

*Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Newsletter 22nd October 2023*

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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 11.00am



*Mass Intentions this Weekend*

**Sat 6.30pm** John & Brendan Clarke (An)  
Siobhan Murray (An)  
Kyle Dunne (1st An)

**Sun 11.30am** Betty Stokes (An)  
Angela Kelly (Rec Dec)  
Margret Harrington (MM)



*Mass intentions for next Next Week*

<b>Mon</b> 10.00am Special Intention	<b>Sat</b> 6.30pm Thomas Byrne
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Angela Kelly	Michael Smith
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am Sean Concannon	Leo Watson
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00am Jo Ennis Fitzgerald	<b>Sun</b> 11.30am Patrick Fields
<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Elizabeth Hatch (MM)	Evelyn Dalton & deceased members of Dalton family

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please contact Bridget on 085 2812985 from Sunday 22nd to Saturday 28th October. Please phone from 6pm-8pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

**ECENTLY DECEASED**

*Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:*

Joann Fagan

Hawthorn Park



**The Synod on Synodality – Communion, Participation and Mission, opened in Rome on October 4th.**

At the Synod in Rome, the presence of women in the Church and co-responsibility were two of the themes of the spiritual reflection given at the Synod in the Vatican by two religious sisters. You can follow the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the diocesan website at [www.dublindiocese.ie/synod2023](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/synod2023).

**A copy of the Synod 23 fourth newsletter is available at the back of the Church**

Let us keep the whole assembly in our prayers and in a special way the Irish participants.



**World Mission Sunday**

The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is: *'Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move; (Luke 24:13-35)*

This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. The kindness shown will help overseas missionaries to continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. This year Mission Sunday focuses on Calcutta, former place of work of Holy Mother Teresa. Missionaries support the local people through the building of accommodation for families. They also provide education for both children and adults, thus ensuring a better future for the people who live in the slums of Calcutta. Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support. On World Mission Sunday missionaries take great strength in knowing that the faithful of the world are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers.

*This special collection will replace the Share Collection*



**Altar list of the Dead**

These envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. The news lists will be placed in front of the altar on Friday 3rd November and on every Friday for the next year. All Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed forms can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

**Tap & Go Machine**

During the month of August 2023 the Tap and Go machines in Swords Parish collected €960.96 from 93 transactions, and during the month of September €1504 from 123 transactions. This split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share. Share collection over the weekend of 16th and 17th September was for the Crosscare Homeless Services and €176.20 from the above went there.

Thank you for your ongoing support for First Collection and Share collection through the machine and from the collection boxes in the Church.