

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal so the life-giving work of missionaries can continue. This year celebrations will take place over the weekend of the 18th October.

During this time, all parishes worldwide will offer Mass collections and donations to aid the work of missionaries and mission overseas. World Mission Sunday takes place in every parish where the Church is present. Including, not only across Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in the developing world. This is why it is such a special moment because it allows all members of the universal Church family, regardless of location or background, to play a part in supporting each other.

Right now, missionaries desperately need our support. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, missionaries are on the front line. They already do so much. Walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and long after any emergency. Worryingly the pandemic means World Mission Sunday is in real jeopardy. Show missionaries you care by supporting World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and generosity will change lives.

Please show you care by donating in the Church (envelopes available in the porch), online at www.wmi/mission, or by calling Fiona on 01 497 2035.

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St John's – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.00 p.m.; Sun: 11.30 & 7.00 p.m.
Polish Mass: 2nd Sun. monthly, 1.00 p.m.; **Weekdays:** 10.30 a.m. (Sat. 10.30 a.m. only)

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th October 2020

Pope Francis prays for the world to build back better

Pope Francis has used the launch of his latest encyclical to urge people to start creating a world they want to live in through personal action and political lobbying. But he also attacked modern political discourse, saying healthy debate had been lost in favour of a culture of "discrediting others" through the aggressive social media platforms, adding that too many in politics had lost sight of the true purpose of their "lofty vocation."

"Today, in many countries, hyperbole, extremism and polarisation have become political tools," the pope said in *Fratelli Tutti* (on *Fraternity and Social Friendship*.) "Employing ridicule, suspicion and relentless criticism, in a variety of ways, one denies the right of others to exist or have an opinion."

The central thrust of the encyclical was how to build a world that Jesus would wish to see – and how the Covid-19 pandemic had given us an opportunity to challenge the accepted political concepts that govern many nations. As he signed the encyclical, at the end of Mass on the 3rd October in Assisi, the Holy Father said that coronavirus had served as a wake up call for many in the world, highlighting the gross inequalities that many suffer. We now have a once in a lifetime opportunity to build back better, creating a global system that recognised the need to care for one another as brothers and sisters. "A worldwide tragedy like the Covid-19 pandemic momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person's problems are the problems of all," the pope said. "Once more we realised that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together."

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Nicholas Butler; Lintown Court.
Sean Pielow, Johnswell Road.

Month's Mind:

Kathleen (Kitty) Tracey, nee Butler.
Christy Fitzgerald.

Anniversaries:

Veronica McGuire (6.00pm). Albert Bolger (11.30am), Michael Heffernan (7.00pm), Mary & John Cassin, Angela Clutterbuck, James Foley, Julie Downey, Bernadette Dermody, Christy Fitzgerald, Ann Lacey, Bill Hanlon, Joan & Ann Breen, Jenny Hodge, John (Jack) Carroll, Maureen Bryan,

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6.00pm Mary Lynch
8.00am No mass
11.30am Tony Dalton
7.00pm Eileen Kinane

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €465. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Trócaire

As the Covid-19 crisis causes hurt and concern here in Ireland, its impact is having a devastating effect on the lives of people and on economies in some of the poorest countries in the world. Too many people are living day-to-day without any safety nets. Their ability to eat each day depends on their ability to earn. It is estimated that as many as 270 million people may face food shortages over the coming months. Bishops expressed their gratitude to the overseas development agency Trócaire for its work in providing support to people surviving on the margins and to the people of Ireland for their generosity to date. Bishops commented that, even in the midst of crisis here in Ireland, parishes are maintaining a global outlook in their determination to help people around the world

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Monday: Julie Downey (10.30am)
Tuesday : Bernadette Dermody & members of the Dermody family (10.30am)
Wednesday: Christy Fitzgerald (10.30am)
Thursday: Ann Lacey (10.30am)
Friday: Bill Hanlon (10.30am)
Saturday: Joan & Ann Breen (10.30am)

Daily Mass

Please join us each morning on our **Webcam Service**, stjohnskilkenny.com, or through our Parish **Radio Service** (106.8 FM).

Weekdays: 10.30 am.

Sundays: 6.00 pm Vigil; 11.30 am and 7.00 pm

The 21st Century's First Saint

Italian teenager, Carlos Acutis was beatified at a ceremony in Assisi on Saturday 10th October. For those who may not have heard of Carlo, he was born in London in 1991 to Italian parents who moved back to Milan shortly after his birth. Carlo developed leukaemia and died in 2006 at the tender age of 15. Back in the days when the internet was still in its infancy, blogging wasn't all the rage and people weren't willing their lives away with pointless arguments on social media, Carlo was able to grasp the upside of this technology and used his programming skills to build a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles, long before the development of blogging software. Perhaps even more remarkable than that, despite being an avid gamer, Carlo only allowed himself to play on his games console – a Playstation – for no longer than one hour a week, as a spiritual discipline and penance. As many parents will know, is quite incredible for one that age.

When Carlo became ill, his faith only deepened and he offered up his suffering for the Church, the Pope and those with illness. Following a thorough examination of his life, Pope Francis unsurprisingly declared Carlo's life as being one of heroic virtue and last year the Congregation for the Causes of Saints approved a miracle attributed to this young boy, following the cure of another young man in Brazil who had been suffering from a rare form of pancreatic cancer.

Carlo's body has now been exhumed and placed in a glass coffin in Assisi. What is striking upon seeing the body of Carlo is the way in which he is dressed, in ordinary every day clothes of jeans, sweatshirt and trainers. This should remind us that holiness is not a distant thing belonging to other people, it is not the preserve of priests and those from religious orders, but something within the reach of everyone