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World Mission Sunday - 24th October 2021

This Weekend	Oct 23rd / 24th
7.00 p.m.	1. Anthony and Kathleen Connor, Kilsallagh and their son Tony. 2. Freddie Green (40 th Anniv.) and Anna Mai Green (19 th Anniv.)
9.00 a.m.	No Intention.
11.00 a.m.	1. Patsy and Hugh Brady and Michéal Brady. 2. Richard and Dick Tuite (Anniv.)

Weekday Masses: St Mary's Church at 11.00 a.m.

Wed Oct 27th People of the Parish.

Sat Oct 29th Nora McGerr (Months Mind)

Next Weekend: Oct 30th / 31st

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

9.00 a.m. No Intention. **11.00 a.m.** No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sun Oct 17th - €918 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Pauline Flood, London and Garryandrew who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescant in Pace.

World Mission Sunday

The month of October provides us with an opportunity to express our gratitude for the contribution we, as Irish people, have made to the mission of the Church to spread the Gospel of Christ in different parts of the globe. We remember and give thanks for the courage, the enthusiasm and the generosity of so many women and men.

The readings on Mission Sunday, remind us that it is always God who takes the initiative. In the First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the Babylonian exiles are gathered together by God (Jer 31:7-9). The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that whoever is called to serve, it is God who calls; God takes the initiative (Heb 5:1-6). The story of Bartimaeus, The Blind Man of Jericho (Mk.10,46-52), is also a 'call story.' The call of Jesus is mediated through others. Looked at through the lens of Mark's Gospel, the call of Jesus can come through his preachers and missionaries, even if their understanding is imperfect. It is God who takes the initiative in loving Bartimaeus and calling him to discipleship. His faith is a gift from God. Bartimaeus saw Jesus with the eyes of faith: 'your faith has saved you.' Bartimaeus persistently resisted both the crowd and disciples in order to receive God's healing power mediated through Jesus.

God is doing all sorts of things that we cannot see, measure, control or fully understand. But it is an informed faith that allows you to fall in love with such a God. Bartimaeus is the one who offers the rest of us hope. We hear Bartimaeus' story who trustingly followed Jesus, not knowing where the way will lead, and realise that it is Jesus who can heal us of our blindness and let us see things as they really are. - Archbishop Dermot Farrell

EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

The Government issued the following, on 19th October 2021, in relation to places of worship:

"Religious services and weddings can proceed without capacity limits but with all other protective measures remaining in place". (Government Press Release 19th October 2021).

It is important that we take a cautious approach to further reopening.

The following protective measures are recommended:

- Encourage those with symptoms not to attend church
- Have sanitisers available at the doors
- Social distancing to continue
- One way systems to continue
- Wearing of face coverings to continue
- The celebrant and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to wear face coverings and sanitise hands before and after distribution
- No handshake as a sign of peace
- Communion on the hand only
- Ventilation of the church
- Choirs may sing while observing the guidelines of the HPSC - have a socially distant performance following risk assessment.

- Diocesan Office

World Mission Day - Pope Francis:

"observes that it is an opportunity to recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people who thirst for its saving message."

"The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become."

- Henry Martyn, missionary to India and Persia

"To belong to Jesus is to embrace the nations with Him."

- John Piper

"If God calls you to be a missionary, don't stoop to be a king"

- Jordan Grooms

Virtual Alzheimer Café: Longford branch of The Alzheimer Society Of Ireland, Monthly Virtual Alzheimer Café on Wed 27th Oct at 7.30 pm. Guest speaker is Kathy Mc Collum, Clinical Nurse Specialist, on 'Explaining Responsive Behaviours'. The Café will run on the last Wed of each month, with a different speaker and topic. The ASI Virtual Café provides a safe, warm and welcoming space online for people with dementia, their family and friends, along with social and health care professionals to meet and exchange ideas and learnings. Further information - Eileen on 085 8724475 or email longfordwestmeathvirtualcafe@alzheimer.ie

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - OCTOBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Selina and Kayanna Greene.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ann Mulligan, Yvonne Tuite.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - OCTOBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sr Maureen, Rachel McLoughlin.

Sunday 9.00 a.m.: Mairead Fulham.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donoghue, Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -