



**2nd Sunday of Lent** Somalia – Trocaire and Somalia Last weekend we heard about Trocaire turning 50 this year. For all these years Trocaire has put a strong emphasis on raising awareness on us here in Ireland and the unjust world we live in.

“This Lent we learn about Somalia and how conflicts and climate change have led to an unprecedented food crisis in an already vulnerable part of the world.” What do you know about Somalia? I am honest with you; I knew very little before I got involved with Trocaire’s Lenten campaign. According to the World Wide Web (internet) Somalia, is a country in the Horn of Africa. The country is bordered by Ethiopia, Djibouti, the Gulf of Aden, the Indian Ocean and Kenya. It is over 10.000km from Dublin away and according to google map It would take you over 165 hours by car to get there. (Those of you that are quick with numbers would know that would mean nearly 7 days driving – non-stop!)



An estimated 17million people are living in Somalia and for the past two decades Somalia has been badly affected by conflict following the civil war in 1991. For the past thirty years this ongoing conflict has had a negative impact on those most vulnerable Somalis, especially women, children, the elderly and the disabled. Somalia has also been hit with more than thirty natural disasters since 1990, including twelve droughts and nineteen floods. Sadly, it looks like another sad record breaks in Somalia as it looks likely

that 2023 is going to be the fifth season with no rain fall. Leading to the death of livestock and the failure of crops. 86% of the people living in Somalia depend on agriculture for survival. I

Imagine 1.8million children under the age of five face acute malnutrition. About half the population need urgent humanitarian assistance. Today’s reading is about the Transfiguration, Jesus brings Peter, John and James, three of his disciples up a mountain were Moses and Elijah appeared and Jesus was transfigured, his face and clothes becoming dazzling bright. What an extraordinary experience they have had! Have you ever experienced something as life changing? The real challenge is the after event. The coming down from the mountain and re-joining everyday life. This experience opened the eyes of the three disciples and surely changed their relationship with Jesus and with God.

Karl Rahner, a German Theologian famously said “The Christian of the future will be a mystic, or he will not exist at all. ' God wants us to open our hearts and eyes fully to let him in. God, created each and every one of us in his own image and this Lenten season he is inviting us all as individuals to find our own mountains. What does that mean for us here today? Looking at the Somalian reality, what can we do? Climate change affects all of us.

**First Penance** (Confession) in preparation for First Holy Communion will take place this week Tues. Donoughmore Wed. Knockea Thurs. Scoil Spioraid Naomh we congratulate all our first Communion children who celebrate this sacrament this week in the parish.

**Archbishop Eamon Martin welcomes Pope Francis’ appointment of new Papal Nuncio** The President of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference and Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop Eamon Martin, said, “I very much welcome today’s news that Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor as Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland. I pray God’s blessings on Archbishop Mariano and look forward to meeting with him when he takes up his appointment in Ireland in the near future.” As Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, His Excellency Archbishop Montemayor succeeds His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo who currently serves as Apostolic Nuncio in Prague, Czechia. Please see below a brief overview of the life and ministry of Archbishop Montemayor: 16 March 1956: Date of

Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sat.4th March	7pm	Martin Costelloe (1st)
Mon. 6th	10m	Parish Intentions
Tues 7th	10am	
Fri 10th	10am	John Fenton
Sat. 11th	7pm	
Knockea		
Sun 5th	11am	John Spellacy
Wed.8th	10am	
Sun 12th	11am	Richard Ryan. (MM) Ger Kirby (MM) Colin Moloney. Tom Gilbert (3rd)



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

**Lourdes 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

**Dkr Community Association** are opening the Courthouse Friday’s .to invite the community to call in for a Cuppa from 10. 30 – 12 free event and all are welcome

birth, Buenos Aires, Argentina.15 November 1985: Ordination to Priesthood.1991-2008: PhD in Canon Law, Apostolic Nunciature in Ethiopia, Brazil, Thailand, and the Secretariat of State. 2008: Apostolic Nuncio in Senegal, Guinea-Bissau e Capo Verde and Apostolic Delegate in Mauritania. 2015: Apostolic Nuncio in the Democratic Republic of Congo.2018: Apostolic Nuncio in Colombia. Archbishop Montemayor speaks the following languages fluently: Spanish, Italian, French, English, and Portuguese.

**D.K.R Community** will launch their 2019/2023 Community Plan on Monday 6th March & Tuesday the 14th of March 2023.  
Venue: Sessions House Ballyneety (Beside the Garda Station) Time: 7pm to 8.30pm. Topics for Discussion: • Community Connections & Amenities • Traffic & Safety • Crime & Safety • Interagency & Local Government • Youth-- Naomi Cleary Graham Dkr Community Assoc.

