

PAULINE JARICOT: THE SPARK THAT LIT THE FIRE

On the 22nd of May we celebrate the beatification of Pauline Marie Jaricot in Lyon, France. Her story begins with the founding of a small union of prayer for the missions. Little did she know it would become the largest aid agency for the missions in the entire history of the Catholic Church. Today she would probably be seen as an enlightened businesswoman, but Pauline was much more than that.

Born in 1799 in Lyon, France, the daughter of well-to-do parents, who were silk merchants and factory owners, Pauline attended the social gatherings and dances that reflected her social status. She frequented the fashionable cafés of Lyon, was admired, and courted, but she was also drawn to moments of intense prayer and devotion and would spend hours before the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of fifteen she suffered a tragic accident at home. A fall seriously damaged her nervous system and speech, which led to a long period of depression. Her mother worried so much about her daughter's illness that she too became ill. When Pauline's older brother Narcisse died suddenly that same year, both women's health deteriorated. Sadly, her mother died, and this compounded Pauline's own suffering.

It was a homily that she heard while attending Mass that radically changed her life. She began to feel a profound closeness to God. She chose to dress more simply, sold her jewellery to give money to the poor, and deepen her prayer life. Having learned of the critical situation of the missions from her brother Philéas, who was training for the priesthood, she decided to contact some missionaries and support them through prayer and material help. In her mind the simplest and most effective way was through organised prayer and action.

In 1818, she began organising a weekly collection among the women workers in her family's factories. She organised groups of ten, who pledged to pray daily and to donate a penny a week to provide financial support for the missions. One group would lead in time to the formation of another, eventually spreading throughout France and later Europe and America. The substantial funds raised were divided and sent all over the world. This was the first fruits of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which she officially founded on the 3rd of May 200 years ago.

Pauline believed that the rosary could revitalise a society whose faith was in decline. In 1826 she founded the Living Rosary to re-evangelise people in groups of fifteen. Each person committed to praying a decade every day. By the time of her death in 1862, there were more than two million devotees of the Living Rosary in France alone. Concerned for the wellbeing of young girls in Lyon, Pauline then founded a community that she called 'The Daughters of Mary' in 1833 and established a home for them in Fourvière. Mason de Lorette still welcomes pilgrims and visitors today.

Her love for God, for Our Lady, and for the missions never wavered. In 1926 Pope Pius XI paid homage to the missionary genius of Pauline and introduced her cause for beatification. For the first time, the whole Church was called to celebrate what became known as World Mission Sunday, which takes place on the second last Sunday of October each year. Pauline was proclaimed Venerable by Pope John XXIII on the 25th of February 1963 and on the 26th of May 2020, Pope Francis authorised the recognition of a miracle attributed to Pauline's intercession, clearing the path for her beatification.

The witness of Pauline Jaricot challenges many of our perceptions of vocation, mission, ministry, evangelisation, the contribution of women to Church, and their spirituality. A true servant of God, Pauline modestly once said, "I lit the match that lit the fire".

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Sunday 24th April 2022

Divine Mercy Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter



Online Mass

Every Mass from Grange Church available on our Facebook Page

Adoration

Every Wednesday, 7-10pm, Cliffooney Church

Every Thursday, 7-9pm, Grange Church

Mullaghmore Masses

Saturday 23rd April	6:30pm	Annie Boyce
Saturday 30th April	6:30pm	Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Easter

Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 25th April	10:30am	Divine Mercy Sunday Orthodox Easter Sunday
Sunday 1st May	10:30am	Third Sunday of Easter Feast of St Joseph the Worker
	1:30pm	Baptism

Holy Places Collection: €104 Trocaire: €212

Grange Masses

Saturday 23rd April	10:00am	Funeral: Donal Kerins, Lyle
	11:45am	Baptism: Tyler John
	1:00pm	Wedding: Tim Smith & Laura Jacob
	8:00pm	Fran & John Kennedy and son John John Ryan, Grange and Glasgow (4th Anniversary)
Sunday 24th April	12 noon	Divine Mercy Sunday Molly & Andy Gallagher Jimmy Kilcoyne, Ballymote Michael Joe Woods (9th Anniversary)
	2:30pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Monday 25th April	9:30am	Feast of St Mark For the People of the Parish
Tuesday 26th April	9:30am	Tony Farrell, Ballyscannell (1st Anniversary)
Wednesday 27th April	9:30am	Feast of St Asicus Kathleen Travers (died 7th April)
Saturday 30th April	1:30pm	Wedding: Harry & Amanda
		Wedding: Enda & Aileen (Maughterow)
	8:00pm	Jim & Margaret Gillen (11th & 7th Anniversaries)
Sunday 1st May	12 noon	Third Sunday of Easter Feast of St Joseph the Worker

Holy Places Collection: €910 Trocaire: €1200

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

- Donal (Donie) Kerins (89), Lyle, Grange. Died Easter Sunday at Sligo University Hospital. Predeceased by his parents Tommy & Margaret, brothers Sean & Tom and nephews Tom & Desmond. Our sympathy to his sisters Mariead & Sr Geneieve, Mount Oliver, Dundalk; newphews Donal & Noel; nieces Jacinta, Patricia & Maura; neighbours and friends. Funeral Mass took place at Grange Church on Saturday 23rd April with burial in Ahamlish Cemetery.

St Molaise Preschool and Afterschool Accreditation

St. Molaise Preschool and Afterschool are absolutely thrilled and honoured to be accredited as All Ireland Business Foundation Business All-Stars 2022 for their contribution to high quality standards in education. This award recognises their commitment to excellence, trust, performance and family centricity. They would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have helped make this possible, their staff team, the families and children of service, and the local community for your love and support.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

After a two-year break, we are delighted that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place once again from 24th – 29th August. To book, please contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01-241 0800 or download the booking form at www.joewalshstours.ie

ALONE Recruitment

Older people need your support! ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people. ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit www.alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Young Adult Mass & Hike on The Suck Valley Way led by Bishop Kevin Doran

For 18-30 age group, Sunday 30th April. Mass in Donamon Castle at 11 am and then we will walk a 15Km stretch of the Suck Valley Way, beginning at Donamon Castle and ending in Ballintober. All young adults are welcome. Please register by contacting Frank McGuinness on 087 9880690 or frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie

GAA News

Congratulations to our County Sligo U20 GAA Team who beat Mayo in the Connacht Final and to your own lads on the team: Michael Langan, Luke Casserly, Joe Keaney, Jack Davitt, John Kerins and Marc Heraghty. Well done on a first ever Connacht U20 title for Sligo. Full time:

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