

temperature rise under the threshold of 1.5°C enshrined in the Paris Climate Agreement, for going beyond that will prove catastrophic, especially for poor communities around the world. We need to stand up for intra-generational and inter-generational solidarity at this critical moment... Indigenous communities must be protected from companies, particularly multinational companies, that “operate in less developed countries in ways they could never do at home” (LS, 51), through the destructive extraction of fossil fuels, minerals, timber and agro industrial products. This corporate misconduct is a “new version of colonialism” (SAINT JOHN PAUL II, *Address to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences*, 27 April 2001, cited in *Querida Amazonia*, 14), one that shamefully exploits poorer countries and communities desperately seeking economic development. We need to strengthen national and international legislation to regulate the activities of extractive companies and ensure access to justice for those affected.

5. A Time to Rejoice

In the biblical tradition, a Jubilee was a joyous occasion, inaugurated by a trumpet blast resounding throughout the land. We are aware that the cries of the earth and of the poor have become even louder and more painful in recent years. At the same time, we also witness how the Holy Spirit is inspiring individuals and communities around the world to come together to rebuild our common home and defend the most vulnerable in our midst. We see the gradual emergence of a great mobilisation of people from below and from the peripheries who are generously working for the protection of the land and of the poor. We rejoice to see how young people and communities, particularly indigenous communities, are on the frontlines in responding to the ecological crisis. They are calling for a Jubilee for the earth and a new beginning, aware that “things can change” (LS, 13)...

Let us all rejoice that our loving Creator sustains our humble efforts to care for the earth, which is also God’s home where his Word “became flesh and lived among us” (Jn 1:14) and which is constantly being renewed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

“Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth” (cf. Ps 104:30).

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Weekend - Intentions will be prayed for at 11.15am Mass through the Parish webcam

Sat 6.30pm Philip Flynn

Sun 8.30am Jerry Ryan

Sun 11.15am Sean McKittrick



Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 10.00am Ann Boland

Tues 10.00am

Wed 10.00am

Thurs 10.00am

Fri 10.00am

Sat 6.30pm Elizabeth Biggins (1st An)

Margaret Farrell

Sun 8.30am Bridget O’Toole

Sun 11.15am Betty Stokes

Church of the Visitation Drynam *The Visitation of the BVM*

Our church in Drynam will continue to stay closed during this period adhering to HSE guidelines. If you wish, Mass from St. Colmcille’s can be accessed on the Parish Webcam as per the New Mass Times notice in this newsletter.



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Holy Scriptures, a Jubilee is a sacred time to remember, return, rest, restore, and rejoice.

“Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among the peoples”

Newsletter Sunday 18th October 2020



Continuing last week’s newsletter where Pope Francis develops on the theme of Jubilee in relation to the Season of Creation 2020 which Pope Francis described as a *Jubilee for the Earth*, precisely in this year that marks the fiftieth anniversary of Earth Day.

“You shall thus hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim a release throughout the land to all its inhabitants.

It shall be a jubilee for you” (Lev 25:10)

3. A Time to Rest

In his wisdom, God set aside the Sabbath so that the land and its inhabitants could rest and be renewed. These days, however, our way of life is pushing the planet beyond its limits. Our constant demand for growth and an endless cycle of production and consumption are exhausting the natural world. Forests are leached, topsoil erodes, fields fail, deserts advance, seas acidify and storms intensify. Creation is groaning!

During the Jubilee, God’s people were invited to rest from their usual labour and to let the land heal and the earth repair itself, as individuals consumed less than usual. Today we need to find just and sustainable ways of living that can give the Earth the rest it requires, ways that satisfy everyone with a sufficiency, without destroying the ecosystems that sustain us.

In some ways, the current pandemic has led us to rediscover simpler and sustainable lifestyles. The crisis, in a sense, has given us a chance to develop new ways of living... The pandemic has brought us to a crossroads. We must use this decisive moment to end our superfluous and destructive goals and activities, and to cultivate values, connections and activities that are life-giving. We must examine our habits of energy usage, consumption, transportation, and diet. We must eliminate the superfluous and destructive aspects of our economies, and nurture life-giving ways to trade, produce, and transport goods.

4. A Time to Restore

A Jubilee is a time to restore the original harmony of creation and to heal strained human relationships.

It invites us to re-establish equitable societal relationships, restoring their freedom and goods to all and forgiving one another’s debts. We should not forget the historic exploitation of the global South that has created an enormous ecological debt, due mainly to resource plundering and excessive use of common environmental space for waste disposal. It is a time for restorative justice...

We also need to restore the land. Climate restoration is of utmost importance, since we are in the midst of a climate emergency. We are running out of time, as our children and young people have reminded us. We need to do everything in our capacity to limit global average

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*



Today is World Mission Sunday

Today we come together for a truly incredible celebration of solidarity and unity within our Church-World Mission Sunday! Today, every single parish worldwide – and YOU – share what you can so the life-transforming work of missionaries overseas can continue. Today, through your prayers and contributions, you are fully appreciating the dedication of our missionaries who live and work in communities that are struggling and often war-torn.

Theme 2020

This year's theme 'Together we can do more - Blessed are the peacemakers' is highlighting that our Church is a global community that must stand together if it is to do more. COVID-19 brings much fear, but it also shows us that selfless and courageous actions are not reserved solely for saints. In fact they are found in every one of us, and that by acting together we can achieve more.

The theme also recognises our missionaries as peacemakers. In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, it is missionaries who are on the front line. We already owe these women and men so much, as they walk hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and after any emergency. Just like Jesus, the Prince of Peace, missionaries emulate love and harmony as they reconcile fragile people, from fractured communities, with God and with each other.

Newsletters and Missalettes

This is just a reminder. 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.

Donations for World Mission Sunday

On this Sunday the Mission collection replaces the Share collection. As there is no public celebration of the Mass, this obviously cannot happen. If you would like to donate then -

To donate go to www.wmi.ie/mission, call Fiona on **01 497 2035**, or lodge money directly: **IBAN - IE12 BOFI 9007 5456 9616 36, BIC - BOFIE2D**, Account Name - Society for the Propagation of the Faith

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Henry Bates

Forest Road



World Mission Sunday – 18th October 2020

It's been one of those years that most of us will never forget. Due to the coronavirus, churches were closed and the mission of Christ looked as though it was put on hold. But thanks to Facebook and webcams, this mission continued with Mass and prayer services broadcast to people's homes. It was a new way of living one's faith.

Wherever a priest or religious is placed on mission they are workers in the vineyard, called to animate the baptised faithful in using their talents and gifts to communicate the message of Christ and his church.

As the prophet Isaiah says about those chosen: 'though you do not know me, I arm you that people may know from the rising of the sun to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing' (Is 45:5-6).

Saint Paul says about missionaries: 'They give their lives because they have received power from above and the Holy Spirit is leading them.'

Jesus is praying for the success of his mission, that the world may come to know God through the efforts of every missionary. Working with the poor who have very little worldly possessions one encounters a humility that they display before God and others. I had the privilege of working in Ecuador, in South America, as a missionary for eight and a half years. The people were so welcoming and lived simple lives, without even basic facilities. Living among the poor, I came to realise that in the end the most important thing to have is faith in God. No achievements, no wealth, no honours placed upon me in this world can win me eternal life. Only one thing that matters: to know Christ Jesus and believe in him who is praying for us as we proclaim the gospel. The poor taught me that faith brings true happiness. This weekend give generously so that more missionaries will be able to work with the poorest of the poor in being there to celebrate the sacraments and preach the gospel.

(Source: - Fr P.J. Hughes-Mission Month Booklet)

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.

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 **Kay 086 2209297 from 18th October - 24th 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.