

The Ascension of the Lord
Newsletter 29th May 2022

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Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

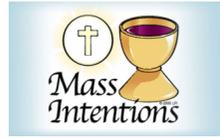
Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)

The St Vincent De Paul collection will be taken up after all Masses today.
There will be no 9.20am Mass on Friday 3rd June



Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Martin McTiernan
Sun 8.30am Helen Foley
Sun 11.15am Joseph Tully



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Imelda McNeil	Sat 10.00am Mass of Thanksgiving
Tues 10.00am Elizabeth & George Fields	
Wed 10.00am Dympna Wynne	Sat 6.30pm Lucy Ryan
Thurs 10.00am Marjorie Costello	Sun 8.30am Special Intention
Fri 10.00am Altar list of the Dead	Sun 11.15am Annie, Thomas & James McKenna

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:
Stewart Barron Glen Ellan Drive



The Ascension of the Lord - (World Communications Day)

The Ascension, which is one of the chief feasts of the Church's year, marks the close of the appearances of Jesus which took place after his resurrection and celebrates his exaltation to the Father. It is an essential element of the resurrection of the Lord. It is portrayed as having taken place variously, even by the same author, on the evening of Easter Sunday and forty days later. It underlines the teaching that it is from Heaven that the exalted Christ exercises his power over heaven and earth. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)



A message from Fr Colin

Dear parishioners,

Last week I received a call from the Vicar for Priests with the surprising news that Archbishop Farrell wishes me to spend the forthcoming year studying Clinical Pastoral Education on a full-time basis, with a view to undertaking Hospital Chaplaincy work. Although moving parish is one of the most difficult parts of a diocesan priest's life, I accepted this as the will of God.

Since the time demands of this course are incompatible with full-time parish ministry, I have been appointed to help in the parishes of Springfield/Jobstown/Brookfield, beginning on the 9th of July. I will finish my ministry in Swords on that date. Due to the very short duration of my time here, I did not get to know many of you, but to those of you I did get to meet, I wish to thank you for the welcome you showed me on my arrival, your kindness, your patience, your encouragement and your prayers. It has been an enriching experience to play a part, even for only one year, in the ancient and venerable tradition of Christian faith and worship in this part of our diocese. May the Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost, fill and guide us all!

I will continue to pray for all of you. Please say a prayer for me.

Fr. Colin

Building Hope

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has launched an initiative called Building Hope. This initiative, which is a process of review and renewal, is to consider the challenges facing the Archdiocese which will include:

- The changing culture in which we proclaim the Good News
- The ageing profile of Priests. More than 40% of priests currently holding Parish appointments are over 70 years of age.
- The impact of Covid-19 on active participation
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The Archbishop is seeking the views of Parishioners in respect of a number of topics. To facilitate this, questionnaires will be available at all Masses this weekend. Please take a questionnaire, complete it and return it to us in the Church during the next 7 days. A box will be provided at the back of the Church to receive your responses. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.



Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Brid on 086 6006397 from Sunday 29th May to Saturday 4th June. Please phone after 6pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>