

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Year A**



**16<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**6:30pm** Charles Moreland (A)  
**9.00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**11.00am** Catherine Antley (A)  
**12.30pm** Kathleen Mallin (B'day Rem)  
**5.30pm** William & Eileen Byrne (A)

**PRAY FOR**

Lisa O'Malley (RD)  
Ellen Whitby (RD)  
Edward Shackley (RD)

**MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM**

**Mon:** Charlotte & Vincent Delamere & D'csd Family Members  
**Tue:** Maoliosa & Liam McCourt (A)  
**Wed:** Thanksgiving Mass  
**Thurs:** Ellen Slattery (A)  
**Fri:** D'csd Members of Legion of Mary  
**Fri 7:30pm:** Anne Slattery (nee Halligan) (20<sup>th</sup> A)  
**Sat:** Donie Wilson (RD)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Times of Adoration are:

**Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am**  
**Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm**  
**Fri: 10.30am – 5.45 pm**  
**Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the last Sunday of the month from 4 - 5 pm.**

**FAMILY OFFERING**

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €795.07. The Family Offering Envelope Collection is the ONLY one which supports the daily running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your commitment to this collection.

**FOSTER CARERS**

Urgent need for foster carers in your area, please contact 01 8708000 for more information or visit our website [www.fostering.ie](http://www.fostering.ie)

We are also holding two information meetings in the area as follows:

**Wednesday 19th November at 7:00pm** in Appplewood Community Centre Swords.

**Thursday 20th November at 11:00am** in River Valley Community Centre, Swords.

**ART & CRAFT FAIR**

An Art & Craft Fair will be held in Senior Citizens Centre, Swords on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 10:30am**. Stalls include Knitwear, Delicious Cakes, Artwork, Handmade Jewellery and lots of lovely Books to browse through.

**GARDINER ST. GOSPEL CHOIR**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Gardiner St Gospel Choir - GSGC - at the OLYMPIA! 8 pm.

Tickets from €20 available via The Olympia Theatre box office (with no service fees), Ticketmaster outlets and [www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie).

Also, on sale after the Sunday Gospel Mass at 7.30 pm, and in the parish office.

**PATRICIAN MEETING**

**“Do we Need to Pray for the Dead?”** is the title of the Patrician Meeting on **Thursday next, 29<sup>th</sup> November, at 8:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.** If we go to Heaven or Hell how can we still need prayers? *Everybody most welcome.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

**THE ROSARY**

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the homes of the Parish in the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and have the statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

**SWORDS SENIOR CITIZENS**

A Memorial Service for all the deceased members and friends of the Senior Citizens Centre in Swords will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm.

**MASS FOR DECEASED GARDAI**

The Anniversary Mass for Deceased Members of An Garda Síochána will be celebrated at the Holy Family Church, Aughrim Street, Dublin 7 on Thursday 20th November 2014 at 11am.

**ROTUNDA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

A service of Remembrance for people who have lost a baby through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or neonatal death will be held in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday, 23rd November 2014 at 3pm. Afterwards, light refreshments will be served in the Gresham Hotel. If you have any queries please contact the Hospital Chaplain on 01 8171700.

**FUAIMLAOI CONCERT**

The acclaimed choir Fuaimlaoi will perform in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Harold's Cross on Sunday 30th November at 7pm. Tickets €10 will be available at the door. Fuaimlaoi was formed by composer Ronan McDonagh in 2006 to promote and develop liturgical music rooted in the Irish tradition. It comprises a dynamic group of talented singers and instrumentalists.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Confirmation Enrolment:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm

**Advent Evening Prayer & Blessing of Advent Wreath:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm

**Next Do This In Memory Mass:** Sat 13<sup>th</sup> & Sun 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Carol Service:** Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm

**Dates for Baptisms in December:**  
Saturday 6th December at 4:00pm  
Sunday 7th December at 1:45pm  
Saturday 13th December at 4:00pm  
Sunday 14th December at 1:45pm

Parent/Guardian Meeting is **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8:00pm.**

Please contact the Parish Office for details.

**CATECHISM FOR ADULTS**

Catechism for Adults available from Legion of Mary in Main Porch after Saturday and Sunday morning Masses.

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## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ANNE SLATTERY (nee HALLIGAN)

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*It is 20 years on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2014 since Anne died after a battle with cancer. It is hard to believe that so much time has passed. Her family and close friends will remember her forever. Anne was so full of life; it was hard to accept that we would never hear that glorious voice again. She devoted her life to the people and the Parish of St. Cronan's. She spent many years organizing, conducting and indeed could be heard singing with the Parish Folk Group. Folk groups were a newish concept in Churches at the time, and people travelled from far and near just to hear them sing.*

*In 1978 Anne qualified as a primary school teacher and took up a position in St. Cronan's JNS in September 1978. She continued her great work there until she died in 1994. The children, parents and staff loved her. She was an inspirational teacher, vivacious and funny with a great sense of humour. She trained every Communion class, every year even when she was sick. People commented on a beautiful service every time with such young children singing so beautifully. Her legacy lives on today. Having married Donal, on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1986, she went on to have two beautiful daughters, Emmy and Katie, whom she adored. Her greatest regret when she realized her diagnosis was terminal was that she wouldn't be around to see them grow up.*

*Those of us who knew Anne attended a healing Mass for her in St. Cronan's, concelebrated by all the priests who worked with her in the parish, and attended by huge numbers of people. Alas, it was not to be and Anne died twenty years ago this week. St. Cronan's JNS are having an Anniversary Mass for Anne on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7:30pm in St. Cronan's Church. The Junior School Choir will sing. If you remember Anne Slattery (nee Halligan), you are invited to attend.*

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### THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST GIVES US HOPE

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The Pope gives a catechesis on the Creed, reflecting on one aspect of the resurrection of the body: dying in Christ. Death, he said, can be viewed in a fearful or even scandalous manner, particularly when dealing with the death of someone close or innocent ones, like children.

"I have always been struck by the question: why do children suffer? Why do children die?," he said. "If it is understood as the end of everything, death frightens us, it terrifies us, it becomes a threat that shatters every dream, every prospect that breaks every relationship and blocks every path."

This fear of death, he continued, can happen when one views life as just a period of time between birth and death, without believing in life after death. This view is typical of atheist thought which views life as a circumstance and a path towards nowhere.

"But there is also a practical atheism that exists, which is to live alone for one's own interests and earthly things," he warned. "If we let ourselves be taken by this wrong view of death, we have no choice but to conceal death, to deny it, or to trivialize it, so that it does not frighten us."

The Holy Father went on to say that the heart of man "rebels" against this false concept, and this instinct inside us tells us that life does not end with death. The Resurrection of Christ gives all the hope and certainty of life after death.

"If we live united to Jesus, faithful to Him, we will be able to confront with hope and serenity even the passage of death," he said. "If my life has been a path with the Lord, of trust in his immense mercy, I will be prepared to accept the last moments of my earthly existence as the definitive trustful abandonment in his receiving hands, in awaiting to contemplate Him face to face."

Concluding his address, Pope Francis called on the faithful to remain close to Christ through prayer, in the Sacraments, as well as in acts of charity. One can thus be well prepared for death.

"Solidarity in sharing pain and instilling hope is the premise and condition to receive in inheritance the Kingdom prepared for us," he said.