

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Newsletter 23rd April 2023**

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Mass times: Monday - Friday 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, Irish Mass at 11.00am



**Mass Intentions this Weekend**

**Sat 6.30pm** Mark Perry & dec members of Green & Perry Families  
Ann Jones  
Sean Dowd  
**Sun 11.30am** Miley Ryan  
Barney O'Rourke



**Mass intentions for next Next Week**

<b>Mon</b> 10.00am Muriel Harford Fiona Burke	<b>Sat</b> 6.30pm Niamh Sheridan
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Gerard Dignam Special intention	
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am Orla Watson Special Intention	<b>Sun</b> 11.30am Josie Ryan Maeve Scanlon
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00am In thanksgiving to all who Work in the Church	Kathleen, Francie & Andy Marry Ian Matthews
<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Ann Farren & Christopher Farren	

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please contact Terri on 8403243 from 23rd April to Saturday 29th April 2023. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

**Tap & Go Machine**

During the month of March 2023 the Tap and Go machines in Swords Parish collected €1,250.00 from 124 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share. Thank you for your ongoing support for First Collection and Share collection through the machine and from the collection boxes.

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel**

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1. Jesus joined the despondent disciples and listened to them. 'We had hoped...' .... When you have been upset or disappointed, who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a 'Jesus person' to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person?
2. Jesus then helps them to see things in another light by opening the scriptures to them. When did you have the experience of finding your heart 'burning within you' with new hope for the future? Who/what helped you to change after a setback?
3. The disciples invite Jesus to join them at table – there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone whom we invite into our homes, into our hearts, in a deeper way. In what way in such relationships have you experienced the presence of God or of Jesus?
4. After Jesus had gone the disciples went to bring the good news to others. When have you met others who told you what happened to them along their road? What effect did this sharing have on you? When have you done this with others? When was such a conversation 'good news' for you or others?

*John Byrne OSA Intercom Magazine*

**B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**



B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

**Next residential Programme** will take place in Avila Carmelite Centre Donnybrook, Morehampton Road Dublin 4, 12th - 14th May For further information please phone Dublin Team :086 0877379 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)

**Conversations with Women in the Bible - Sponsored by the Sisters of St**

**John of God**

The day offers opportunity to journey with some Biblical women, deepen our experience an understanding of God's transforming presence in their lives.

12th May , Ballyvaloo Retreat and Conference Centre, Blackwater Co Wexford, from 10.00am - 4.30pm cost € 30 includes lunch

13th May The Pembroke Hotel Kilkenny 10.00am - 4.30pm cost €20 includes tea and Coffee

For booking contact Sara or Catherina 056 7722870 or email : [regionaloffice@ssjg.ie](mailto:regionaloffice@ssjg.ie)