



NEWSLETTER TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR A

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**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

THE SEASON OF CREATION An extract from Pope Francis' Message 2023.

Let us join hands and take bold steps to "Let Justice and Peace Flow" throughout our world. How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We must do this by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies. First, let us join the mighty river by transforming our hearts. This is

essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that "ecological conversion" which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator. Furthermore, we should realize that an integral approach to respect for the environment involves four relationships: with God, with our brothers and sisters of today and tomorrow, with all of nature, and with ourselves. As to the first of these relationships, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the urgent need to recognize that creation and redemption are inseparably linked: "The Redeemer is the Creator and if we do not proclaim God in his full grandeur – as Creator and as Redeemer – we also diminish the value of the redemption". Creation refers both to God's mysterious, magnificent act of creating this majestic, beautiful planet and universe out of nothing and to the continuing result of that act, which we experience as an inexhaustible gift. During the liturgy and personal prayer in "the great cathedral of creation", let us recall the great Artist who creates such beauty, and reflect on the mystery of that loving decision to create the cosmos. Second, let us add to the flow of this mighty river by transforming our lifestyles. Starting from grateful wonder at the Creator and his creation, let us repent of our "ecological sins", as my brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, has urged. These sins harm the world of nature and our fellow men and women. With the help of God's grace, let us adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable. Let us be as mindful as we can about our habits and economic decisions so that all can thrive – our fellow men and women wherever they may be, and future generations as well. Let us cooperate in God's ongoing creation through positive choices: using resources with moderation and a joyful sobriety, disposing and recycling waste, and making greater use of available products and services that are environmentally and socially responsible. Lastly, for the mighty river to continue flowing, we must transform the public policies that govern our societies and shape the lives of young people today and tomorrow. Economic policies that promote scandalous wealth for a privileged few and degrading conditions for many others, spell the end of peace and justice. It is clear that the richer nations have contracted an "ecological debt" that must be paid. The world leaders who will gather for the COP28 summit in Dubai from 30 November to 12 December next must listen to science and institute a rapid and equitable transition to end the era of fossil fuel. According to the commitments undertaken in the Paris Agreement to restrain global warming, it is absurd to permit the continued exploration and expansion of fossil fuel infrastructures. Let us raise our voices to halt this injustice towards the poor and towards our children, who will bear the worst effects of climate change. I appeal to all people of good will to act in conformity with these perspectives on society and nature.

Take time this week on your own or with your family or friends and watch *The Letter: A Message for Our Earth* www.theletterfilm.org

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, DONORE

Sunday 11am James Brady; Kieran Collier; Dodie Doonan; Declan Matthews; James, Margaret & Jim Wall.

Tuesday 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10am

No Mass on Wednesday (9.30am Bellewstown)

Thursday 9am Missa pro populo

Friday 9am Missa pro populo

Sunday 11am Josephine McGreal; Anne Walker.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, ROSSNAREE

Saturday 6.30pm Missa pro populo.

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MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (Basket Collection): € 255
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (Weekly Envelopes): € 428
Donore Fund Account:
IBAN IE38 AIBK 9320 9446 7323 44



If you have no cash you can just scan your phone over this QR code to contribute to the basket collection.

CHY3 FORMS Many parishioners will have received correspondence with regard to the Tax Rebate which all charities (including parishes) can benefit from. It can generate a substantial amount at no cost to the individual. All who contribute €250 or more in offerings over the year can claim the rebate. Please kindly return the completed forms at your earliest convenience. As ever thanks to everyone for their support.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lotto: 5, 8, 13, 19 No Jackpot winner
Consolation prizes Oisín Lawless; Matthew Curran; Patrick McLoone; Robert Callagh.
Next week's jackpot €3,480.

Meath Partnership are looking for volunteers who would like to make new connections and build new friendships, supporting and encouraging participants to practice and improve their language skills through informal community based conversational English classes. Classes are informal and conversational and whilst teaching experience can be useful, being chatty and welcoming is just as valuable. Classes will be held in Saint Mary's Parish Hall, Donore on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm. Start date to be confirmed. For more information contact Emma on 089-436-6894.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Helpline 1800 677 777 or
contact 087-0931068

ACCORD

For Marriage Preparation Courses or for marriage and relationship counselling www.accord.ie

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

See the church notice boards and diocesan website

VOCATIONS

Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? Contact Fr. Mark

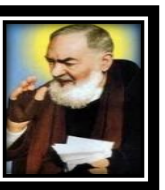
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

A process for anyone enquiring about becoming a Catholic and for those baptised who never celebrated the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation. More info on all the above on www.dioseseofmeath.ie



THANKING GOD AND CELEBRATING THE HARVEST Weekend of 1st October. We would be delighted if anyone with artistic skills would like to contribute to a harvest display in front of the Altar a day or two before the weekend Masses. We hope to also have some of the classes in our schools involved. As a gesture of our gratitude to God for all that we are so blessed to have and for the good produce of the land, everyone is invited to bring some non-perishable foods to leave at the altar. These gifts will be given to charity in Drogheda.

ST. PADRE PIO Feast Day 23rd September. St. Padre Pio's life on earth, touched many lives and it continues to do so. There are still many ways we can learn from this great saint's preaching. Here are five quotes of his that we can apply to our lives and learn from every day. "You don't have to be worthy, you only have to be willing." "God will never permit anything to happen to us that is not for our greater good." "God will always give us more than we deserve." "Serve the Lord with laughter." "Pray, hope, don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayers." Glorious, humble and beloved Padre Pio. Teach us, we pray, humility of heart, so that we may be counted among the little ones of the Gospel to whom the Father promised to reveal the mysteries of His Kingdom. Help us to pray without ceasing, certain that God knows what we need even before we ask Him. Amen.



CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 It is important that those families seeking the gift of these sacraments take time and make effort in preparing their children by participating in the Parish Masses and other pastoral activities provided throughout the pastoral year leading up to the celebration of the sacraments. The sacraments are much more than just a one day event or party but an ongoing encounter with the Risen Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the merciful love of Our Heavenly Father. We implore the guidance and intercession of Our Lady, St. Joseph and all the Saints as we journey together as a Faith Community at home, at church and at school. Enrolment Forms for the children, with the support of their families, who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and make their First Holy Communion, will be available after Masses next weekend or from the Parish Office during Office Hours this week and next. Enrolment weekend will take place on Sunday 7th/8th October when we will celebrate our baptismal call to *Mission – You will be My Witnesses.*

