

The Ascension of the Lord
World Communications Day
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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 Eileen Penston

Sr Kathleen O'Connor

Richard Forbes

Sean Byrne

Sun 11.30am Sinead Kane

Liam Molloy

Una Dunne



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Rupert De Lacey Staunton

Sat 6.30pm James & Josephine

Tues 10.00am Mary O'Brien

McGuirk

Wed 10.00am Bernie Fitzpatrick

Patricia McLoughlin

Thurs 10.00am Communion Service

Jim Mulcahy

Fri 10.00am Health Intention

Harry Sheridan

Sun 11.30am

Blessings of the Graves

The Annual Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 28th June at 11.30am.

Tea & coffee will be served afterwards. Please bring a cake for our common table to share with others. There will be a Church Gate collection to support the maintenance of the grounds.

Thank you for your support

The Ascension of the Lord - (World Communications Day)

The Ascension, which is one of the chief feasts of the Church's year, marks the close of the appearances of Jesus which took place after his resurrection and celebrates his exaltation to the Father. It is an essential element of the resurrection of the Lord. It underlines the teaching that it is from Heaven that the exalted Christ exercises his power over heaven and earth.

(Source: St. Paul's Missal)

World Communications Day

World Communications Day is an annual, Church-wide celebration to reflect on the impact of modern media and its role in promoting Gospel values. Established by Pope Paul VI in 1967, it encourages the use of communication tools, including the internet and social media, as bridges for unity. 2026 theme: Preserving human faces and voices, that is, preserving the divine imprint present in each person and upholding the irreplaceable vocation of every human life. It means preserving this mark, this indelible reflection of God's love.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children from Holywell ETNS who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Thank you to their teachers and the Sacramental Team, Betty and Renata who helped prepare them for this special day.

Next Saturday children from St Colmcille's GNS and St Colmcille's BNS will receive their First Holy Communion. We ask you to remember all the candidates in your prayers



Thank you for your donations to the Parish through standing orders and Family offering envelopes, and for dues donations which goes to the Diocese to support the priests and retired priests of the Diocese.

Acknowledgment letters for 2025 have now been sent to parishioners. Some letters contain forms which enable the parish to claim back any tax paid on donations of €250.00 or over in the Tax Year. There is no cost to the parishioner.

We would appreciate if you could return the completed forms to the Parish Office or the Sacristy

Novena to the Holy Spirit 2026

This weekend we begin our annual Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. It will be a period of Prayer, Reflection & Planning as we prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Novena will take place in the nine days from 17th – 25th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.



Legion of Mary

Frank Duff Annual Commemoration Ceremony will take place on Sunday June 7th in Glasnevin Cemetery, in chapel near main gate of cemetery at 3.00pm

The Legion of Mary will recite the Angelus and pray the Rosary on Tuesday 9th June at Saint Colmcille's Well, Swords at 6.00pm. All are welcome.