

The Most Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Newsletter 22nd June 2025

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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 Anne & Eddie Coppinger

Patricia McLoughlin (MM)

Sun 11.30am Dan & Eva Geoghegan

Aideen Biggins



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Patricia McLoughlin

Fr Bernard O'Reilly

Sat 6.30pm Fr Bernard O'Reilly

Tues 10.00am Sinead Lawlor

Alice & Liam Ryan &

Dec members of Long & Ryan Families

Wed 10.00am Fr Bernard O'Reilly

Health Intention

Sun 11.30am McGreevy &

Geraghty Families

Thurs 10.00am Communion Service

Fri 10.00am Mick O'Grady

Gerry Loughran

Communion Service

A Communion Service will take place on **Thursday 26th** at 10.00am in St Colmcille's Church. All are welcome

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi

This feast has been celebrated universally throughout the Western Church since the fourteenth century. It commemorates the gift that God has presented to humanity in the Eucharist. Holy Thursday is the natural day to commemorate this alongside the celebration of the passion and death of Jesus on Good Friday and the resurrection of the Easter Vigil. Today the Church singles out the Eucharist to be the focus of attention and contemplation. *(Source St Paul's Missal)*



Blessings of the Graves

The Annual Blessing of Graves will take place next **Sunday 29th June** at 11.30am, Mass will be celebrated in the graveyard. Tea & coffee will be served afterwards. Please bring a cake for our common table to share with others. We are looking for volunteers to help with the catering and setting up for the Mass, if you would like to help please leave your name and phone number in the Sacristy or with the Parish office.

There will be a Church Gate collection to support the maintenance of the grounds.

Thank you for your support

Mass with anointing of the sick will take place on **Sunday 13th July** at

5.00pm in St Cronan's Church, Brackenstown. Any parishioners who are housebound and would like to attend the Mass in person are invited to contact Brackenstown Parish Office and they will arrange transport with the aid of the Order of Malta

Summer Dues Appeal - 21st /22nd June

Our readings at Mass today focus, for Corpus Christi, on Priesthood and the Eucharist. The people following Jesus were tired and hungry (Luke 9:11-17). They were in need of nourishment and healing, at every level. 'Give them something to eat yourselves', Jesus says provocatively to the Twelve, but they were at a loss. They had very little, just five loaves and two fish. The miracle recounted is that from what little they had, Jesus made so much. The call to ministry and to participation in the Eucharist is central to the life and wellbeing of the Christian community. We are grateful for our priests and for the service they offer. From what each one has, they pass on all we have 'received from the Lord' (1 Corinthians 11:23), and bring his healing presence and love alive. Gathered around Christ, and through the gift of his Spirit, each parish and partnership of parishes is called to mission. Please support your priests through the Summer Dues appeal. The generosity that you have towards your priests is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we nourish and support each other, counting the wonderful blessings of God in our lives.

+Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin

Pathways Programme

The Pathways programme is aimed at adults of all ages who wish to explore issues and questions of faith, ministry and the Church today in an environment of learning, sharing and Adult Faith Development. The programme is run by the Archdiocese of Dublin, over two years, from late September to late May each year. It takes place on **Thursday evenings from 7.15pm – 9.15 pm** in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, (Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education), Drumcondra Road Upper, Dublin, 9.

The next starting date for the programme will be on **Thursday 25th September 2025**.

Early application is advisable as places will be limited.

For more information please visit www.missionministry.ie/pathways or contact peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie