

Ecological Conversion - Fr. Donal Dorr

No wonder, then, that Pope Francis is calling people all over the world, and our governments, to wake up and to become 'ecologically converted'. He wants us to realise that we have a crucial role to play in the extraordinary web of life and to have a sense of wonder at its beauty and complexity. But he is also asking us to allow ourselves to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering (LS 19). He wants us to let ourselves be almost overwhelmed by the reality of the damage that we humans are doing to the Earth and its most vulnerable inhabitants, through climate change, pollution and the tragic loss of biodiversity. If we let ourselves really feel part of the whole web of life which is being so damaged, and feel both its beauty and all the suffering and loss, we will, hopefully find the energy and commitment to change the present destructive style of development and living.

I venture to add that I, as a Christian who is part of the more privileged segment of humanity, I have to acknowledge that many of the comforts of my life come at the price of irreparable damage to the Earth, and the exploitation of its poorest inhabitants. For instance, 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.

Now that we are coming to see that our way of life causes so many people to be impoverished and exploited and leaves the whole web of life under increasing threat, we must commit ourselves to care for our Earth by developing what Pope Francis calls an integral ecology (Laudato Si' 137, 156, 159, 225, 230). This involves living in a manner that respects the environment.

We see that we are obliged to join with others in campaigning and putting pressure on local, national and international politicians, governments and business leaders to put in place a set of laws and international treaties to prevent the exploitation of vulnerable people and our vulnerable Earth. Furthermore, we must commit ourselves to repairing the damage that has already been done by human activity to the community of living beings on Earth. In this way we can play our part in ensuring that we humans live in a respectful relationship, both locally and globally, with each other, with the other creatures that share our planet and with the Earth itself.

The Synodal Pathway

The Irish Bishops' Conference has announced it has proposed to embark on a synodal pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. The initial two-year phase of embarking on the synodal pathway and leading, in time, to a National Synod, helpfully coincides with preparation for the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops in Rome entitled, *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission*. Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, between Easter (5 April) and Pentecost (23 May), 2021, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: focus groups, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences. For more information about the Synodal Pathway and how to submit your response, see www.catholicbishops.ie/synod

Irish Hospice Bereavement Support Line

Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the COVID-19 pandemic. It may have been a COVID-related death or a death from other causes. In the face of such loss, our Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line, in partnership with the HSE, is there to provide connection, comfort and support for anyone grieving in these exceptional times. It is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77, available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

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Look at my hands and feet, it is I indeed

**Have you anything here to eat?
And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he
took and ate before their eyes.**

You are witnesses to this.

Visit us on ahamlish.com

&

Ahamlish Parish Sligo Facebook Page.

Join us every Sunday 12noon for Mass through our FB Page.

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)

National vocations office

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Weaving the Tapestry of Death and New Life - Lenten and Easter Scripture Based Opportunity. Details available @ www.elphindiocese.ie/lent-easter. All welcome.

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 9916791 or 087 7440729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Holy Hour Online

Elphin Youth Ministry with Elphin NET Team will host a Holy Hour every Tuesday evening which will be broadcast on Facebook live and Instagram. It can be accessed via any of the links below. Music, Prayer, Reflection, Healing and Blessing. Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/elphindiocese/live> Instagram: Instagram.com/elphinnetteam

Accord – Relationship Counselling

Accord is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times. Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmospheres. Please contact Ann at 087-6765425 for more information. All HSE guidelines observed for Counselling.

Cliffoney Celtic

Congrats to Cliffoney Celtic on the recent granting of planning permission by Sligo County Council for their proposed development of new dressing rooms and a training pitch. Well done to all concerned.

BurnsFarmMeats.ie

New website launched. New meat packs available for collection or delivery. You can still phone 071 9166113. Congrats to Gerald, Diarmuid + Cathal.

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Church, Patron of Workers, Guardian of the Redeemer and often invoked as Patron of a Happy Death.

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, may all mothers and fathers prayerfully nurture their children's vocations and especially encourage an openness in those who are called to serve the Gospel.

For an increased understanding among our young people that they are uniquely chosen by God to be his disciples through their particular vocation; we pray especially for those who have been called to marriage or single life.

Masses Grange - All these masses available on Facebook

Date	Time	Mass Details
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 Annie Boyce
Mon 19 th April	9.30am	For the People of the Parish
Tue 20 th April	9.30am	Private Intention Cornie + Josephine McHugh, Ballymote
Wed 21 st April	9.30am	Feast of St. Anselm
Thur 22 nd April	9.30am	
Fri 23 rd April	9.30am	Feast of St. George
Sat 24 th April	9.30am	Feast of St. Fidelis
Sun 25 th April	12.00	Fourth Sunday of Easter Day of Prayer For Vocations Michael Joe Woods (8 th Anniversary) Bob Naughton, Luton + Streedagh (1 st Anniversary) Margaret + Jim Finnegan, Derrylehan

Please remember in your prayers:

Stella Gillen (nee Keegan), Ballinful died 11th April 2021. Predeceased by her husband Jack. Our sympathy to her son Leo + Jenni + grandchildren Kayla + Jack, sisters Angela, Patsy Currid, Myra + brother Michael. Funeral Mass took place on Monday at Maugherow with burial in Carrigeens Cemetery.

Elizabeth Tiernan (nee McMorow), Saint Brigid's Place, Sligo died 14th April 2021. Predeceased by her parents + grandson Evan Doyle, Augharrow, Grange. Our sympathy to her husband Paddy, children Janice, Derek, Cillian + Rickie, grandchildren + great-grandchildren + family. Funeral will take place on April 19th at St. Joseph's Church, Ballytivnan at 12.00 with cremation to follow.

Annette Lacey (nee O'Grady) Cairns Drive, Sligo. Our sympathy to her children Aidan + Mary, and her sisters Berna McHugh, Cliffoney + Martha O'Grady, brother-in-law Liam + family. Funeral Mass took place at St. Anne's Church on April 14th at 10.30am with burial in Sligo Cemetery.

Mary Dowdican (nee Moloney) (86) Aughagad, Grange formerly West Cork, died 11th April. Our sympathy to Eamon, Matt, Julie, Noel + Marian, grandchildren + great-grandchildren, cousins + friends. Funeral Mass took place at Grange Church on April 13th at 3.30pm with burial in Rathcormac Cemetery.

Michael O'Connor, Limerick died 15th April. Our sympathy to this wife Eileen, daughter Paula, son Martin, daughter-in-law Ita, son-in-law Ger, grandchildren Martin + Fam, brothers, especially Dessie, Cliffoney, sisters and family.

In the Age of the Spirit: An Eastertide Series

Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm, Galilee Spirituality Centre.

All Welcome. Booking and Link info@galilee.ie €5 donation.

April 20: Rev Dr Ruth Patterson, OBE. *The Beloved Community – An Endangered Species?*

Ruth Patterson is a Presbyterian minister, and since 1988 has been Director of Restoration Ministries, a non-denominational, Christian organisation committed to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. Ruth was the first woman to be ordained as a minister in Ireland. She has authored four books and numerous articles stemming from her commitment to unity and peace.

Athlone IT Research – Irish Centenarians

Are you or someone you know aged 100 years or older? Athlone Institute of Technology is currently researching the lives lived by Irish centenarians and is actively looking for participants. Contact Alison via email at a.fagan@research.ait.ie for more information on this project.

Among the 50 Best Places to Stay/Holiday in Ireland 2021:

Milk Harbour is the best place to stay + Eithna's By the Sea, Mullaghmore is the place to eat. Well done everyone.