



Bishop Brendan Leahy in his recent correspondence to the priests of the parishes has asked us to convey his words to you for the Season of Lent as he says,As you are aware, Lent is an extremely important period of the year for Trócaire who rely heavily on the income that comes in during Lent, through the generosity of parishes and schools, to fund their core work.

This year as Trócaire marks its 50th anniversary, we recall how they have wonderful resources for parishes, primary and secondary schools, youth groups on their website.

Here in the Limerick Diocese we have a long-standing commitment to the work of Trócaire. In 2022 the Diocese of Limerick forwarded €114,000 from the parishes Lenten campaign and an additional €14,000 from the sale of Canon Michéal Liston's successful book launch last April. Trócaire are grateful to be in a position once again where staff and volunteers can once again visit parishes to tell the story of this year's Lenten family.

I encourage you to welcome Trócaire staff and volunteers to visit your parishes and speak at Masses and in schools. We are lucky to have a committed group of Trócaire volunteers here in our Diocese. I am conscious of the many pressures facing people and parishes, and am greatly encouraged by the ongoing generosity that enables Trócaire to continue its life-saving and life-changing work in up to 20 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Central America.

Recently, Trócaire has been very involved in Turkey and Syria following the earthquake. The Lent 2023 story will focus on Somalia and will use the story of one family to shine a light on the injustices and issues faced by communities around the world and how Trócaire can work together with the Irish public to make lasting change. Somalia is in the grip of an unprecedented food crisis that has left more than half the population, almost 8.3 million people, experiencing acute food shortages and crippling

hunger. The scriptural quote on the box this year is 'hold fast to love and justice' – from the book of Hosea. In thanking you for your own commitment to Trócaire,

I ask you to convey to your parishioners my gratitude for their generous support of the work of Trócaire for the past 50 years.

With every blessing for this Lenten Season Yours sincerely in Christ **Brendan Leahy** Bishop of Limerick "

Trócaire CEO, Caoimhe de Barra, spoke of impacts on the ground and the difference that donations can make on the ground:

"Peoples' lives have been decimated, with the current death toll standing at over 40,000 people. The level of injury and loss on top of the loss of life is hard to process. Thousands of buildings, including hospitals and schools, have collapsed and infrastructure has been badly damaged."

"The Irish Emergency Alliance member-NGOs and their local partners have been amongst the first responders, working with locally-led relief efforts. It's vital that we keep receiving donations so that we can provide support and goods where our teams on the ground advise the needs are most acute."

"Immediate priorities are medical treatment for the injured, shelter for those who have lost their homes, heaters for safe spaces and winter kits with blankets, and warm clothes, and ensuring people have food and clean water. Our teams are also providing vital hygiene kits to help desperate families to stay healthy."

Recent deaths Our expression of sympathy and prayers to the Ryan family Cappamore on the passing of Fr Seamus, funeral Mass took place last Monday in Cappamore and to the Hartigan family on the passing of Anthony Hartigan some weeks back funeral this Monday in the UK May they rest in Peace.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

Dates: Thursday 22nd – Tuesday 27th June 2023

Cost €780 This includes:

- Return flights
 - 5 nights in Vatican/ Astoria Hotel, Lourdes – full board
 - All coach transfers and trips per itinerary
 - Travel Insurance & Taxes
- To register your interest please contact Karen or James on 061-350000 or Karen.kiely@limerickdiocese.org



Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sat.18th	7pm	Jeffrey Kelly (2yrs) Tony Culhane (2yrs)
Mon. 20th	10m	
Tues 21st	10am	
Fri 24th	10am	Ann & Molly Flynn
Sat. 25th	7pm	(MM) Myra McDonagh Tom & Mary O'Neill
Knockea		
Sun 19th	11am	Vincent O'Donohue
Wed.22nd	10am	Ash Wednesday
Sun 26th	11am	(MM) Danny Greaney



Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday the ashes will be distributed in churches around the country and world. Here in the parish Mass will be at 10am in Knockea and 7.30pm in Donoughmore for those who cant make the morning time Lent has always been about stock taking. People are encouraged to focus on self reflection, and our global responsibilities. We get our cars checked, our oil boilers checked, our teeth checked, our health checked. There is a reason for this check-up



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Pastoral Area Donoughmore / Knockea/ Roxboro, Queen of Peace, Holy Family

Dkr Community Association are opening the Courthouse on next Friday 24th feb.to invite the community to call in for a Cuppa from 9.30–11.30 free event and all are welcome .

Weekly Lotto €3,300 no winner winning no.16,19,21,23. . Lucky dips.1.Tadgh & Maeve McKenna 2. Pat Sheahan 3. Christine Finnerty 4.Kathleen Kirby 5.Evie Madigan 6. Gillian & Mairead Next Jackpot €3,400 Draw Tues 21st Feb. 9.30pm Four Elms

