



St. Colmcille's Church

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES
SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY, BRACKENSTOWN & DONABATE.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd August 2026



BEING A SYNODAL PASTORAL COUNCIL

Archdiocese
of Dublin
Office of Mission
& Ministry

Training for ALL members of
Pastoral Councils via ZOOM

Session 1:
8TH SEPTEMBER
7.30PM-9PM
Synodality &
Synodal Roles
on a Pastoral
Council

Register for the 3 ZOOM
sessions using QR code



Session 2:
15TH SEPTEMBER
7.30PM-9PM
A Synodal
model for
Pastoral Council
meetings

Session 3:
22ND SEPTEMBER
7.30PM-9PM
Planning to Act
& Pastoral
Assemblies

For more information please email:
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BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS



As the new school year begins
we are having the blessing
of school bags for all students
Saturday 5th September
at 6.30pm Family Mass.

ALL WELCOME

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm: Cora Duffy (A), Louise Quigley (A),
John Cronnin (MM); John O' Rourke (A)

Sun 11.30am: Lorraine & David Mc Gauley (A),
Maisie Thomas (A), Seamus Mc Grath (A), Rita Clarke (A),
Brendan, Eimear & Catherine Moran,

Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am: Maureen O' Scanail (RD), Special Intention

Tues 10.00am:

Wed 10.00am: Paddy Barker (A)

Thurs 10.00am Communion Service

Fri 10.00am: Altar List of the Dead



SEPTEMBER SEASON OF CREATION:

This year's theme, "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation.

Creation is God's sacred gift, entrusted to our care. Christians are called to protect and nurture Creation working in partnership with others and passing this responsibility on to future generations. The essential element of water maintains the balance of earth, and if our waters are polluted and threatened, our earth's flourishing is compromised.

BLESSING FOR ORGANIST: Our church organist Kieran Smyth will be leaving us in September as he is heading to Spain to begin his formation journey for the priesthood. We thank him for all his good work in our parish. May he be filled with God's grace as he starts out on this spiritual journey. There will be a special blessing at the **11.30am Mass in September** for Kieran in St Colmcille's. We hope that you can join us.

BLESSING FOR THOSE BEGINNING SECONDARY SCHOOL: We invite all 2026 sixth class graduates from all our schools within the parish to a special blessing at Mass on Saturday 29th August at 5.30pm in **St. Finian's, Rivervalley** before they start their next chapter in their education as they enter Secondary School. All Welcome.

WEEKLY EZINE

Sharing Good News is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like to receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>. You are encouraged to invite others to do so too. Send articles and photographs for use in *Sharing Good News* to info@catholicbishops.ie

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MASS

- Mass times:** Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am
- Confessions:** Sat. 6.00pm - 6.20pm or by appointment
- Church of the Visitation, Drynam:** Sun. 10.00am;
- Weekday Mass:** St. Colmcille's: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am, Thursday Communion Service 10.00am.

OTHER INFORMATION

Irish Mass on Sundays in Drynam is suspended for July and August