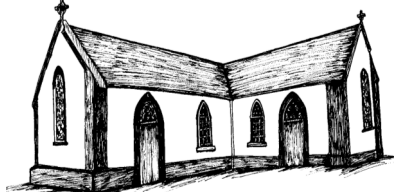
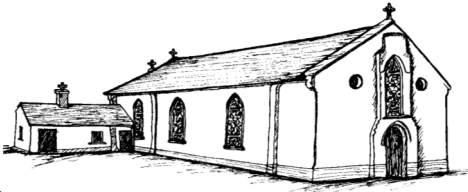


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POPE'S HOMILY AT WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS
"The World Needs the Witness of Your Faith, It Surely Needs God"

Dear Young People,

In this celebration of the Eucharist we have reached the high point of this World Youth Day. Seeing you here, gathered in such great numbers from all parts of the world, fills my heart with joy. I think of the special love with which Jesus is looking upon you. Yes, the Lord loves you and calls you his friends.

He goes out to meet you and he wants to accompany you on your journey, to open the door to a life of fulfillment and to give you a share in his own closeness to the Father. For our part, we have come to know the immensity of his love and we want to respond generously to his love by sharing with others the joy we have received. Certainly, there are many people today who feel attracted by the figure of Christ and want to know him better. They realize that he is the answer to so many of our deepest concerns. But who is he really? How can someone who lived on this earth so long ago have anything in common with me today?

The Gospel we have just heard suggests two different ways of knowing Christ. The first is an impersonal knowledge, one based on current opinion. When Jesus asks: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?", the disciples answer: "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets". In other words, Christ is seen as yet another religious figure, like those who came before him. Then Jesus turns to the disciples and asks them: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter responds with what is the first confession of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God". Faith is more than just empirical or historical facts; it is an ability to grasp the mystery of Christ's person in all its depth.

Yet faith is not the result of human effort, of human reasoning, but rather a gift of God: "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven". Faith starts with God, who opens his heart to us and invites us to share in his own divine life. Faith does not simply provide information about who Christ is; rather, it entails a personal relationship with Christ, a surrender of our whole person, with all our understanding, will and feelings, to God's self-revelation. So Jesus' question: "But who do you say that I am?", is ultimately a challenge to the disciples to make a personal decision in his regard. Faith in Christ and discipleship are strictly interconnected.

And, since faith involves following the Master, it must become constantly stronger, deeper and more mature, to the extent that it leads to a closer and more intense relationship with Jesus. Peter and the other disciples also had to grow in this way, until their encounter with the Risen Lord opened their eyes to the fullness of faith.

Dear young people, today Christ is asking you the same question which he asked the Apostles: "Who do you say that I am?" Respond to him with generosity and courage, as befits young hearts like your own. Say to him: "Jesus, I know that you are

the Son of God, who have given your life for me. I want to follow you faithfully and to be led by your word. You know me and you love me. I place my trust in you and I put my whole life into your hands. I want you to be the power that strengthens me and the joy which never leaves me".

Jesus' responds to Peter's confession by speaking of the Church: "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church". What do these words mean? Jesus builds the Church on the rock of the faith of Peter, who confesses that Christ is God.

The Church, then, is not simply a human institution, like any other. Rather, she is closely joined to God. Christ himself speaks of her as "his" Church. Christ cannot be separated from the Church any more than the head can be separated from the body. The Church does not draw her life from herself, but from the Lord.

Dear young friends, as the Successor of Peter, let me urge you to strengthen this faith which has been handed down to us from the time of the Apostles. Make Christ, the Son of God, the centre of your life. But let me also remind you that following Jesus in faith means walking at his side in the communion of the Church. We cannot follow Jesus on our own. Anyone who would be tempted to do so "on his own", or to approach the life of faith with that kind of individualism so prevalent today, will risk never truly encountering Jesus, or will end up following a counterfeit Jesus.

Having faith means drawing support from the faith of your brothers and sisters, even as your own faith serves as a support for the faith of others. I ask you, dear friends, to love the Church which brought you to birth in the faith, which helped you to grow in the knowledge of Christ and which led you to discover the beauty of his love. Growing in friendship with Christ necessarily means recognizing the importance of joyful participation in the life of your parishes, communities and movements, as well as the celebration of Sunday Mass, frequent reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the cultivation of personal prayer and meditation on God's word.

Friendship with Jesus will also lead you to bear witness to the faith wherever you are, even when it meets with rejection or indifference. We cannot encounter Christ and not want to make him known to others. So do not keep Christ to yourselves! Share with others the joy of your faith. The world needs the witness of your faith, it surely needs God. I think that the presence here of so many young people, coming from all over the world, is a wonderful proof of the fruitfulness of Christ's command to the Church: "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation". You too have been given the extraordinary task of being disciples and missionaries of Christ in other lands and countries filled with young people who are looking for something greater and, because their heart tells them that more authentic values do exist, they do not let themselves be seduced by the empty promises of a lifestyle which has no room for God.

This Week's Collections: Plate: €1,430. Envelopes: €8,048. Many thanks to all.

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LITURGICAL NOTES

<p>1st/2nd October. Vigil 6 p.m.: Patrick Woolley & his parents. Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.: Michael Cooney, late of Cornasass & Wales. 9a.m. Corlea: Seán Carolan, Lisagoan. 10.30: James & Patsy Reilly & deceased family. 12.00: Brian Conlan & Patrick & Anne Murray, Laragh.</p>	<p>8th/9th October. Vigil 6 p.m.: Paddy Finnegan, Ballinaclose. Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.: Peter Clarke, Corryholman, John & Annie McKenna, Cornakill, & Mary Reilly. 9 a.m. Corlea: The People of the Parish. 10.30: Tommy Caffrey & dec. family members. 12.00: Gayle Gaynor, Ervey.</p>
<p>Tuesday 10: Seán Farrelly, Na Clocha Lia. Wed. 10: Owen & Rose Duffy, Magheracloune.</p>	<p>Thursday 10: Special Intention. Friday 10: List of the Dead. (No evening Mass).</p>

<p><u>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord: Brian McKenna, Meathhill, Maureen Cosgrove, New Jersey.</u></p> <p><u>Reborn through water and the Holy Spirit: Jay Patrick Canning, Lúcas Kevin Shiels.</u> Next Baptism preparation meeting will take place in the Parish Centre on Thur., 6th Oct., at 8.00p.m.</p>	<p>At all Masses in the parish during the month of November and on each First Friday we remember those whose names are on the <u>Parish Altar List of the Dead</u>. List of the Dead forms are available in your envelope boxes, in the churches, parish centre and community centre. Please return the new List of the Dead to the Parish Office by <i>November 1st</i>.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH DIARY FOR OCTOBER</p> <p>1st/2nd Confirmation enrolment ceremonies at Some of the weekend Masses</p> <p>4th Parish Eucharistic Congress meeting 9 p.m.</p> <p>5th Fr. Gerry will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.</p> <p>6th Parish Baptism meeting. Parish Finance Committee meeting.</p> <p>7th–14th Parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi.</p> <p>15th Special 6 p.m. Mass in Kingscourt to mark 40 years of Kingscourt Credit Union.</p> <p>14th–16th Delegates from parish will attend Diocesan Eucharistic Congress.</p> <p>15th–16th First Holy Communion enrolment ceremonies.</p> <p>22nd Diocesan training for choirs in the new translation.</p>	<p>The Parish Eucharistic Congress committee meet on this Tuesday evening at 9 p.m. at the Parish House.</p> <p>Fr. Gerry will attend the sick and housebound on Wednesday next from 9 a.m.</p> <p>The Parish Finance committee will meet on Thursday evening at the Parish House.</p> <p>Those travelling on the parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi will leave from the church car park at 11.30.a.m. on Friday next.</p> <p>A word of sincere thanks to the community at Muff who co-operated in any way during the recent weekend funerals at the Church.</p> <p>Holy Land Pilgrimage from Oct. 28th for 8 nights. Cost €1,249. Call Map Travel at 01/8783111.</p>
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Fr. Gerry will continue visitation of the homes of **Cluain Dara** these weeks.

We welcome the **Confirmation children** and their families at some of the Masses this weekend for the ceremony of enrolment. Please remember them in your prayers.

Those wishing to attend the **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress** in Navan on Oct. 14–16 please call 087/1736222. There is a special presentation to all who were born in 1932 or before the last Congress. Please call above number.

2011 Solemn Novena in honour of **St. Gerard Majella** 8–16th October in Redemptorist Church, Dundalk.

With effect from today, Sunday, **2nd Oct., the gates to the cemetery will automatically close at 9 p.m.** for the winter period.

The up and coming musical star, **Ellen Tinnelly**, is hosting a special concert in aid of Church restoration at Cabra Castle on Thursday, 10th November. Further details shortly.

<p>The theme for Day for Life 2011 on October 3rd and 4th is 'A call to solidarity and hope in difficult times.' Day for Life this year reflects on what it means to lead a full and happy life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day for Life takes as its starting point the words of Pope Benedict during his visit to England when he said "Happiness is something we all want, but one of the great tragedies in this world is that so many people never find it, because they look in the wrong places. The key to it is very simple—true happiness is to be found in God. • Day for Life 2011 is a call for us to work for a society in which all are valued as created, loved by God, redeemed by Christ; not for their fame, or power, or what they own but for their intrinsic worth. • As a society we have a strong tradition of good neighbourliness and of showing mutual health. Day for Life is an opportunity to ask ourselves if there is anything more we can do to be of help to our neighbours, to improve the quality of life of others and of society as a whole, especially in these financially challenging times.
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COMMUNITY NOTICES: **Day of Renewal** under the auspices of the Meath Diocesan Prayer Groups today in Presentation Senior School Hall, Mullingar, 1–6 p.m. Speaker Thomas Carey. All are welcome. **Steadfast Respite House**, Carrickmacross, is seeking your help in redeveloping adjoining land. Contact the Charity Shop on Farney St. **Gym An Ri** 4 week courses. Cardio kick boxing starts Mon. 3rd Oct. at 10 a.m. & Fri., 7th Oct. at 6 p.m. Step & tone starts Wed. 5th Oct. @ 7.15 p.m. Call 9698792. **Oil Painting Classes** will commence on Tue., 11th Oct., in Matt Talbot Hall from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tutor - Ray Savage. New members welcome. **Kingscourt Festival A.G.M.** 7th Oct. 8 p.m. in Dun A Ri House. **SOSAD info** meeting in their Centre, Lr Main Street, Kingscourt, at 8.30 p.m. on Mon., 3rd Oct. Coffee morning in aid of **SOSAD** in St. Ernan's Hall on Fri., 7th Oct. **Kingscourt Youth Drama** resumes in Community Centre Oct. 4th, 5–6.30 p.m. Call 86/3743991 or 087/6234597. **Bridge Lessons** and friendly game Tuesdays 7.30 p.m., Ferdia House, Moorehall Retirement Village, Ardee. Call 086/8059369. **Stars Lotto Result:** 11,12,18,21. Next jackpot €9,000. **Junior B replay** in Breffni at 6.30 p.m. on 8th Oct.