

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Newsletter 23rd January 2022*

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Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Bartle McDonnell
Sun 8.30am Mary Ryan (1st An)
Brendan Lawless (1st An)
Sun 11.15am John Bateman



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Maurice & Vera O'Connor	Sat 6.30pm Rita Daly
Mass 10.00am Mass of Reparation	
Tues 10.00am Declan Hanratty	Sun 8.30am Fr Marty Byrne
Tues 10.00am Noreen Beresford (MM)	
Tues 10.00am Special intention	Sun 11.15am Jimmy Devine & deceased
Wed 10.00am Thomas & Elizabeth O'Brien	members of the Devne Family
Thurs 10.00am Deirdre McEntee	
Thurs 10.00am Michael Toft (MM)	
Fri 10.00am Rose Geoghegan	

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)



Mask wearing in the Church

It has been brought to our attention that some people have relaxed on mask wearing in the Church. Could we remind everyone to wear a mask everywhere in the Church and the Sacristy

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:
Sylvia Howe
Melrose Park



Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Brid on 086 6006397 from Sunday 23rd January to Saturday 29th January. Please phone after 6pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

A word from Fr. Colin

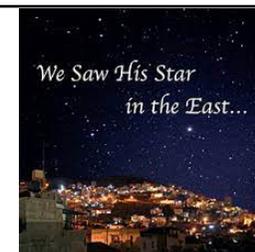
As you may already know, I was confined to my house for 10 days, as so many others have been, after developing a mild case of Covid. Thanks to all who prayed and got in touch with kind offers of help with groceries! From 24th January till Feb 3rd delegates will gather from around the world at Emmaus retreat house for the World Chapter of the Christian Brothers. I have been asked to celebrate mass for them each morning at 7.30 a.m. Renewed thanks on behalf of the whole parish to Canon Pat for helping us out when needed with our 10 a.m. masses. **Fr Colin**

Church Unity Week

The theme for the 2022 Week of Prayer is 'We saw the star in the East and we came to worship him (Mt 2:2) taken from the account of the visit of the magi to pay homage to the infant king (Mt 2:1-12). It is a call to unity, of those from the north and the South from the East and the West, old and young, men and women'

The Swords Area Ecumenical Prayer Service will take place in St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown Road on Tuesday 25th January at 8:00pm. You can attend in person or join us online at www.Brackenstown-parish.com.

*We Saw His Star
in the East...*



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There are notable parallels as well as contrasts between the first reading and the gospel of today. In our first reading from Nehemiah, the priest Ezra solemnly reads a lengthy section from the Book of the Law of the people of Israel gathered in an open square in Jerusalem. He thus re-constitutes them as 'God's holy people' following the traumatic years of exile in Babylon. We are told that the people listened attentively and wept as they heard God's word proclaimed to them. How attentively do we listen to God's word and does it ever touch our hearts and move us to tears?

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus also proclaims God's word to those gathered in the Synagogue of his home town of Nazareth. The passage he reads is taken from the prophet Isaiah. 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord' (Lk 4:18-19). Jesus then sits down, and, in words which launch his great mission of liberation, he says: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen' (Lk 4:21). The words of Isaiah serve as Jesus' manifesto. He has come to replace the old Jewish love of law with a new law of love and inaugurate the greatest revolution in human history.

Catholic Schools Week 23rd January - 30th January

Sunday 23rd January marks the beginning of Catholic Schools week 2022. During this week, we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to support each other and living out Jesus' message of the Gospel. This year's theme is 'Catholic schools: Living Life to the Full'.