



**5th Sunday of Lent** Fifty years ago, when choosing a name for the overseas aid agency of the

Catholic Church in Ireland, the Irish bishops chose the Gaelic word for mercy and compassion – Trocaire. Compassion is an active word that asks that we see the suffering of others and respond with solidarity and action. In today's Gospel we hear about Lazarus' resurrection. It points towards Jesus own resurrection and indeed yours and mine. We entered into the Devine life in baptism and to our resurrection at the end of time. As we pray in the Creed every week, "He (Jesus) will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead..." Another look at the Gospel story reminds us there are people in this Gospel too other than Jesus and Lazarus. There are his disciples, many of whom fear for Jesus' and their own lives by going back to Bethany, the place close to Jerusalem, where Jesus was close to being arrested before. Thomas, the disciple that spoke up and encouraged everyone to follow Jesus even if that meant to die with him. There are the Jews that mourned Lazarus death with the siblings Martha and Mary. I wonder how they felt about Jesus, being the Son of God? Were they followers or were they those that wanted to stone Jesus to death? We have Martha and Mary. The sisters of Lazarus. Mary, the one that works hard and even gets angry with Martha that she was just sitting there when Jesus had visited them before. Mary might have seen her role in serving while Martha seems to be contemplative. She sat with Jesus and anointed his feet while listening to his words. Who can you relate to more? Mary or Martha. There is little bit of both in each and every one of us. A time to rest and a time to act. What Martha, Mary and Lazarus all have in common is that they were all interested in Jesus' ministry. And now Martha and Mary are faced with the pain of losing their brother. They had called for Jesus on time but he decided to delay his arrival by two further days. No doubt Jesus had a plan to show that even death has no power over us if we believe in the Lord. Jesus saw the devas-

tation Lazarus death had caused. He himself cried. The human side of Jesus very obvious, visible for everyone there to see. He showed his compassion and mercy by calling Lazarus out of the grave. We are invited to show that compassion and mercy to those who need it the most. We cannot walk away. We cannot delay our response. We have to act now. Maybe we have been crying seeing those pictures from around the world. Compassion and mercy is needed from each and every one of us.



Thanks for your support to Trocaire this lent again, the boxes are available in our Churches, please take one with you.

**Recently deceased our sincere sympathies to the families of Michael Butler Ballinagarde, Donal (Toggy) Treacy Ballybricken west Grange Kilmallock and Christy Kilroe Tullamore (MM) Denis Dillon Mungret May they rest in Peace**

**Limerick Diocese Church weekly attending.** Bishop Leahy with the Priest's Council have proposed that each parish arrange for a 'Count' at each of 3 weekend Masses of March beginning on the weekend of the 11/12th, its for usual data and further decisions in the Diocese down the road.

**Easter Mass Bouquets** are available in our churches if you wish to have some.

**The Parish Accounts for 2022** are gone to our accountant Mr John Browne to be audited and then will be submitted to the Diocese before the end of March, we thank Caroline our secretary for compiling same.



**On-line Donations system** An alternative facility to allow parishioners make financial contributions to the church and clergy. Use the camera on your smartphone to scan this QR Code to bring you directly to our payments site or alternatively go to our parish website [www.dkrparish.ie](http://www.dkrparish.ie) and follow the DONATE button on the home page We thank you for your financial support be it through envelope, cheque and online .



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## Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat.25th March	7pm	Vincent Byrne. Patsy Brosnahan.(2nd) Ann Halpin (MM)
Mon.27th	10m	
Tues 28th	10am	No Mass
Fri 31st		
Sat. 1st April	7pm	Teresa Hayes (10) Josephine Quinn (1st) Fr David Kennedy (3rd)
<b>Knockea</b>		
Sun 26th	11am	Joe & Rita Daly. Denis & Sean Holmes.
Wed.29th	10am	Jack Kirby & sisters Resa and Monica
Sun 2nd	11am	Willie, John Joe & Christine O'Malley. William Donnelly Denis O'Riordan



## Join Limerick Diocese for World Youth Day 31st July - 8th August 2023.

8 nights / 9days in Lisbon Portugal ages 18-35, includes flights, lodging and all expenses €690, subsidised from the parish. Check into the Limerick contact

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**Chrism Mass**, Wed. 5th April, St John's Cathedral 7.30pm, a great Diocesan event where the priests of the diocese and representatives of the whole community of the diocese gather with Bishop Leahy who blesses the Holy Oils for the coming year. The Priests renew their ordination promises and there will be this year the acknowledgement and sending out of the 18 people who have completed the 3 year Ministry course in the Diocese. All are welcome

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The Eircode for St. Patrick's Church, Donoughmore is **V94 V6T3**. Knockea is **V94 D938**.  
**Pastoral Area** Donoughmore / Knockea/ Roxboro, Queen of Peace, Holy Family

**Dkr Community Assoc. extend an open invite** to the community to call to the Courthouse on Friday's for a Cuppa from 10.30 – 12 no charge ... all are welcome. Dkr will hold an EGM on Wed. 5th April 8pm to review Dkr constitution, AGM is Mon. 8th May 8pm  
**Knock Pilgrimage:** Thursday 17th August 2023 Contact Bridget 061 351023. Naomi 086 6072593. Margaret 087 277 5103

**DON'T FORGET TO SET (CLOCK) FORWARD!** Summer time begins remember the clocks go forward this weekend,

**Weekly Lotto**  
€3,800 no winner, winning No.9,14,25,26 Lucky dips.1. Ann Wade 2 John Leamy 3 Ciara Stanley 4 David Grimes 5 Tadhg O'Riordan 6 Miriam Garry Next Jackpot €3,900 Draw Tues 28th 9.30pm Cats Cradle

