource where we are reflecting on the Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope prayer.

Let's pray the final part of the prayer... To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

This part of the Jubilee Prayer reminds us that God is the source of our hope. Just like Jesus, the crucified and risen one, we place all our hope in God. This is what gave Jesus the strength to face this week of suffering which led him to glory. Holy Week is in fact the most hope filled week in the Christian calendar. As we journey with Jesus from that moment of betrayal and accompany him towards his suffering and death on the cross, we know that this is not the end of the story. We know that death leads to resurrection. This is what gave the first Christians hope and why they could say 'we glory in the cross of Jesus.' We can spend time in this Holy Week just being aware that we are walking with Jesus in his suffering so that we can rejoice with him in his resurrection as we celebrate the Easter Vigil. We can listen for the words of the Easter Proclamation which proclaim 'This is the Night.' Yes this is the night when all humankind was freed from the slavery of death. This is why we sing our alleluia too in joyful hope. We hope that where Jesus has gone we will also go. Hope does not disappoint because hope is a person, Jesus Christ the Lord.

..JUST LENT, Office of Mission and Ministry, Archdiocese of Dublin



Reconciliation

A Reconciliation Service for Swords Partnership of Parishes will take place in St Cronan's Church, Brackenstown on Tuesday April 15th at 7.30pm

Graveyard

As you are aware the bunker at the back of the graveyard is very unsightly with rubbish being dumped in it. The bunker is for clay only, however people have been dumping plastic, concrete and general rubbish in it. It has taken a long time to get a contractor to remove this rubbish due to the amount of plastic in it. The cost to the Parish to clear it this week is €3,000. There are signs around the graveyard to ask people to 'Leave no Trace' and take rubbish home. We thank the people who are doing this, however not everyone is. It is very important to keep the graveyard tidy out of respect to loved ones buried there. We would ask everyone to please respect our graveyard and take all rubbish home and please remind other family members to do so also. We have a small number of volunteers who look after the graveyard, and we thank them for all their hard work. If you would like to join the team to help maintain the graveyard, please contact the Parish Office.

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. We now have a card machine available on Sunday mornings only