

Fifth Sunday of Lent Newsletter 22nd March 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 Valerie Gorman (MM)

Irene Lawless

Sun 11.30am Ian Matthews

Anthony Casciani

Doni, Jenny & Jean Stapleton

Joe & Bridie McDonnell

Harriett Salmon

Lorraine Andrews

Josie Grace

Dave McCormack



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Catherine Deegan

Tues 10.00am Marie Dillon

Wed 10.00am Oliver Merlehan

Thurs 10.00am Communion Service

Fri 10.00am Rose Counihan

Sat 6.30pm Carmel McCann Fanning (MM)

Kitty O'Brien

Sun 11.30am Alphonsus Casciani

Harriet Salmon & dec members of

Sweetman Families

May McCann

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently

Jackie McGahon

Oaklands



Reconciliation Service will take place on Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm in St Finian's Church Rivervalley.

Fifth Sunday of Lent –

Reflection of Christ's Suffering

The fifth Sunday of Lent invites us to meditate deeply on the passion of Our Lord. This day is a call to embrace self-examination and repentance.

The readings stress the importance of following Christ's example in the way we accept our own trials.

Spiritual Renewal: The liturgy encourages believers to renew their commitment to the Gospel through acts of contrition and prayer.

Path to Resurrection: By contemplating Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we are led to the hope of resurrection and eternal life.

Call for Humility: The devotion of this Sunday reminds us that suffering, when united with Christ, becomes a means to grow in holiness



Family Mass

Family Mass will be celebrated next Saturday, **28th March at 6.30pm** in St Colmcille's Church. The family Mass will be celebrated on the second Saturday of each month at 6.30pm.



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

Easter Bouquet cards are now available from 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 Mass

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock- 25th April 2026

COACH TO KNOCK SHRINE SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2026

Pickup Location 1: St Patrick's Church, Donabate at 7:00am

Pickup location 2: St. Cronan's Catholic Church, Swords at 7:25am

Pickup location 3: Fingal Co. Co. Offices, Swords Main Street 7:35am

Pickup location 4: St. Finian's Church, River Valley, Swords 7:45am

Cost of Coach is €30.00 per person; Children under 16 Free. Please bring a Packed Lunch – Tea & Coffee available in St. John's Centre, Knock. Bus will stop for 15 minutes on the way down and back at Ballinalack Service Station. To book a place on the coach contact the Parish office.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

Swords Partnership of Parishes are organising a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. The pilgrimage, which includes 3 nights in Rome and 2 nights in Assisi, is from 14th -19th September and is open to parishioners and friends from the parishes of Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown. The cost is €1,495 per person sharing and includes return flights to Rome with Aer Lingus, half board accommodation in Rome and Assisi, air-conditioned coach throughout the pilgrimage and assistance of a Marian Pilgrimages representative. Booking is made directly with Marian pilgrimages, and a non-refundable deposit of €400 per person is required.