

*Fifth Sunday of Lent Newsletter*  
*17<sup>th</sup> March 2024. St Patrick Principal Patron of Ireland*

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**Mass times: Monday - Friday 10.00am, Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am**

**Confessions: Saturday 6.00pm - 6.20pm**

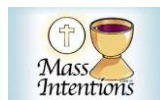
**Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM**  
**Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, Irish Mass at 11.00am**



**Mass Intentions this Weekend**

**Sat 6.30pm** David Salmon

**Sun 11.30am** Walter Higgins, Walter, Margaret, PJ & Mark Higgins  
John, MaryAnne & Joe Mulvee



**Mass intentions for next Next Week**

**Mon** 10.00am Nuala Corcoran

**Sat** 6.30pm Peter McDermott

**Tues** 10.00am Keith Brophy

**Sun** 11.30am Donie, Jenny & Jean Stapleton

**Wed** 10.00am Martin Walsh

Anthony Casciani

**Thurs** 10.00am Mary Rodgers

Joe & Bridie McDonnell

**Fri** 10.00am God's Housekeepers Intentions

Dave McCormick

Josephine Grace

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please contact Bridget at 085 2812985 from Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please phone from 6pm-8pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – St Colmcille's**

Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place St Colmcille's Church on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30pm & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am

**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.

**St Patrick – Patron of Ireland**

Patrick was born very probably in the early years of the fifth century in Britain. He was taken captive at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland, where he worked as a slave. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He escaped back home at the age of 22. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. After studies in Europe he returned to Ireland and made a very large number of converts. His spiritual journey is recounted in his Confession. *Source: St Paul's Missal*



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**Just Lent 5 Theme: Migrants and Refugees**

Like St Patrick, the people of Israel were enslaved. They were migrants in a foreign land. Just like Patrick, their experience was harsh, as was their return to their homeland. This is still the experience of many migrants today. When we allow the Law of God's love to be our driving force then we realise that we are all God's people. This is why we need to take the Gospel message to our hearts. This lent we are called to die to old ways of thinking and embrace the seeds of new life within us and around us.

***JUST LENT, Office of Mission ad Ministry, Archdiocese of Dublin***

***Prayer***

***Loving God, in this season of Lent you call us to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with each other so that we can build your Kingdom of justice and peace, your Kingdom of love and truth, your Kingdom of holiness and grace in our world today.***

***Amen***



**Easter Bouquet cards** are now available form 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 Masses

**Anam Cara North Dublin**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**Legion of Mary**

"I am all yours my Queen my Mother and all that I have is yours." The Annual Acies Ceremony is taking place in St. Colmcille's Church, Swords on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 at 3pm. All Spiritual Directors, Legionaries and Auxiliaries are invited to renew their Consecration to Our Blessed Mother.