

## Moments of family prayer

Irish society needs to hear the Good News again, beginning with the family. More than 40 years ago, RTE television broadcast a documentary, called *Padre Joao is a Kerryman*. It told the story of Fr Sean Myers, an Irish Redemptorist missionary in Brazil. Fr Sean was – and is – no ordinary missionary. As well as ministering to the spiritual needs of some of the most abandoned people, he caters also for some of their practical needs, providing farm equipment, seeds, even medical help when needed. He sees his role as being more than just a spiritual support to his people.

The Irish missionary tradition is something all Irish Catholics of a certain age are familiar with. We were introduced to the foreign missions at school; we raised money for the missions; we may even have had family members or neighbours who were missionaries.

When we heard the word ‘mission’ we thought of people like Fr Myers who went to South America or Africa or Asia to spread the Gospel. Mission meant leaving home and family; it meant going to far distant places. Today, we have a broader understanding of mission. It is something every Christian, and every Christian family, is called to engage in. All of us are called to spread the Gospel.

Fifty years ago, nobody would have considered Ireland as mission territory in need of evangelisation. It seemed like the faith was deeply imbedded in our DNA, so much so that we could send thousands of priests and religious to work overseas.

Now the situation is different. Fewer people practice the faith, secularisation is on the rise; religion is being pushed to the side. It is clear that Irish society needs to hear the Good News again. It needs the witness of our faith, beginning with the family.

It starts, Pope Francis says, with prayer in the home: “It is essential that children actually see that, for their parents, prayer is something truly important. Hence moments of family prayer and acts of devotion can be more powerful for evangelisation than any catechism class or sermon”.

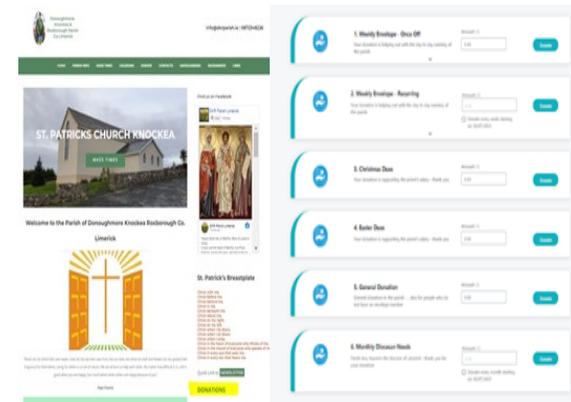
He says that the work of “handing on the faith to children, in the sense of facilitating its expression and growth, helps the whole family in its evangelising mission. It naturally begins to spread the faith to all around them, even outside

of the family circle. Children who grew up in missionary families often become missionaries themselves; growing up in warm and friendly families, they learn to relate to the world in this way, without giving up their faith or their convictions”.

The family is the first and basic missionary territory, where we learn about and witness to our faith every day. To be a missionary is to show our love for God and neighbour by the way we live our lives.



An electronic payments system has been developed that better facilitates contributions to the running of Churches throughout Ireland. Called *Easy Payments Plus*, it has been endorsed by our diocese and this parish has followed the example of many others throughout the country in subscribing to it. It will facilitate parishioners in making regular or one-off payments towards the upkeep of our churches and priests income. It can be accessed through the **parish website dkrparish.ie** and following the Donations link. It can also be accessed on our **Facebook page** which we will add the link shortly. The pandemic has caused us to embrace electronic payments more and more, and many people attend our church services remotely. The parish appreciates that people understand that church facilities continue to incur running costs and priests need an income. Electronic payment systems facilitate this and we have tried to make it as easy as possible to do so and we believe that the Easy Payments Plus system achieves that. We encourage as many people as possible to adopt and transition to electronic payments but we also appreciate that some will be unable to do so, and the envelope system will continue for those that wish to use it.



Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sat 31st	7 pm	Victor & Anthony McGrath . Willie & John Cagney
<b>Mon 2nd</b>	10 am	No Mass
Tue 3rd	10 am	Denis, Ellen, Mary Ryan & Bridget Hyde
Fri 6th	10 am	<b>No Mass</b>
Sat 7th	7 pm	
Knockea		
Sun 1st	11am	Jimmy Walsh (A)& Birthday Rem. Tim Smyth (1st)
Wed 4th	10am	
Sun 1st	11am	
Roxboro		



## Government announcement in respect of Religious Services

Currently 50 guests are permitted to attend a wedding ceremony and reception. From Thursday 5 August, the maximum number of guests permitted to attend a wedding will increase from 50 to 100 (current protective measures apply).

At present it is advised that religious ceremonies such as Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmations should not take place at this time.

From Thursday 5 August, Baptism services may proceed. However, they must follow all protective measures and social gatherings afterwards should be avoided. T

The number of mourners permitted at funerals continues to be limited to 50, regardless

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of size of venue. Attendance at wakes in private homes and at funeral homes is for family only. Related family gatherings should strictly adhere to prevailing public health advice on household mixing, including visitors to your home and indoor and outdoor dining

**Recent death** Our sympathy to the families of Rita Cleary Knockainey to her sister’s Josephine, Kathleen and the Carmody family and to the family of Mairead Cagney Castletown, Conyers Limerick who died during the week. May they rest in Peace

**AIB Bank** have asked **us** for banking purposes regarding cheques to the parish, re: Sunday collection please write ‘Donoughmore Parish’ on the cheque. Many thanks

**Bank Holiday weekend—Take Good care out there**

