

## Celebrations in October.

**October is the Month of Mission and St. Therese of Lisieux is Patroness of the Missions.**

1<sup>st</sup> October: St. Therese of the Child Jesus/The Little Flower (1873 – 1897). **"Kindness is my only guiding star."** St. Therese.

4<sup>th</sup> October: St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226).

**"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."** St. Francis.

5<sup>th</sup> October: St Faustina Kowalska (1905 – 1935).

**Jesus is love and Mercy itself. There is no misery that could be a match for His mercy.**

7<sup>th</sup> October: Our Lady of the Rosary.

9<sup>th</sup> October: St John Henry Newman. (1801 - 1890)

11<sup>th</sup> October: Pope St John XXIII (1881 – 1963).

15<sup>th</sup> October: St. Teresa of Avila (1515 – 1582). **'Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away: God never changes. Patience attains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.'**

18<sup>th</sup> October: St. Luke, the Gospel Writer.

22<sup>nd</sup> October: Pope Saint John Paul II (1920 – 2005). **'We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son.'**

23<sup>rd</sup> October: World Mission Sunday.

25<sup>th</sup> October: Anniversary of the Dedication of Waterford Cathedral on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1923.

28<sup>th</sup> October: SS Simon and Jude, Apostles.

31<sup>st</sup> October: Blessed Dominic Collins, Youghal (c. 1566 – 1602) Martyr.

### Religious Goods.

**Glencairn Cards:** A selection of Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets and Get Well Cards, produced at St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Lismore, Co. Waterford are on sale in the Parish Office. St Mary's Abbey is the only Monastery of Cistercian Women in Ireland and was founded in 1932.

**Statues, medals, prayer cards,** and other small religious goods in the display cabinet in the main porch of the church are also on sale in the Parish Office.

## St. Mary's Parish Dungarvan

**October 2022**



### 7<sup>th</sup> October: Our Lady of the Rosary: The Rosary.

Many of the appearances of Mary, especially at Lourdes and Fatima, have been associated with the praying of the Rosary. Numerous popes and saints have urged the faithful to pray the Rosary. Opening the Marian Year in 1987, the Rosary was a global prayer for peace offered by large groups at Marian shrines such as those in Washington DC, Lourdes, Frankfurt, Manila, Bombay, Rio de Janeiro and Dakar.

The popularity of the Rosary has been attributed to St. Dominic and the Dominican Order. It grew out of the laity's desire to have 150 prayers to match the 150 psalms chanted by the monks in monasteries. In 1569, St Pius V officially recommended the praying 'of 150 angelic salutations... with the Lord's prayer at each decade... while meditating on the mysteries which recall the entire life of the Lord Jesus Christ'.

The Rosary is a scripture-based prayer. It began with the Apostles' Creed, which is itself a summary of the great mysteries of Catholic faith, based on scripture, from creation through redemption and up to the Resurrection of the body and everlasting life. The Our Father, which introduces each mystery, is taken from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary is composed from verses from the Gospel of Luke (1:29 and 1:42), the angel's announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. Saint Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary. (*Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults, pages 334-336*)

**In 2002, Pope John Paul II added five new Mysteries of Light to the Rosary: The Baptism of Jesus; The Wedding at Cana; The Proclamation/Announcing of the Gospel; The Transfiguration of Jesus; The Giving of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.**

#### The Rosary

'The Rosary is the prayer which always accompanies my life; it is also the prayer of simple people and the saints; it is the prayer of my heart.'

*Pope Francis.*

**Rosary beads and leaflets are available, free of charge, at Our Lady's Shrine, St. Mary's Parish Church.**

## DO IT ANYWAY – A REFLECTION BY MOTHER TERESA

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

**Forgive them anyway.**

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

**Be kind anyway.**

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

**Succeed anyway.**

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

**Be honest and sincere anyway.**

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

**Create anyway.**

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

**Be happy anyway.**

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

**Do good anyway.**

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

**Give your best anyway.**

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

**It was never between you and them anyway.**

### TROCAIRE: 23 MILLION PEOPLE FACE SEVERE MALNUTRITION.

Currently, 7.7 million people in Somalia or half the population are in dire need of humanitarian assistance as climate change takes its deadly toll, triggering a devastating hunger crisis.

Severe malnutrition has taken hold in Somalia, and it will get worse in the coming months unless action is taken. Currently, the world is focused on the dreadful crisis in Ukraine, but we must not forget what is happening in Somalia and the Horn of Africa. Thousands of people are at risk of dying.

Children are the most vulnerable. There is limited access to food, and prices are rising due to the war in Ukraine. Climate change is wreaking havoc. Severe water shortages have heightened the risk of disease outbreaks, with people and animals now competing for untreated water from hand-dug shallow wells and dwindling rivers.

Thanks to the support of the people of Ireland and Irish Aid from the Irish Government and our other donors we are reaching hundreds of thousands. But the need is huge.

(David O'Hare: Communications Officer with Trocaire, Intercom, October 2022).

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## Day for Life, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 – Caring for the Older Person.

There are many challenges which we face; the way in which we provide care for older persons, its cost and the means of payment, the shortage of staff in care homes, the time and energy needed to help older people feel valued and wanted. Many feel they have become a burden or can feel treated as a burden, a 'bed-blocker', or a nuisance because they move more slowly, struggle with more physical challenges and live a different rhythm of life. They often feel vulnerable and worry, when they hear talk about and even concrete proposals for the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia. We share their concerns. In better valuing older persons, we need to find new ways of building bridges by our actions.

We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities.

We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of older persons so that no-one feels like a burden in our society.

We challenge our politicians and healthcare system to provide accessible palliative care for all the dying.

We encourage people to learn from a closer accompaniment of the elderly that there is a real richness in the journey through old age, which offers a deeper meaning and a new rhythm to the whole of life; something which can be celebrated and lived with hope in eternal life.

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, pray for us.

*(From The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference Message for Day for Life)*

### Wise Words

- Don't let yesterday use up too much of tomorrow.
- Some are wise and some are otherwise.
- If only close minds came with closed mouths
- It is great to grow old if one keeps young.
- Love so that the priest at your Funeral can tell the truth.

(10 Second Sermons: Fr. Kevin McNamara, Intercom, Sept 2022)