

*Third Sunday of Lent Newsletter*  
*25th February 2024*

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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**

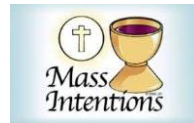
**Sat 6.30pm** Michael O'Neill (MM)

Tony McKenna (MM)

**Sun 11.30am** Kevin & Phyllis Smith

Jim Monaghan (MM)

Stephen Breslin



**Mass intentions for next Next Week**

**Mon** 10.00am Jim Calally

Health Intention

**Tues** 10.00am In Honour of St Joseph

Turlough O'Carolan

**Wed** 10.00am Johnny McNally

Judith Giltelnan

**Thurs** 10.00am Health Intention

Kevin Gaffney

Paul Burke

**Fri 10.00am** Eileen Bird

**Sat** 6.30pm Patrick Walshe

John O'Brien, Catherine O'Brien

Jimmy O'Brien

**Sun** 11.30am Gerry Foley

Ellen Green

Catherine & Peter O'Gorman

Elizabeth Flynn

John Carroll

Des Burrowes

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please contact Brid at 086 6006397 from Sunday 3rd March to Saturday 9th March. Please phone after 6pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

**St Patrick's Day Advance notice**, - change of time for Mass in St Colmcille's Church, it will be at 10.00am on St Patrick's Day due to the Parade in the town

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Just Lent 3 Theme: Poverty and Cost of Living**

We know this Sunday's Gospel well and often ask ourselves 'Why did Jesus get so angry'. The animals in the story were sold so that those on pilgrimage could make their symbolic sacrificial offerings to God. Jesus realised that the poor were being manipulated by the money changers. He replaced all of this by the sacrifice of his own body, given for others. Many believed in him because he was on the side of the poor, the lost, the disadvantaged, the downtrodden and wanted to set them free from oppression.

Followers of Jesus are called to do likewise; to be on the side of the poor.

*JUST LENT, Office of Mission ad Ministry, Archdiocese of Dublin*

**Prayer**

*Loving God, in this season of Lent you call us to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with each other so that we can build your Kingdom of justice and peace, your Kingdom of love and truth, your Kingdom of holiness and grace in our world today.*

*Amen*



**RECENTLY DECEASED**

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

John Sheedy

St Columbas Heights



**Novena of Grace**

The St. Francis Xavier Novena Prayer will be recited at all Masses in St. Colmcille's from the 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March inclusive

The Novena of Grace Prayer is available at the back of the Church, please take a copy home with you



**Family Carers Ireland** Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

**St Colmcille's Book Club – Finding God in a Leaf by Fr Brian Grogan**

Our book club started on February 14<sup>th</sup> and is running for 5 weeks on Tuesday afternoons, and is very enjoyable. Is you have been unable to attend on Tuesday afternoons we have an additional session on **Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm**. If you are interested in attending contact Colette at the Parish Office for a copy of the book