

## 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A - 11th October 2020

#### October-Mission Month



Next weekend, on World Mission Sunday, Mass collections in over 120 countries will be offered to support the life-giving work of overseas missionaries. However, this direct appeal from Pope Francis, is in jeopardy. The worldwide pandemic means that less of us can physically attend Mass, resulting in less offerings in the basket. Its implications for

suffering overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating. The needs of mission dioceses vary greatly, anything from a motorbike so a priest can celebrate Mass in a remote village, to a community hall that will allow people to gather in safety, or more urgently providing medicines to protect vulnerable children in parish dispensaries. In essence World Mission Sunday:

- Provides basic infrastructure by helping communities build schools clinics, parish halls and churches
- Prepares the future leaders and carers of the Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, religious brothers and catechists
- Supports missionary programmes that protect and care for children's spiritual and physical well being by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future.

#### Seeing Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

Scripture often speaks of the Kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom to the fullness of life—as parents, teachers or friends. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change., to conversion. (John Byrne OSA. Intercom)

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#### Mass Times & Intentions

Due to the level 3 Covid-19 restrictions there will be no public celebration of Mass for the present. Anniversary masses which have been booked will be streamed on the Parish Webcam or alternatively may be cancelled or booked for a later date. Mass for the following intentions will be streamed on: Sunday 11 a.m.: Hugh Donnelly Friday 8 p.m.: Pat & Maggie Nertney

Masses will be streamed on the Parish Webcam as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. Friday & Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.



Offertory (2 Weeks) €1,560, Harvest Dues €620, Shrine €190. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Prayer for the end of Covid-19

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation.

Humbly we come before you asking for a swift eradication of the coronavirus.

Graciously hear the prayers we offer for all those affected by the virus currently ravaging various parts of the world.

Calm our fears and give strength to those who support and care for others.

Grant healing to all suffering in mind, body and spirit, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved.

Inspire those who are working to find an effective vaccine.

Counsel governments and health authorities to take appropriate steps for the good of all.

Look lovingly upon us all, and in your mercy, forgive our failings.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### **Covid-19 Public Regulations Update**

The following are the implications for Church practice in line with Government regulations relating to Level 3 Covid-19:

\* Public Masses cannot be celebrated from midnight 6th October 2020.

\* All other ceremonies cease for the duration of Level Three: First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance etc.

\* The following exceptions are allowed: (a) Funeral Masses with up to 25 mourners. (b) Marriages with up to 25 guests.

\* Churches may remain open for private prayer, with adequate sanitising measures.

The public health guidelines mention 25 mourners at funerals and 25 guests at marriages, these figures do not include the priest, sacristan, ushers etc. they are in addition to the twenty five persons allowed. Details on Level Three are to be found at ww.gov.ie

#### Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Sweeney, Brocklagh whose funeral took place last week. Our prayers and sympathies go to her family at this time. May she rest in peace.

### TOO BUSY!

A little while with Jesus-Oh, how it soothes the soul, And gathers all the threads of life Into a perfect whole.

Praver, O. Hallesby