

First Sunday of Lent *Newsletter 22nd February 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 Frank Murray

June Cantwell

Sun 11.30am Nancy, Jack & Dan Doyle

Ann Whelan

Mary Kelly



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Ann McGauran

Josie Coleman

Tues 10.00am Mary Hoare & dec family

Members

Wed 10.00am Elizabeth & Patrick Cassidy

& Mai Gargan

Alice & Liam Ryan & dec

Members of Ryan & Long Families

Thurs 10.00am Communion Service

Fri 10.00am Christopher & Carmel Morgan

Sat 6.30pm Fiona Collins

Frank Murray

Sun 11.30am Peggy & Johnny Reid

John O'Brien

Catherine O'Brien

Jimmy O'Brien

Maria Coleman

Larry Mulvihill

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently

Valerie Gorman

Broadmeadows



During Lent an extra Mass will be at 8.00am, Monday – Friday in St Colmcille's Church.

First Sunday of Lent

Lent coincides with springtime and in fact the word itself probably comes from the Old English *lenten*, 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. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

Fasts and Feasts for Lent

Fast from judging others. Feast on Christ living in them

Fast from Darkness. Feast on the reality of light

Fast from anger. Feast on patience

Fast from bitterness. Feast on forgiveness

Fast from emphasis on difference. Feast on the unity of life.

Fast from thoughts of sickness. Feast on the healing hand of God.

Fast from worry. Feast on the providence of God.

Fast from pessimism. Feast on optimism

Fast from negatives. Feast on the affirmation.

Fast from complaining. Feast on appreciation.

Redemptorist Publications

St Colmcille's Parish 2026 – Lenten Discussions

This Lent the Diocese is inviting Parishes to journey together through a set of reflective resources inspired by 'Baptised and Sent.' (The preparatory document from our National Pre-Synodal Assembly).

We are encouraged to rediscover who we are as God's people, to listen to the Holy Spirit and to take concrete steps, individually and collectively towards living our baptismal calling more deeply.

The format involves meeting as a group, reading a Gospel passage which will be followed by reflection and discussion. (It is similar to Lectio Devina).

This year we have two discussion sessions **one at 2pm (Colette and Betty) and another at 7.00pm (Anthony) in the Parochial House, Seatown Road from**

Wednesday 25th February to Wednesday 25th March inclusive

Each session will be approximately 30-40 minutes. All are welcome

Trocaire

This year's Trocaire's Lenten journey accompanies a three-generation family in rural Rwanda, led by Uwamahoro, a young mother supporting her daughter, niece and elderly mother. Through their story, parishioners are invited to reflect on the Gospel call to justice, resilience and care for our common home, and to connect faith with action in response to the climate crisis and its impact on vulnerable communities. For more information visit [Trocaire - Together for a Just World](https://www.trocaire.ie)



Confirmation Connect- CHANGE OF DATE. The next date for Confirmation Connect has been changed to **February 28th** at 7.00pm with Mass the next day, Sunday, March 1st