

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Newsletter 18th January 2026

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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

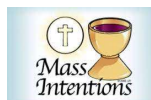
Sat 6.30pm Breda & Tom Ruane

Sun 11.30am John & Bridget McNulty

Kitty & Henry Dawson & dec family members

Dot Roche (MM)

Mary & Frank Kinsella



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Gerald, Bernadette,

Imelda & Liam Donnelly

Sat 6.30pm Thomas & Elizabeth O'Brien

Tues 10.00am Gerry Murphy

Wed 10.00am Bartle McDonnell Snr

Anthony Mulligan Jnr &

Eileen & Anthony Snr Mulligan

Sun 11.30am Desmond Walsh

Kathleen Ryan

Brendan Lawless

Noel Molloy

Thurs 10.00am **Communion Service**

Fri 10.00am Betty Kenna

George McDonnell

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently

Brendan Moran

Forest Road

Kieran Mulligan

Late of Swords



Parents meeting for Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next **Thursday, January 22nd at 7.30pm** there is a meeting for parents of First Holy Communion children for preparation for Sacrament of Reconciliation, in St Colmcille's Church

Catholic Schools Week January 18th – 24th

Sunday, 18 January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2026. During this week we celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to their communities. This year's theme is '*Catholic Schools- Normal Lives, Called to Holiness*'. Inspired by Pope Francis's reflection on St Carlo Acutis—the first millennial saint—this year's theme invites pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible. Holiness is not for a few, but for all; not reserved for religious professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent, (and grandparent!) living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ. Catholic schools exist to form individuals who know that their lives have a purpose and a calling. This year's theme, "*Normal Lives, Called to Holiness*," resonates with the central conviction that education is a path not only to knowledge and maturity but to sainthood. "*Each of us is called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do.*" — Gaudete et Exsultate, 14

Planned Giving/Family Offering Envelopes

New planned Giving/Family Offering Envelopes are now ready for collection from Sacristy. All contributions to the Family Offering are for Parish funds. If you wish to contribute to Parish, please contact Colette in the Parish Office.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Week- January 18th – 26th

The forthcoming Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, from 18th to 25th January, marks this annual occasion for prayer, reflection and dialogue on the journey towards that unity which Christ himself prayed (John 17:21-23), with the theme: *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling* (Ephesians 4:4)

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 Farrell*

Reflection: In Ephesians 4:1, Paul emphasizes the significance of living a life worthy of the "calling to which you have been called", which is intrinsically linked to the unity of the Christian community. In the midst of a divided society, the Gospel calls believers to overcome barriers and foster reconciliation. This divine calling invites us to embody God's values within the fellowship of believers. By aligning our conduct with this calling, we not only reflect Christ's teachings but also contribute to the unity and growth of the Body of Christ. Recognizing and embracing this calling is essential for living out the true essence of Christian community and nurturing a harmonious, supportive fellowship

Brackenstown Bible Study Group

The Brackenstown Bible study group will commence a study of St. Matthew's Gospel on Monday 19th January and you are invited to take part. The classes will be held in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre from 7.30pm to 8.50 pm on Monday nights. There will be a 50 minute DVD presentation by biblical scholar Jeff Cavins followed by a Q & A and discussion. There is no charge and all are welcome. To register please contact Louise in the parish office, tel. 01 8401188 or email, brackenstownparish@gmail.com