



A really good Harvest time

The Season of Creation Pope Francis established 1st Sept. to 4th October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi)

as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, celebrating the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Most of us now realise the precarious point we have reached as nature's harmony is disrupted and large sections of the natural world and its creatures disappear in the face of human indifference or greed. The burning forests and assaults on indigenous peoples, the suffering of poorer nations most vulnerable to climate change, the reckless wars and policies pushing nature's boundaries to breaking point. Among indigenous peoples, the Dakota tribe of North America had a saying; 'we will be known forever by the tracks we leave'.

Irish rugby heroes take the world stage with highest hopes

Irish sports fans, irrespective of their particular sporting passion, will be united in roaring on the Ireland rugby squad as the World Cup kicks off in France. Regular fans of GAA, soccer and many other codes will throw in their lot with the growing rugby fraternity, hoping for success in the one competition that has been an unhappy hunting ground for the Ireland XV down the years. Going right back to the 1987 World Cup, the Ireland squad has never got beyond the quarter-finals. In eight previous Rugby World Cups, we have managed to win 24 out of 40 games, giving us a patchy record of under-achievement at this level. Many times in the past, our journey in this competition has been characterised by great hope followed by major disappointment. But hope does spring eternal in sport, and Irish rugby has developed in leaps and bounds during the past four decades. It is now a hugely popular game throughout this island. One of the fine features of Irish rugby is that it transcends partition and its iniquities Our men in green go into this competition ranked the world's number one side, and this is undoubtedly the best Ireland rugby squad ever to go to a World Cup. Everyone will



hope the preparations have left scope for our players to step up yet another gear and achieve on this occasion. But this competition is often marked by big upsets, and this series of games in France is likely to produce them again. Ireland's determination to prove something this time is epitomised by the teak-toughness of captain Johnny Sexton, who won his first cap in 2009 and is playing in his fourth World Cup. Above all, Irish fans, in common with rugby enthusiasts across the globe, will hope for a competition that is tough but sporting, showcasing open-running rugby and enthusiastic rucking and scrummaging. Let the games begin – and the best of luck to Ireland.

Why cyber bullying and other online dangers must be tackled head-on


There is a growing realisation that cyber bullying has to be tackled. If this is not done soon, the problem will only get worse. Bullying someone online is particularly nefarious as it does not take place in a public space, meaning the victim is left to suffer in silence. Yes, parents or teachers can become aware and intervene, but it is largely left to those on the receiving end to decide how to deal with the problem. As this is often a child, it places them in an anxious situation they are not equipped to deal with. Children now have access to mobile phones and smart devices from an increasingly early age. If parents and schools can come together under voluntary agreements to not give them phones until they have finished primary school that would certainly have merit. At the very least, it would prevent the domino effect of other classmates having a phone and the pressure to conform that that brings. Confirmation at the end of sixth class tends to provide an independent source of funds, though, and phones are high on the wish list. The CyberSafeKids Annual Trends and Usage Report shows a quarter of primary school children have experienced cyber bullying, but it gets worse when they get to second level. In secondary school, two in five pupils will be targeted, with girls more likely than boys to be victimised. The survey shows a growing number of children are allowed online on their devices whenever they want. Disturbingly, children are also vulnerable to contact from people they do not know. Gaming with strangers is now commonplace. The online service providers and technology companies these children are using are making billions in profits and yet it is left to charities to pick up the pieces of the damage being done. In particular in this country, where so many of the tech giants have their European headquarters, the revenue coming in surely justifies adequate funding for research, awareness and campaigning. Education is key, as both a way of learning about the issue and a means to deliver solutions. But

Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
		 <i>Rest In Peace</i>
Sat. 9th Sept	7pm	Parish Intentions
Mon. 11th	10am	
Tues 12th	10am	No Mass
Fri 15th	10am	
Sat. 16th Sept	7pm	Tom & Annie Cowman Michael Lane (5th)
Knockea		
Sun 10th	11am	Brian Clancy (10th) Dan Godfrey (6th)
Wed.13th	10am	Kieran Malone
Sun 17th	11am	

it will not happen without a concerted plan. Almost three quarters of teachers say online safety is a significant issue in their school. Yet nearly half feel they don't have the skills to effectively deliver online safety training. It's an appeal for help. The difficulty in the adult world is that children are so adept at staying ahead of a trend. By the time a parent or teacher realises there is a new development, the situation has moved on. The relentless nature of cyber bullying means the negative effects students experience can include anxiety, depression, decreased academic performance, feelings of isolation, changes in eating and sleeping habits, lowered self-esteem, increased school absences, loss of interest in hobbies and other activities, withdrawing from family and using alcohol and drugs to cope. The cost of doing nothing is too high.

Our Sympathy to the family of Eamonn McGrath, The Glen Ballyneety. Funeral was Friday at Knockea church May he rest in Peace.

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Pop-up Bakery with Bernie Kett last Friday in every month starting the 29th Sept. at the Day Care Centre 9-11.30, all welcome
DKR Comm. Café courthouse Ballyneety Fridays 10.30amc call in for a free cup of tea/coffee on Fri. morning

On-line donations system An alternative facility to allow parishioners make financial contributions to the parish Use the camera on your smartphone to scan this QR Code our parish website www.dkrparish.ie follow the Donate button



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