



Happy New Year as we journey through the beginning of 2022 many of us are hoping and praying for a good and better year because of covid challenges. From a spiritual point of view the beginning of a new

year is always a welcome opportunity. No one is praying for a perfect or a trouble free year. But we do pray for God's blessings knowing that each day is a treasure of such blessings. We pray for guidance and direction in our plans, hopes and dreams for the future. We pray for strength and courage to get through the challenges of each day. We pray that we will be open to surprise, laughter and the joy that life can bring. We pray for balance in our lives throughout 2022 mindful that each day and especially today is God's most unique and precious gift to us.

New Year's Eve has changed a lot over the centuries. Some of the Irish traditions of our ancestors have largely fallen by the wayside – although some remain popular. It is a huge event in Ireland, as of course it is all over the world Homes spick and span for the New Year In most parts of Ireland it was considered essential to begin the New Year as you meant to go on. That meant following the old adage that cleanliness is next to Godliness. With this in mind, families would set about cleaning the house from top to bottom. The idea was to enable the family to make a fresh start, symbolising fresh hope that the New Year would be a good one. Banging away bad luck with bread One of the more unusual traditions involved banging the walls of the house with bread as a way of chasing away bad luck and evil spirits. Some traditions also saw it as a way of encouraging good luck and ensuring there would be plenty of bread available over the coming year

Pope Francis' message 2022 World Peace Day 1st Jan. The message starts with Isaiah 52:7 "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace". It describes how the announcement of peace can make the world beam with beauty. The passage reflects our deep yearning for a world free from violence, conflict, and oppression.

Pope Francis goes on to describe how in recent times we have seen the pandemic, worsening climate change, increasing hunger and thirst, and an economic model based on selfishness intensify the "cry of the earth and the cry of the poor". We join with these cries as we deeply long for "justice and peace". Pope Francis says: "In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. Indeed, we speak of an 'architecture' of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, and an 'art' of peace that directly involves each one of us" "All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations" (n 1). He sees the Path to Peace or Integral Human Development as made of three main tools or paths: Dialogue between the generations, teaching and education to build a thriving civil society, and labour as means to realise human dignity. "Great social challenges and peace processes necessarily call for dialogue between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward – the young" Pope Francis continues with his theme of bringing the elders of our society and the young together to exchange the strengths of both generations. He says that although economic trends may push the groups apart, it is only through the groups working together that mutual projects for the future can benefit from the lessons of the past and bloom into the future.

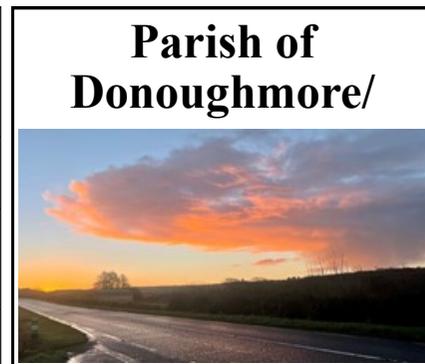
Pope Francis' second path to peace is teaching and education. For Pope Francis, "teaching and education are the foundations of a cohesive civil society capable of generating hope, prosperity and progress."

Education is the means through which people become more free, learn their rights and responsibilities, and learn how to promote and defend peace. Pope Francis laments that there is a continuing trend where funding in education is seen "more as expenditure than investments" Meanwhile investment in military resources is higher than during the Cold War. He believes that the money spent on military purposes could be much better spent on health care, schools and infrastructure which would be much more beneficial for development and peace.

For Pope Francis, "the workplace enables us to learn to make our contribution towards a more habitable and beautiful world" Labour, the third path of peace, is a way of expressing ourselves, our interests, our gifts, our commitment, and cooperation with others. It provides for us and our families, it is a necessity in our lives Finally,

Pope Francis entreats politicians, people in busi-

Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sun 1st	7pm	Joe Neenan
Mon.3rd	10 am	Ellen Ryan (2007)
Feast of St. Munchin		
Tues 4th	10 am	No Mass
Wed.5th	7pm	
Feast of Epiphany		
Fri 7th	10 am	Mass
Sat 8th	7pm	Mary & Tom O'Neill. Dermot Keane 10th Paddy Hickey
Knockea		
Sun 2nd	11am	Gretta Garry
Wed 5th	10am	No Mass
Thurs.6th	11am	Myles O'Reilly
Feast of Epiphany		
Sun 9th	11am	Nora O'Connell 1st William & Margaret Clifford Tom & Margaret Greene
Roxboro		



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Feast of the Epiphany Mass Wednesday eve 7pm Donoughmore Knockea Thursday at 11am

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ness, social enterprises, and companies to respect the human rights of all who work for them or are affected by their practices. He says they have a key role in building peace. He also says that all of us have a role to play and thanks those who already work in the fields of care, education, human rights, medical care, social and familial care, and support for those would have lost their jobs. Pope Francis believes all of us can strive to be "artisans of peace"

