

Third Sunday of Lent Newsletter 23rd March 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

Sun 11.30am Ian Matthews

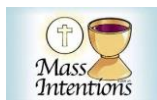
Dave McCormick

Donnie Jenny & Jean Stapleton

Susan Hynes

Anthony Caseiani

Joe & Bridie McDonnell



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Bartle & Nancy Savage

Paddy Lynch

Tues 10.00am Patsy Russell

Wed 10.00am Ann & Joseph Walsh

Thurs 10.00am **Communion Service**

Fri 10.00am Kitty O'Brien

Sat 6.30pm Alice Roe

John Jennings

Harriette Salmon

Lorraine Andrews & dec

family members

Mary & Joe McCann

Sun 11.30am Dr Frank McCarthy

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently

Patrick Russell

Estuary Road



Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group continues to offer bereavement support to the families, friends and relatives of deceased loved ones. Please phone Terri on 8403243, or Brid on 086 6006397. Details on the Parish website

Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to the third moment of our Lenten JustHOPE resource where we are reflecting on the Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope prayer.

'May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.'

This part of the Jubilee Prayer invites us to connect with each other and the entire world, the cosmos that brings us together. This year marks 10 years since the publication of 'Laudato Si' on caring for our common home. While much has been done, we still have more to do, so that we 'may protect life, and we 'may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction'. Often, we notice the drastic weather differences more than the daffodils in bloom on the side of the road. It can be easier to focus on the negatives, rather than the positive changes and impact we can have together. The prayer reminds us that Lent is a season of transformation, a time to step back and allow God to renew our hearts. It is not just about giving things up but about making space for the Holy Spirit to work within us. We are all called to plant seeds of hope and transformation. This begins with small, intentional acts—choosing kindness, offering forgiveness, and trusting in God. Maybe this week, I intentionally seek out an opportunity to plant a seed of hope in your daily life, transforming an encounter with another, or a seed that takes a small step to care for the physical world we live in.

As I continue my journey through Lent, how can I take time this week to reflect on how God is calling me to transformation in my relationships with others and with the world I live in? What seeds of faith, love, or hope am I being invited to plant?

JUST LENT, Office of Mission and Ministry, Archdiocese of Dublin



First Penance

Congratulations to the Children from St Colmcille's GNS, St Colmcille's BNS, Scoil an Duinnigh and Holywell Educate Together who received their First Penance this week. Thank you to parents, teachers and Parish Sacramental Team who helped prepare the Children for this special day

St Colmcille's Parish – REMINDER Lenten Discussions

Our Lenten Discussions '*Calling a Wounded Earth Home*' continued last Tuesday. This course uses music, prayer and Bible texts for reflection and discussion on creation care and the climate crisis. Our next sessions is Tuesday 25th March, if you could not attend previous weeks you are very welcome to come along on Tuesday 25th

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Words of Hope from Pope Francis: From Hope does not disappoint, Bull in Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025

'We need to recognise the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope'.

