Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Newsletter 19th February 2023

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Mass times: Monday - Friday 10.00am, Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.15am
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 Thomas Annie & James McKenna
John Kellegher

Sun 11.15am Maria Coleman
Sam Hurley (1st An)

Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Jennie Tiernan
Denis Dowdall
Tues10.00am Bertie Cunningham
Wed 10.00am Gerard, Imelda, Liam
& Bernadette Donnelly
Joseph & Kathleen Coleman
Thurs 10.00am John Jennings
Holy Souls
Fri 10.00am Special Intention
Ashley Sullivan
Sat 6.30pm Christopher & Carmel Morgan
Peggy & Johny Reid
Sean McKenna
Sun 11.15am Nancy, Jack & Dan Doyle

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Brid at 086 6006397 from Sunday 19th February to Saturday 25th. Please phone after 6pm.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:
Raymond Tarpey Seatown Terrace

Ash Wednesday March 2nd

Next Wednesday,February 22nd is Ash Wednesday.
Mass times are:
St Colmcille's 10.00am
Ashes will be available at the back of the Church to bring home.

Season of Lent

The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. It will continue for five and a half weeks, forty days traditionally, and will be followed by Holy Week. Fasting is a theme of Lent which was encouraged by the Lord by both word and example and was coupled by him with prayer. Lent coincides with springtime and in fact the word itself probably comes from the Old English *lencten*, meaning the lengthening of the days that occurs in spring. And indeed spring is not a bad image for Lent. Spring is the time of new life when the long nights of winter become a thing of the past. It is a time when the hearts of many people lift. Lent offers the possibility to renew and reawaken the life of the spirit and so is a season of joy.

Special Collection for Turkey/Syria

Archbishop Farrell has given approval for a diocesan collection to be taken up in support of the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquakes on Monday 5th February. The Turkey/Syria Collection will take place on **25/26 February,** at 1st Sunday of Lent celebrations, and will replace the SHARE collection.
The collection will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected area. They have the capability to ensure that any funds raised in Ireland will be managed appropriately to meet the needs of those most badly affected.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the local conference of St Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend, All monies raised is kept in Swords

Trocaire

Lent invites us to personal spiritual renewal, and also to be mindful of our poor, oppressed and persecuted sisters and brothers and to reach out to them in their hour of need.The Trociare boxes are in the packets at the back of the Church along with included information with t he theme for this year. Please take a box home. -it can be quite amazing how change can amount to.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Pray will take place on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm in St Colmcille's Church. This prayer is preparedby the women of Taiwan. Everyone is welcome to join us.
Light refreshments will be served afterwards