

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

Focolare

Focolare is an ecclesial movement with the aim of contributing with others to the fulfilment of Jesus' prayer, "Father, may they all be one." To achieve this goal, members engage in various forms of dialogue, committed to building bridges of fraternal relationships among individuals, between cultural groups and in every area of society. Founded by Servant of God, Chiara Lubich, in 1943, it is present in 182 nations with more than two million people sharing in its life and work. Members include Christians of different denominations, members of the major world religions and people of no particular religious belief. In Ireland, it has centres in Dublin, Belfast and Kildare, and groups/ followers in Antrim, Letterkenny, Newry, Monaghan, Cavan, Navan, Wexford, Waterford, Cork, Limerick, Galway, Sligo, and Kilkenny. The General Assembly of Focolare is its highest organ of government which meets every six years. For further info visit www.focolare.org/ireland. The election of Palestinian woman as third president of Focolare – Margaret Karram from the Holy Land suggests a new era for Focolare.

Worldwide Rosary in the Month of May

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to praying for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The initiative involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world, including Knock Shrine. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1st May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms. Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 5pm Irish time from the various Shines taking part in the initiative. The Pope will also close the initiative on 31st May with another specially-broadcast Rosary. www.vaticannews.va/en

Back to Church

Everyone is welcome to come to Mass. There will be an upper limit of 50 people in attendance. Please maintain social distance when in the church, sanitise your hands on the way in and the way out and wear a mask.

Pentecost Sunday Collection is by special envelope –

Available in the church porch. This collection forms part of the priest income. Thank you for your continued support.

Irish Bishops Launch Synodal Pathway Website Support

As an aid to preparation for the proposed synod of the Irish Church, the Irish Bishops' Conference has launched a website offering information and background on the project. It can be accessed at <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/>

Marian Pilgrimages

Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest please visit www.marian.ie or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159

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Ascension Day

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Proclaim the Good New”

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Masses Cliffoney

Sun 16 th May	10.30am	Seamus Rodgers (3 rd Anniversary) Sean Brennan (2 nd Anniversary)
Fri 21 st May	10am	Feast of St. Christopher Magallanes + companions Enrolment Mass
Sun 23 rd May	10.30am	Pentecost Sunday

Collections: *Cliffoney Collection (May 2nd + 9th): €1247 Holy Places: €35 Diocesan Needs: €13*

Pope's Intention (universal) for May 2021

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

National vocations office: Contact us, tel: 01505318, email:eric.cooney@vocations.ie

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](https://www.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.

Accord Counsellors

Accord is recruiting experienced practitioners to train in the specialism of Couples and Relationships Counselling. Successful applicants will have an opportunity to follow a 16 day Level 6/Level 8 Certificate programme in Couples Counselling (in-person/blended learning) and a further 105 hours training in online and telephone counselling with individuals and couples with an external provider commissioned by Accord. Do you have: Minimum Level 5 (UK)/Level 7 (RoI) qualification in Counselling/Psychotherapy? Substantial experience of working in the Person-Centred style? Minimum 100 counselling hours post-graduation? A current supervised caseload? **If you can answer yes to all four questions above, please contact www.accord.ie for further information about this unique Couples Counselling training package.**

Final date for receipt of applications 07/06/2021.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals needs your help. War rages on in Tigray, Ethiopia, and much of the world remains unaware. The stories we are hearing from our trusted local partner The Daughters of Charity, about what people have gone through since the conflict began last November are nothing short of horrific. But with communication channels only partially open and much of the country still in 'blackout', global media remains largely silent. To find out more please go to www.marysmeals.ie or call Patricia Friel on 086-3140814.

Caregivers In Your Area

Are you looking for a career in caring for the elderly, have you recently retired or have your children now left home? Home Instead Senior Care are always looking to recruit carers. Whether you can work a couple of hours a week or you want to work full time, we would like to hear from you. Experience and FETAC/QQI level 5 qualification in Healthcare is an advantage but not compulsory as training may be provided. Your own transportation is essential. Please contact Lisa @ 071 931 7051 for further information or via email Sinead.mcdermott@homeinstead.ie

Masses Grange - All these masses available on Facebook

Sat 15 th May	2pm 8pm	Funeral Mass Patsy Barry Vigil Mass of Ascension Day David Gilmartin, Gortnaleck
Sun 16 th May	12.00	Ascension of The Lord World Communications Day Patsy Herron (12 th Anniversary)
Mon 17 th May	9.30am	Greg Hogg
Tue 18 th May	9.30am	Catherine Mary Gathercole Hamill died recently, N.J., USA
Wed 19 th May	9.30am	Hugh McGowan, Bunduff Bridge
Thur 20 th May	9.30am	Feast of St. Bernadine
Sat 22 nd May	8pm	Brendan Carolan Months Mind
Sun 23 rd May	12.00 1pm	Pentecost Sunday Baptism

Please remember in your prayers:

Donal Connolly, Brighton, England (50) suddenly. Our sympathy to his family in Brighton, England and Cliffoney. Our sincere sympathy to his mother Mary + sisters Nicola (Cliffoney) + Avril (Castlederg), brother James NY, USA. Funeral arrangements later.

Carol Gallagher (nee McGowan) Ballymote + formerly Streedagh + London; after a short illness (54) died 10th May at Sligo Hospice. Our sympathy to her husband Sean, sons John + Ryan, parents Mary + Peter, sisters Joanne + Marie, brothers David + Peter, nieces + nephews, extended family. Funeral Mass took place in the Church of Immaculate Conception, Ballymote with burial in St. Columbas's Cemetery, Ballymote.

Patsy Barry, Rinroe, Grange died May 12th at Sligo Hospice. Our sympathy to his wife Noreen of 53 years, daughters Helen + Sinéad, son Jarlath, 7 grandchildren, brothers Hubert + Fergus + extended family. Funeral Mass took place at Grange Church on Sat 22nd May with burial in Ahamlish Cemetery.

Billy Finnegan, Rosses Point died May 12th. Our sympathy to his family, his seven sons + two daughters, especially Kevin (Grange), grandchildren + great-grandchildren + extended family.

Noel Horan, Portmarnock + Moneygold. Our sympathy to his wife Roseleen, sons Peter, Sean, Aidan + James, daughters in law Grainne, Patricia, Eleanor, Louise, 8 grandchildren, brothers Joseph (Castlegarron), Jim + Tony.

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.

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 free phone service 1800 80 70 77, available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**