

Ecological Conversion

Pope Francis, in his ecological encyclical *Laudato Si'* points out that every living creature on Earth is linked to everything else in what he calls a network (LS 20, 134, 138). The reason why the world has this single web of life is that, over millions of years through the process of evolution, plants, animals, and humans all developed from common ancestors. As Christians, we have a new awareness that every creature is a precious gift from God. And, as Pope Francis points out, God enfolds even the smallest creature in the love and affection of God (LS 77).

For a long time, we humans did not realise how closely we are linked to every other creature in our world. But in recent years, we are at last coming to realise that other creatures are our 'cousins' which we must respect. Not only that but we have a crucial role to play in ensuring that the inter-linked web of life is not damaged. Sadly, however, we are seeing all around us how we have largely failed to live up to this responsibility. The way we modern humans are behaving and living has caused thousands of different species of plants and animals to be wiped out; and this destruction is becoming more and more rapid and serious.

The modern type of so-called 'development' is the primary cause of the wiping out of so many precious animals and plants. It is also having disastrous consequences for millions of humans all over the world – especially the poorest people who have done least damage to the environment. Large areas of low-living land, and even whole islands in the Pacific, are already badly affected by rising sea levels. The kind of hurricanes and floods that might have been expected once in a century are now becoming far more frequent. Deserts are growing rapidly in Africa and elsewhere. My missionary colleagues in Africa are very concerned that there is widespread disruption of the regular pattern of wet and dry seasons, resulting in severe crop failures. Coastal erosion is now much more rapid because of more severe storms and rising ocean levels.

The result is not just that whole populations now suffer serious food shortages and danger of more famines. It is also that our children and future generations will have to live in a world where the environment will be radically and irreparably damaged. Greta Thunberg starkly summed up this situation in her address to the UN Climate Change conference in December 2018: 'You say that you love your children above everything else. And yet you are stealing their future.'

"It is quite likely that the materials in the batteries in my mobile phone have been dug up by exploited under-age workers, in mines that are destroying the environment, and then turned into batteries by very poorly paid workers, in factories that are over-crowded, unhealthy, and in danger of collapsing or going on fire. So I find myself benefitting from a system that is truly sinful. This means that I am morally bound to work to change the system."

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Cliffoney to Clifden Challenge: 4th April – 6th June (9 Weeks)

You can Walk, Jog, Run or Cycle the distance of 180 kilometers. You can register now via the Club's Facebook Page or the Online Platform organised by My Run Results. People who register will automatically be entered into a free draw with 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th prizes.

<https://www.facebook.com/cliffoney.celtic>

<https://www.myrunresults.com/events/cliffoney%20to%20clifden%20180km%20challenge/4075/details>

Badges will be given for reaching each of the 8 stages; 1) Cliffoney to Sligo, 2) Tubbercurry, 3) Charlestown, 4) Bohola, 5) Castlebar, 6) Leenaun, 7) Letterfrack and 8) Clifden. You can also order Club Merchandise (e.g. Club t-shirts, hats and medals): Available through My Run Results who handle orders directly. Registration Fees: Individual €20, Couple €30, U16s €10, Family €40. All debit and credit cards accepted. In aid of Cliffoney Celtic FC's Development Project for new dressing rooms.

Pope's Intention (universal) for April 2021

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Let us Dream The Path to a Better Future – Pope Francis in conversation with Austen Ivereigh

After seeing reality around us we must choose, which demands that we spend time to discern the signs of the times and listen to each other and the Holy Spirit in a synodal approach.

A "stoppage" (in life) can always be a good time for sifting, for reviewing the past, for remembering with gratitude, who we are, what we have been given, and where we have gone astray. These are moments in life that can be ripe for change and conversion. Each of us has had their own "stoppage" time, or if we haven't yet we will someday: illness, the failure of a marriage or a business... a disappointment or betrayal... At such moments we need others to walk with us... people who are wise, who have been through the fire, who can help you navigate what is to come.

(Pp 35-36)

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Opportunity. Details

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THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

'Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen'

Masses Grange

Sun 11 th April	12.00	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday Brendan Kiernan (3 rd Anniversary) Paddy + Mary Kate Leonard and son Tom, Augharrow John Ryan – Grange + Glasgow (3 rd Anniversary) Padraig Foley, Carns (33 rd Anniversary)
Mon 12 th April	9.30am	For People of the Parish
Tue 13 th April	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed 14 th April	9.30am	
Thur 15 th April	9.30am	
Fri 16 th April	9.30am	Canon Peadar Lavin P.P. (1 st Anniversary)
Sat 17 th April	9.30am	
Sun 18 th April	12.00	John + Fran (1 st Anniversary) Kennedy + John Jnr. Angela Savage (3 rd Anniversary) Jimmy Kilcoyne, Ballymote + Grange Paddy + Violet Burns

Pope Francis prays for the **health care workers** who gave their lives in service to others and says that they are the "antibodies to the virus of indifference".

May the roll out of the vaccination programme bring us all involved in parish; protection, peace of mind and a safe return to public worship.

For the holiness of those sent in Jesus' name as priests, deacons and consecrated religious to proclaim the victory over the world through faith in him.

Please remember in your prayers:

Michael Curley died 1st April, Rosehill, Sligo + Ballycastle, North West Tourism + former National President of Community Games. Our sympathy to his wife Maureen and daughter Una Gillespie, Cloonelly, Grange, his 5 children + 9 grandchildren. Funeral took place on Easter Monday at Sligo Cathedral with burial in Scarden Cemetery. A man of immense energy who gave his heart + soul to Sligo and especially to Community Games becoming its National President.

Bertie Donaghy, Lisnalgur, Sligo died on April 6th. Our sympathy to his family, especially his daughter Jenny Dolan, Cliffoney, and the Donaghy Family. Funeral Service at Calry Parish Church, The Mall, Sligo on April 9th at 11am with burial in Sligo Cemetery.

James Connolly, Bundoran and Castlegal, died suddenly on April 6th. Our sympathy to his sons + daughter, partner Tracey, brothers + sisters. Funeral Mass took place at St. Molaise Church, Cliffoney on April 9th at 11.30am with burial in Bundoran Cemetery.