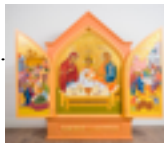


ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*How much better our family life would be if we used the words...
Please. Thank you...and I'm sorry. Pope Francis*



What is World Mission Sunday ?

In basic terms, World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual direct appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of missionaries can continue.

It always falls over the second last weekend in October, and similar to the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly Universal Church collections. Since its announcement as a papal collection, all parishes worldwide have offered Mass collections from the day to aid the work of missionaries and mission overseas.

Many are surprised to know that World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and across Europe, but also in poorer parishes in the developing world. World Mission Sunday is a moment of universal solidarity, when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, can play their part in supporting each other. This is why it is such a special and vital celebration. **Next Sunday 18th**

October is World Mission Sunday

Donations can be made online on World Missions Ireland website

<https://www.wmi.ie/mission>

Newsletters and Missalettes

This is just a reminder. It's happening the correct way. The Newsletters and Missalettes are left out for the weekend Masses. Please take them **BUT** bring them home with you.

In these Covid times leaflets should not be picked up, read and put back again. Please, please take home with you.

New Mass times in St Colmcille's Church

The church is closed for public Liturgies during this Level 3 'Lockdown' During the current restrictions Mass will be celebrated Monday - Saturday at 10.00am and Sunday at 11.15am, all can be viewed on the Parish webcam which can be accessed through the website.

Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available at the back of the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Monday 2nd November – The Feast of All Souls. All Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office

National Vocations Office

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2020

Matthew 22:1-14

'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding.'

“Many are called, but few are chosen.”

Are you considering following Christ more closely as a priest, or in consecrated life? Speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

The Sunday Obligation

In the current emergency, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass

Scripture Note – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah uses the image of a banquet to describe the fullness of life that God wants to bestow, not just on Israel, but on all peoples of the earth. Jesus uses the same image in his parable. In its original, simpler form, the parable made the point that those to whom the invitation was first sent (the Jews) rejected it, and their place has been taken by others (the Gentiles). The details about the sending of troops and the burning of the city, were added later. They refer to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., which was seen as a consequence of the refusal of the Jewish leaders to listen to Jesus.

The incident concerning the wedding garment seems to have belonged to a separate parable. It introduces contradictory elements into the story, and is perhaps best omitted. However, if used, keep the following in mind. Courtesy demanded that any guest at a wedding should have the proper wedding garment. One man came without it, symbolising a life that has undergone no basic change, a life that has not produced the fruits of repentance. The new guests (Christians) will suffer the same fate as Israel if they don't produce the fruits of good works. *(Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group is available to parishioners providing telephone support during the COVID-19 pandemic. We offer our sympathy to anyone bereaved during these very difficult months. If you would like to talk to a Bethany member please phone **Denise 086 0610463 after 7.00pm from 4th October - 17th October** If there is no reply please leave your first name and phone number. Or you can email the parish office stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com and your message will be forwarded to Bethany Group. This is a free and confidential service.