

*Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Newsletter 24th September 2023*

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*(Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm)*  
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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 11.00am**



***Mass Intentions this Weekend***

**Sat 6.30pm** John & Thomas McGrane

Joan Monks (MM)

**Sun 11.30am** Christopher McGuirk

Bridie & Joe McDnnell & Sean McDonnell

Alice & Tom Kane

Paddy Kane & sons Raymond, Ron & Greg

Dan Redmond (MM)

Mary Tuck (MM)



***Mass intentions for next Next Week***

**Mon 10.00am** Gerald Ryan

**Tues 10.00am** Dec members of Lynch Family

**Wed 10.00am** Frank Walshe

**Thurs 10.00am** Communion Service

**Fri 10.00am** Peadar Connolly

**Sat 6.30pm** Frank Sheil

Donal O'Toole

Willie Roney

Mary Tuck (MM)

**Sun 11.30am** Rose Howard

Brenda O'Keefe

***RECENTLY DECEASED***

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

Martin Savage

North Street



***Coffee Morning in Senior Citizens Centre***

A coffee morning will take place in Senior Citizens Centre, Chapel Lane, on Thursday 28th September from 10.00am, in aid of St Francis Hospice. *All are welcome*

**Safeguarding Sunday**

This year's Safeguarding Sunday takes place this Sunday - September 24.

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service and consequently the theme of the occasion is very much "reflection". We reflect on the journey that all of us have been on over the last twenty years, especially the victims of abuse in our Church. It is also a time to reflect on the ongoing commitment by all in our parishes to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults. A lot has been achieved; however, this work is never done. The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in our diocese is central to the Gospel values that we embrace on a daily basis.

**Crosscare Annual Appeal 2023**

Thank you to all parishioners who very generously supported last weekend's Crosscare collection. A total of €1,190 was collected in the Church - this does not include any donations in the 'Tap and Go' Machine



**Season of Creation 2023**

This Season is a wonderful opportunity to respond to the call of Pope Francis to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. As the ecological crisis worsens our newsfeeds are filled with stories of devastation, particularly in the most vulnerable parts of the world. Creation cries out as forests burn, animals flee, lives are lost and people are forced to migrate.

The theme for this year's Season is inspired by the Prophet Amos who cries out: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24). The symbol is that of a 'mighty river': "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19). As we join the river of justice and peace with others then hope is created instead of despair, "for we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si', 13).



**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please contact Bridget at 085 2812985 from Sunday 24th to Saturday 30th September. Please phone from 6pm-8pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

**Forty Hours Adoration** will take place in Morning Star Hostel, Morning Star Ave, DN 7 on Friday 5th October commencing with Mass at 10.00am and ending with Mass at 9.00pm on Saturday 7th October. There will be Rosary, Guided prayer and silent Adoration. For more information contact 01 8723401

**Communion Service Thursday 28th September**

A Communion Service will take place next **Thursday 28th September at 10.00am** in St Colmcille's Church. *All are welcome*