

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Newsletter 14th January 2024

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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, Irish Mass at 11.00am



Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Martin Laurence

Sun 11.30am Lillian O'Reilly



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Special intentions
Declan Clinton

Sat 6.30pm

Tues 10.00am Una Rogan

Wed 10.00am Moira Corcoran

Thurs 10.00am Margaret Ryan

Fri 10.00am Beatrice Mahon

Tony Kelly

Sun 11.30am Brendan Lawless

George McDonnell

For canonisation of Alphonsus Lambe

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Bridget at 085 2812985 from Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th January 2024. Please phone from 6pm-8pm.

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:

Mary McNally

Clontarf



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18th -25th January

The theme for 2024 Week of Christian Unity is '**You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself (Lk 10:27)**'

Materials for 2024 Week of Prayer have been prepared by Catholic and Protestant Churches in Burkina Faso as they reflect on what it means to love one's neighbour in the midst of a security crisis. 'The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged moment of prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognise and receive the richness and value that are present in the other, the different and to ask God for the gift of unity' (Archbishop Dermot Farrell)



This year for Christian Unity Week we will be praying special prayers and reflections for the eight days from January 18th - January 25th

Ordinary Time

We are now in what the Church calls 'Ordinary Time'. The term 'Ordinary Time' may be misleading. In the context of the liturgical year the term "ordinary" does not mean "usual or average." Ordinary here means "not seasonal." Ordinary Time is that part of the Liturgical Year that lies outside the seasons of Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas. In Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ not in one specific aspect but in all its aspects. The readings during the liturgies of Ordinary Time help to instruct us on how to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives.

Does Baptism remind you of your identity and mission?

The third Patrician Meeting of 2023/2024 season will put a spotlight on our understanding of our own baptism. There will be reflections on how the sacrament was celebrated, how faith grew after baptism and how the grace of baptism unfolded. Also profound insights from Pope Francis.

All are most welcome to attend on Thursday 18th January at earlier time of 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre.

Prayer at the start of the year.

Lord, I sometimes wonder where I am going and what is the meaning of my life?
I wonder especially what the New Year holds for me.
Will it bring sorrow, success or failure, life or death?
But then I remember that you came on earth: and that you still travel the road of life with me.

And so I say to my soul:
Go out into the darkness, and put your hand in the hand of Christ your Brother;
That will be better than a light, and safer than a known path. **Amen**

