

From Morocco earthquake to Libya floods, politics must not get in the way of sending help to disaster



People across the globe are filled with compassion and concern by the news of recurring natural catastrophes, be they earthquakes, drought or floods. Simple membership of the human race impels most of us to want to help in some tangible way, be it ever so small, in hopes that combined efforts can make a difference. But, as night follows day, the politics of disaster relief aid tend to kick in, compounding the already daunting logistical, financial and other challenges. It often seems to trump the race against time to stem massive loss of life and ameliorate longer-term misery. Regrettably, we saw these less edifying factors at play in February when a massive earthquake struck southern and central Turkey and northern and western Syria, areas of very sensitive borders and recent all-out war. We hear echoes of that syndrome today as the Moroccan authorities face the immense challenges of responding to its massive earthquake last week, over 3,000 people have died in the quake and many missing that levelled scores of mountain villages in the north African country. There have been many reports of anger among local people at belated and meagre help for those who have spent days digging rubble with their bare hands seeking loved ones. The government in Rabat has pushed back against these allegations, arguing it is doing as much as it can in tough circumstances. Morocco has accepted help from the UK, Spain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. But it has, at least for now, delayed giving the green light to aid offers from the US, Israel and Turkey, whose own earthquake experts may be of special help. Notably, Morocco has not responded to an initial offer from France to join international efforts, in an apparent diplomatic snub to one of its biggest economic partners. President Emmanuel Macron quickly offered French help to its former protectorate last Friday and called the quake a “tragedy that touches us all”. By Sunday, he said his aid personnel were on standby. “The second we receive a request for aid, it will be deployed,” he said. The French see it as another sign of their country’s poor relationship with Morocco But the stricken people involved deserve much better As if to accentuate the desper-

rate environmental times in which we live, while Morocco struggled with its devastation, deadly floods swept through north-eastern Libya, leaving hundreds certainly dead and up to 6,000 people missing. The Libyan National Army, which controls eastern Libya, said dams collapsed after very heavy rainfall. The stricken Libyans’ desperate plight is compounded by the country’s division between two rival governments. The internationally recognised authority based in Tripoli, and in charge of the western area, said it sent rescue convoys and medical aid to the stricken region and declared three days’ mourning. But here again, the risk of conflict and politics impeding aid appears all too real. It is time for the United Nations, and other international aid actors, to tackle this life-threatening reality.

This Sunday in the Courthouse Ballyneety after 11am Mass in Knockea a coffee morning will take place as a fundraiser in aid of the people of Morocco Recently from our community John & Gee O’Callaghan and their son Aiden moved to Marrakesh, they are safe and well at this time.



Season of Creation 1st Sept-Oct.4th
“Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children.”

Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

The first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on persistent poverty, and the importance of global cooperation. Together, on behalf of our communities, we appeal to the heart and mind of every Christian, every believer and every person of good will.. All of us—whoever and wherever we are—can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation. . This is a critical moment. Our children’s future and the future of our common home depend on it.

Culture Night 2023 Ballyneety Men’s Club together with DKR Community Association are hosting a Culture Night which will take place on Friday 22nd September 2023 in the “Courthouse” Ballyneety at 7.30 pm. The programme will consist of the following:- Local National Schools . Solo performers. Recitations. Musicians as groups and solo performers. . A free raffle will take place If you are interested in

Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat. 16th Sept	7pm	Tom & Annie Cowman Michael Lane (5th)
Mon. 18th	10am	
Tues 19th	10am	No Mass
Fri 22nd	10am	No Mass
Sat. 23rd Sept	7pm	Alice O’Connell (1st) Ann Costelloe (2nd) Carmel McGill (7th) Lil Halpin (8th)
		Knockea
Sun 17th	11am	Parish Intentions
Wed.20th	10am	No Mass
Sun 24th	11am	Colm Walsh (21st) Betty Gleeson (15th) Charles Godfrey Michael & Sheila McQuaid & Jim Fagan

performing, please email ballyneetymensclub@mail.com as soon as possible but no later than Thursday 21st September 2023. This is to facilitate the preparation of a programme of events. It is **FREE** to participate and attend. All are welcome

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

A Milford Hospice Coffee morning support CLLr Sarah Kiely next Thursday 21st Sept. 11am-1pm in the Spotted Dog Janesboro, if you can bake , always grateful for donations

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Pastoral Unit ‘Sli Padraig’ Patrick’s Way ;Donoughmore /Knockea/ Roxboro, Queen of Peace, Holy Family

Recently deceased Our sympathy to the Edwards family on the death of their Mother Jean Edwards, Castleconnell

Limerick Diocesan Meeting for Pastoral units Rathkeale House Hotel Sat. Sept. 23rd 10am-3pm

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

Weekly Lotto €6,300 no winner, winning No’s 1,13,14,28 Lucky dips. 1.Eoin Quilty 2 Jane Ahern 3Deirdre O’Neill 4 Susan Walsh 5Tommy Aherne 6.Rachel Godfrey Next Jackpot €6,400 Draw Tues 19th Sept 9.30pm The Four Elms Many thanks.

