

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
YEAR A**



**12<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**6:30pm** John, Mary & Patrick Murphy (R)  
**9.00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**11.00am** Andrew Snr., Andrew Jnr.,  
Bernard & Kathleen Cawley (A)  
**12.30pm** Tom, Annie & Philomena  
O'Leary (A)  
**5.30pm** Tanya Flynn (nee Brown) &  
decsd Members of Brown &  
Bissett families

**PRAY FOR**

Éamonn Ó Murchú (A)  
Special Intention

**MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM**

**Mon:** Thomas Hamilton (A)  
**Tue:** Marian Gernon (RD)  
**Wed:** Kathleen Dunne (1<sup>st</sup> A)  
**Thurs:** Bill & Kay O'Connor & dcscd family  
members  
**Fri:** Holy Souls  
**Sat:** Alan Byrne (MM)

**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.**

**MSZE SWIETA W JERYKU POLSKIM**

**Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim** dzisiaj,  
Niedziele 12 Pazdziernik o godz 18:45.  
(Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

**FAMILY OFFERING**

**"Why do Catholics Pray the Rosary?"** is the  
title of the Patrician Meeting on **Thursday next,  
16<sup>th</sup> October at 8:00pm in the Parish Meeting  
Room.** Is the Rosary suitable for today's  
Catholics? *Everybody most welcome.* Spiritual  
Director will speak on the subject.

**CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION**

The Annual Candlelight Procession in  
honour of Our Lady, will take place on  
**Tuesday next, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7:15pm.** It  
will conclude with Mass during which the  
Rosary Statue for use in the homes of the  
parish during the coming year, will be  
blessed.

**CELEBRATE JESUS WITH  
REX BAND**

JESUS YOUTH presents a series of  
inspiring concerts by Rexband, a premier  
Catholic Contemporary Christian Band that  
takes its name from Christus Rex, Christ  
the King. With its vibrant, eclectic music  
and dynamic message, the band  
celebrates Jesus, the King of Kings. Their  
Dublin Concert is on the 12th of October at  
6:00pm at the Helix in DCU, Collins  
Avenue.

**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 €924.07.  
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.

**YOUTH 2000**

Youth 2000 will be hosting a Catholic youth  
retreat for 16-35 year olds in St Raphaela's  
Secondary School, Stillorgan, Co Dublin  
from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th of October  
2014. The weekend will consist of talks,  
music, workshops, prayer, dramas and  
testimonies. Retreat starts on Friday at  
8.00pm. Drop into the retreat at anytime  
over the weekend or bring a sleeping bag if  
you choose to avail of accommodation.  
Online booking necessary. For more  
information see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS**

The Church Gate Collections for October:

Today: SVP Monthly Collection  
11/12<sup>th</sup> Oct – No Collection  
18/19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Misson Sunday  
25/26<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Óglaigh Náisiúnta na  
hÉireann Teoranta

**PARISH PASTORAL WORKER**

Our Parish Pastoral Worker, Georgina, has  
decided to take leave of absence for a period of  
twelve months. She made a great contribution to  
the Parishes of Swords, Rivervalley and  
Brackenstown particularly with our younger  
Parishioners.

As there are no Parish Pastoral Workers  
available at this time, there will be no one to fill  
in for her, but we hope to keep the initiatives that  
she began up and running.

**BLUE COLLECTION POUCHES**

On the weekend of 18/19<sup>th</sup> October the white  
collection baskets will be replaced by blue  
collection pouches. When requested to take up  
the collection please always pass the red  
pouches first then wait until the second  
collection is announced before passing the blue  
ones. This avoids confusion and ensures that  
your contribution goes to the right place.

**FEAST OF ST. TERESE**

Come and celebrate Mass for the Feast of  
St. Therese of Lisieux 'Little Flower'  
in the Church of the Holy Child today at  
7.00p.m. Fr. Damian McNeice will mark  
the Feast Day with a brief homily about  
her spirituality and give individual  
blessings with a relic of the popular  
Carmelite Saint. All welcome.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**11th (6:30pm) & 12th (12:30pm)  
October:**

Do This In Memory Communion  
Programme Enrolment Masses

**18th & 19th October:** at all Masses  
we will give thanks for the Harvest.  
You will also be invited to bring an  
item of non-perishable food for the  
Swords FoodBank. More details  
next week.

**23rd October at 7:30pm** An  
Ecumenical Evening Prayer with  
Swords and Rivervalley Parishes  
and St. Columba's will take place  
here in St. Cronan's. We will hand  
on the monies raised in support of  
the St. Columba's Restoration Fund.  
All Welcome

**14th November at 7:30pm:** Annual  
Mass for Deceased Parishioners.

**Dates for Baptisms in November:**

Saturday 8th November at 4:00pm

Sunday 9th November at 1:45pm

Saturday 22nd November at 4:00pm

Sunday 23rd November at 1:45pm

Parent/Guardian Meeting is  
Thursday 6th November at 8:00pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for  
details.

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## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

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Next weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> October we will celebrate the goodness of God to us in the provision of food to eat. The psalm of next weeks Mass proclaims “O sing an new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.” And in the Gospel Jesus calls on us to give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

It is only right, therefore, that what God gives to us both in growth through the earth, the fall of rain, the heat of the sun and in the labour and creativity of people that we have food for our tables, that we should give thanks.

At the start of Mass three baskets will be presented the first with fruit and vegetables. In this area we are surround by some of the best producers in the world and many in our Parish are employed there so we rightly give thanks for these gifts. The second basket contains processed foods which give us a wider variety of choice and helps food last longer. The third basket will contain FairTrade foods which aim to give producers in the developing world a living wage for what the produce.

FairTrade highlights that the products we buy have an ethical value and we should be conscious of how food is sourced, where it comes from, how people are treated in those countries and what price communities in one part of the world pay to keep another part comfortable.

Food Poverty in Ireland is a reality for many families. One in five children (21%) go to school or bed hungry due to there not being enough food at home, 13% of school children never eat a breakfast on a weekday. Food poverty affects people in a number of ways. It restricts people’s ability to consume a well-balanced diet which leads to increased rates of diet-related chronic diseases including diabetes, heart disease, obesity and certain cancers. Children are particularly vulnerable to food poverty which has long term consequences on their future health, education and economic outcomes.

There is a response though through the net work of **FOODBANKS** that **CROSSCARE** has established and run through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. You can help by bringing non-perishable foods to Mass next Sunday and placing them in front of the Altar. Eg: Tinned Foods, Powdered Milk, Tea/Coffee, Sugar, Pasta/Rice, Biscuits, Washing Powder, Washing Liquid. (Please ensure what you bring is well in date).

Let us thanks God for his goodness. Let us share with those in need.

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### A TASTE OF THE SYNOD

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By John L. Allen Jr.

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ROME – Although the Oct. 5-19 Synod of Bishops on the family may be primarily a gathering of prelates, during the opening two days of the meeting it’s largely been the laity who have stolen the show.

Since this is a summit on family issues, the synod invited 12 married couples from around the world to be among a group of what’s known as “auditors,” meaning people who take part in discussions but don’t get a vote.

So far, however, the lack of voting rights hasn’t prevented these couples from making an impression.

On Monday the synod heard from Ron and Mavis Pirola of Sydney, Australia, who’ve been married for 55 years and have four children. They delivered a dose of real life, telling the bishops about friends whose gay son said he wanted to bring his partner home for Christmas.

The Pirolas explained that their friends are faithful Catholics but also loving parents who wanted their grandchildren see them welcoming their son’s partner into the family. Their response, the Pirolas said, could be expressed in three simple words: “He’s our son.”

The Pirolas offered the episode to illustrate how clerics might learn something from families about how to strike a balance between upholding church teaching but also showing “mercy and compassion.”

Then , it was the turn of a couple from the Philippines who’ve been married for 27 years and also have four children. Both are involved in “Couples for Christ,” a lay association recognized by the Vatican.

Cynthia and George Campos told the bishops that at one stage they tried to launch an outreach program for couples in “irregular situations,” such as people who weren’t married in the Church, who are living together without marriage, or whose marriages broke down and they remarried without an annulment.

The organization didn’t get off the ground, the Camposes said, in part because they were told by Church officials that their group is meant only for couples married in the Church.

That experience, they said, led them to hope for more “enlightened pastoral charity” in the church, which could foster “innovative forms of accompaniment” and “inclusive participation in church life.”

In other words, this Filipino couple used their turn at bat in the synod to make a case for a more “open-door” policy in Catholicism, trying to gather in people who run afoul of the rules rather than turning them away.

Granted, the real power in terms of working through these issues as the synod rolls along belongs to the bishops, and in the end it’s entirely up to Pope Francis to decide what to do with their advice.

After the second day, however, no one would confuse these lay couples with mere window dressing at the synod. Come what may, they’re giving this group of prelates something to think about.