

# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

22 October 2023

On World Mission Sunday, every Catholic community in every country sends a powerful message of faith, hope, and love. We come together in prayer and solidarity

as a parish community, and also with the worldwide Catholic community, to bear witness to God's love. Parish collections for World Mission Sunday are taken up across the world and your donations support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young, or poor. The collection, coordinated by Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – brings the Church together in compassion and communion. It provides mission dioceses with the support they need to become self-sufficient: local church directly helping local church! This year, Pope Francis chose the theme 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move', based on the story of the Road to Emmaus. Let me illustrate the theme through a powerful witness of faith and friendship in Africa's largest urban 'slum': Kibera in Kenya. Kibera is home to scores of people living without basic necessities. It's overcrowded, with no fresh water, and little sanitation, electricity, or employment. Inspired by her friendship with Jesus, Sister Mary has chosen to live in Kibera where she befriends people, listens to their sorrows and joys, and helps them to live out and strengthen their faith. She explains: 'People come to our house, or our church, and we sit down and talk. When I can't help them, because sometimes they are so damaged, I contact doctors or Sisters in the hospitals. So, it's friendship, but a friendship that means you can't just sit and watch; that something has to be done... If I am tired or down-hearted I find strength in the heart of Jesus.' Sister Mary has been a great support to Linet, another woman with a great missionary spirit. Linet courageously expresses her faith by rescuing and fostering children who have been abandoned, orphaned, or trafficked: a mission which often places her in real danger. Linet is determined to help as many children as possible. But with her own three children, and another 12 foster children, Linet struggles. She shares: 'We have so many challenges. I have people looking to me not only for food, but for all basic

things. It's a challenge to find all of it. I need clothes. I need to pay for school. It's difficult.' But she says: 'Sister Mary has done so much. Sister is always there for me with support – mental, physical, everything. She has always been there for me.' Sister Mary and devoted missionaries like her throughout the world depend on your support and the World Mission Sunday collection to continue their mission. We are all facing challenges this year. Anything you can give will be so gratefully received. The Gift Aid envelopes include different ways to give, such as online and by credit or debit card. This World Mission Sunday, please pray for the people of Kibera – especially the children – and for all missionaries throughout the world who are setting hearts ablaze with God's love.

**'Down Memory Lane'** concert will take place in Ballyneety Golf club on Thurs. 2nd Nov. at 8pm, featuring our Parish groups/ choirs and guests. It will be an evening of song and music to enjoy, Admission will be €10 at the door with a spot prize on the door ticket, other prizes with raffle tickets, monies will cover the sound technician and parish funds. Spread the word.

**Sacristan Collection** huge appreciation to Terry for all his continued work in our churches. Thank you for supporting him with his collection, your envelope can be dropped into the letterbox at the parish office 'church house' Donoughmore or in the basket at the weekend Masses

**Recently deceased** Our sympathies to the family of Dan Ahern, St Patricks rd & Kilburn London, brother of Tom, Knockea and the family of Deirdre Kelly, Newcastle West May they rest in Peace.

**November** is the time of year when we remember our deceased loved ones in a special way. The Annual Mass for deceased members will be Nov. 4th/5th in our Parish churches. Just an idea –this year we are inviting people to send in Memoriam Cards which we will display in our Holy Souls Memorial in front of the altar. Names of loved ones can be included as well. Please drop cards or names into Knockea Church during October, a basket will be provided for them at each door. We appreciate how precious memoriam cards are, instead of sending in your card you could take a photograph of the card and email it to this email address: dkrparish@gmail.com

**Sli Pdraig -Pastoral Unit** Mon. 23rd 7pm Church house  
**Parish Pastoral Council** Wed. 25th, 7pm-Church House

Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sat.21st Oct	7pm	Josephine & Edward Grimes. Padraig O'Riordan (1st) Bernie Quirke(3rd)
Mon. 23rd	10am	
Tues 24th	10am	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri 27th	10am	
Sat.28th	7pm	Josephine & Michael Sheahan. Peig Kelly (MM)
Knockea		
Sun. 22nd .	11am	Antoinette Greg (MM) Tony Spellacy
Wed.25th	10am	
Sun 29th	11am	Gerard Begley



### Returning to Nature, Biodiversity Initiative for Parishes:

We are looking for 10 parishes to participate in a biodiversity parish initiative which will be supported by the Laudato Si' Animators group and the Biodiversity Officer in Clare County Council (Limerick are currently recruiting theirs). Please contact [rose.oconnor@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:rose.oconnor@limerickdiocese.org) if you would like to participate in the initiative. We would be delighted to have you on board!

**November Desert Day** –remembering your loved ones, Nov. 4th 10.30-5pm venue-Limerick Diocesan centre St Munchins, facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM & Bernadette Murphy, please bring your own packed lunch, tea/coffee/snacks provided donation €10, contact Phyllis 0879636893



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**Pastoral Unit 'Sli Pdraig' Patrick's Way ;Donoughmore /Knockea/ Roxboro, Queen of Peace, Holy Family**

**DKR Comm. Café** courthouse Ballyneety Fridays 10.30 am call in for a free cup of tea/coffee and a chat any Fri. morning  
**Diocesan Liturgy Day** Nov.11th Diocesan Centre, St Munchin's College 11am – 5.30pm, light lunch provided cost of day €25  
Keynote speaker

Synodality is a fundamental aspect of Christian liturgy by Prof. Thomas O'Loughlin  
**Parish family Envelope Boxes 2024** are being ordered, thanks to all who support the parish financially through envelope, cheque, online,

**Weekly Lotto** €6,800 Winner Helen Brosnahan, winning No's 5,8,11,12  
Next Jackpot €1,000 Draw Tues 24th Oct. 9.30pm The Cats Cradle Many thanks.



