



Celebrations in September.

- 5th September: St. Teresa of Calcutta/Mother Teresa.
- 8th September: The Birthday of Mary.
- 12th September: The Holy Name of Mary.
- 14th September: The Triumph of the Cross.
- 15th September: Our Lady of Sorrows.
- 23rd September: St. Pio of Pietrelcina/Padre Pio (1887 – 1968)
- 24th September: Our Lady of Mercy.

Pope Francis: Be careful about your use of Social Media.

When you use the social media too much, you “spin into orbit”. When at table, instead of talking to one another as a family, everyone starts playing with his or her cell phone, they “spin into orbit”. This is dangerous. Why? Because it takes you away from the *concrete reality* of the family and into a life of distraction and unreality.

Be careful about this.

Pope Francis in Croke Park, Saturday, 25th August, during his visit to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families, 25th – 26th August, 2018.

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.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

The second novena of the year to Our Mother of Perpetual Help begins on Monday, 29th August at 7.30pm and will continue each Monday until 24th Oct. No 9.30am Mass on Mondays during the novena. We also welcome all those who listen on **98.5FM**, and in that way are united with everyone making the novena.

Prayer for Those Waiting for Exam Results.

Lord, give me peace of mind as I wait for the exam results.
Take away any fear, worry or anxiety I may have.
I put my faith and trust in you. Amen.

What will this year bring?

What will this year bring? We do not know. It will likely bring its usual times of work and play, experiences of success and failure, all things that are part of school/college life.

It is a new beginning, the planting of a seed that will grow for a year, the seed of a fruit that will blossom in times to come. It offers new hope, hope for good work, for successful results, for friendship, for fun, for learning.

In the coming year, may there be learning, prayer and fun. May there be hard work, faith and friendship. May no one in school/college be lonely; may no one be left out in class; may no one suffer because of how others treat them.

As we begin this new school/college year in hope, in prayer and in friendship, may God begin it with us, be with us during it, and successfully bring it to its conclusion. (Author unknown)

A Prayer for Each Day.

Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. **St. John Henry Newman**

**Pope Francis' Message to Young People in Medugorje,
1 to 6 August 2022**

'Dear friends, **do not be afraid, go to Jesus with all that you bear in your heart: he is the only Lord who offers true refreshment and true peace.** Follow the example of Mary, his and our Mother, who will take you to Him. Entrust yourselves to *Mary/Stella Maris/Star of the Sea*, sign of hope on troubled seas, who guides us to the harbour of peace. She, who knows her Son, will help you imitate him in the relationship with God the Father, in compassion towards your neighbour and in the awareness of what we are required to be, children of God. **At this time, in the heart of the summer, the Lord invites you to spend your vacations with Him, in the most special place there is: your own heart.'**

Autumn Collection: 17/18 September 2022.

The Autumn Collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up on the weekend of 17/18 September. The weekly collection envelope and the special autumn collection envelope (white) in your box of envelopes will go to the Diocesan Clergy Common Fund from which the priests of the diocese receive their allowances. The entire offertory/basket collection at all Masses that weekend will also go to the priests' autumn collection. This is one of the 4 collections throughout the year at Easter, Summer, Autumn and Christmas for the support of the priests. We rely totally on the generosity of the people of the parishes of the diocese. As the number of people contributing and the amount contributed to the support of the priests is decreasing each year, we ask more people, who may not regularly do so, to contribute to the support of the priests of the parish. It is important to show appreciation for your priests by supporting them. Thank you.

Celebrating 72 years of the Angelus Bell on Radio.

The broadcasting of the Angelus Bell celebrated its 72nd birthday in this August. It was first broadcast on August 17, 1950, on Radio Eireann from the Pro-Cathedral in Dublin. When RTE One opened on New Year's Eve 1961, the Angelus was broadcast, accompanied by religious images. These images were replaced in 2009 by non-religious images which encourage reflection and a pause for prayer. It is claimed that the three-three-three-nine format of bell strokes best suits the recitation of the prayers which make up the angelus. A devotion in honour of the Word Made Flesh, it takes its name from the first word of the prayer: Angelus means Angel.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary...

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord...

Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh...

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary....

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God...

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Newer Concluding Prayer

Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Older Concluding Prayer

Let us pray:
Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.