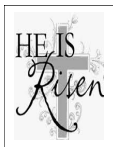


Celebrating the Journey ~ 1924- 2024 ~ Beginning of the Columban Sisters' mission in the Philippines and how it has evolved over time. In February 1937, the 33rd International Eucharistic Congress was held in Manila and brought a renewed religious fervour within the country. Bishop Madriga of Lingayen-Dagupan wrote to Mother Mary Patrick, Superior General of the Columban Sisters, inviting the Sisters to open new foundations in his diocese. One, in the town of Lingayen, was to administer a dormitory for high school girls, give religious classes in the school, and run a training centre for catechists. The second was in the town of Malasiqui where he felt there was a need for a Catholic school and for a catechetical ministry. The request was a new missionary venture for the Congregation. The call was not to China, but to a land and people where Christianity has been practiced since the 16th century. It called for a different way of listening and responding. Five sisters from the Hanyang and Nacheng missions in China arrived in the Philippines on 24 May 1939 against the backdrop of the Chinese-Japanese war which has been raging for two years. These courageous pioneering were Srs Bernadette Connolly, Teresa Devins, Aloysius Lenihan, Colmcille McCormick and Monica Finn. They established the first Columban Sisters community in Malasiqui and by August, the second community was opened in the coastal town of Lingayen. Two years later on 20 April 1941, three Sisters arrived in Ozamis City at the invitation of Bishop James Hayes. The Sisters took over the administration of the Immaculate Conception School. They were Srs Francis de Sales Hogan, Mary Campion McCarthy and Mary Teresa Devins. With these three foundations in Luzon and Mindanao, the Columban Sisters took their first steps in the educational apostolates. The Sisters' way of life inspired some young Filipino women to join the Congregation. The first to enter was Sr Consuelo Mercado in 1949. She and other Filipina Sisters who followed in those early years, went to the novitiate in Boston, USA for their initial formation. In 1974, as more Filipina young women accepted the call to religious life as Columban Sisters, the Philippine Novitiate was opened. When the country was placed under martial law in the early 70's, there was a massive number of arrests, as well as torture and executions of those who denounced these injustices. Some sisters became active in ministries to prisoners and detainees, putting themselves at risk of being detained. Other Sisters worked with the urban poor and became more active in the field of human rights as well as justice and peace groups. Some sisters opted to live and work in solidarity with the people in the slums. Due to changes in the government's education policies, we began to hand over the formal education apostolates to the diocese. We then worked in the formation of the laity, seminarians, religious, and future formators as mentors, counsellors and spiritual guides. In 1983, a group of four Sisters started to work with tribal people, in particular with the Subanen people in Midsalip, Zamboanga del Sur. The focus was to walk with the people, respecting their ways, culture and beliefs, to help them regain their dignity and place in society and assist them in protecting their ancestral land. Differences in beliefs, religion and ideologies brought constant tensions and conflicts between Muslims and Christians living in the south of the country. Believing that lasting peace can only be achieved through genuine dialogue, a couple of Sisters joined this ministry in the prelature of Marawi, where they lived and worked with both Muslims and Christians. In mid 80s a minister to people with special needs was started by a Sister who, having trained in speech therapy, visited the children with speech problems, encouraging them and their parents out of their isolation in order to integrate within society. As we entered the new millennium, the number of Sisters in the area had become smaller. Today the Philippine area is host to our international novitiate where we have novices from Myanmar and Filipina postulants. In 2011 we were invited to work in the parish of Pasay. While being involved in various parish programmes, the Sisters came to know an unlikely section of the pariah – the cemetery where hundreds of homeless families live. The Sisters started a feeding programme for school children living there and later a scholarship scheme was offered to deserving students. Responding to Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum* a Sister and some lay associates started an ecology programme in Pangasinan. This year we celebrate the centenary of our foundation, we look with gratitude to all the Sisters who came and brought GOD's message of JOY to the Filipino people. We celebrate all whose names are now written not only in the congregation's annals and in our nation's history, but in the hearts of generations of Filipinos ~Sr Gloria Santos

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Sunday 28th April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter



Online Mass

Every Mass from Grange Church available on our Facebook Page

Adoration

Every Thursday, 7-9pm, Grange Church
 Every Wednesday, 7-9pm Cliffoney Church

Mullaghmore Masses

Saturday 27 th April	6:30pm	Susie Vanderputt (nee McCannon) & James McCannon (10 th & 2 nd Anniv)
Saturday 04 th May	10:30am	Holy Rosary
Saturday 04 th May	6:30pm	Margaret O'Grady, Mullaghmore (50 th Anniv) Mary & Denis Ludden

Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 28 th April	10:30am	Fr Pat McHugh, Pettigo (1 st Anniv)
Thursday 02 nd May	10:00am	Feast of St Athanasius
Sunday 05 th May	10:30am	John Hennessy (5 th Anniv) Mary Kate McGloin, Derryduff & her great grandson Dylan Gallagher
Collection €904 Trócaire €10		

Grange Masses

Saturday 27 th April	8:00pm	Feast of St Asicus Tony Farrell, Ballyscannell (3 rd Anniv) Coney & Josephine McHugh, Ballymote
Sunday 28 th April	12noon	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Wednesday 01 st May	6:30pm	Feast of St Joseph, The Worker
Friday 03 rd May	9:30am	Feast of Ss Philip & James Apostles Tom Foley (19 th Anniv)
Saturday 04 th May	8:00pm	John & Fran Kennedy Carol McGowan-Gallagher
Sunday 05 th May	12noon	Ann Currid (1 st Anniv) Lislary Janet Duffill (3 rd Anniv)
Sunday 05 th May	2:00pm	Baptism: Conor
Collection €869		

REGINA COELI is said in place of the Angelus during the 50 days of Easter which ends on Pentecost Sunday.

Queen of Heaven, Rejoice, Alleluia. For He whom thou did merit to bear, Alleluia. Has risen as He said, Alleluia. Pray for us to God, Alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia. Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen

The Spiritans: Fr. Paddy Moran CSSp who preached St. Patricks weekend sends his thanks for donations gratefully received. Total came to €1446.30

Cliffoney NS Cash for Clobber Fundraiser 2024. Drop bags into the school on Fri 3rd & Sat 4th May!

Cliffoney NS sponsored walk 2024 – Sat 12th May @ 11:30am. €5/Adult can be paid on the day

Thanks to all who have already donated through student sponsor cards

Tea/coffee & light refreshments will be served in the school afterwards, all welcome!

Please remember in your prayers: Willie Gillespie, Ballincastle/ Edenrevagh, died Wednesday afternoon April 23rd at his residence surrounded by his family. Funeral arrangements, Friday eve 5pm – 8pm, Mc Gloins funeral home. Funeral Mass Sat 11am St Molaise Church and burial in Ahamlish.

ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – ASSISTED PILGRIM SECTION: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 30th August 2024 to the 4th September 2024 inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage Highlights includes Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex Knock Airport.

The Pilgrimage includes the **Assisted Pilgrim Section**. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated beside the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is the 10th June 2024. **All other enquiries in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 01 2410800 or email info@joewalshstours.ie**

Saints of the week - April 27th – c.490 AD. Asicus was converted to Christianity by St Patrick who made him Bishop of Elphin. He is our Patron Saint. The first Cathedral in our diocese was built in the village of Elphin, the ruins of which are still there in the centre of Elphin. Asicus left Elphin and retired to Rathlin Island in Donegal Bay to monastic life. Later his fellow monks encouraged him to return and on that journey he died at the townland of Rathcung – on the left of the village of Ballintra where he was laid to rest. A monument was erected there. It lies on a hill on the western side of the N15 in Ballintra (some 20 miles north of us here). A beautiful stained glass window of St Asicus in in our Cathedral in Sligo, designed by Lucien-Leopold Lobin (1837-1892).

St Joseph the Worker (May 1st) This Feast day is not a copying of the Communists First of May more than Christmas is a copy of the Feast of Saturnalia. The dates are taken over for obvious reasons, but the content is radically different. The Christian view of work is the opposite of the materialist view. A worker such as St Joseph is not a mere lump of labour. He is a person. He is created in God's image and just as creation is an activity of God, so creation is an activity of the worker. The worker do echoes the glorious work of God. It may not be wasted or abused; or improperly paid. The glory of democracy (our economy system) is when it gives so many chances to build and create something worthwhile whether from their own resources or in coloration with others. But it's shame is when that does not happen, when people are coerced by greed or poverty into being "lumps of labour". Because she must combat the anti-communist humanist heresy, the church is sometimes thought to be on the side of capitalism. Reading the successive Papal encyclicals on labour and society, from Rerum Novarum (1891) onwards will soon dispel that illusion. The enemies of the church have no reason to read them, all too often we may be too comfortable to read them ourselves.

St Athanasius 295-373 Born Alexandria. Assisted at the Council of Nicaea. Fought against Arianism and was exiled a number of times. He wrote outstanding works to explain and defend orthodoxy. Arianism taught that the Son was created by the Father and in no way equal to him. Only by insisting on the identity of the natures of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit can we truly understand the goodness of creation and the love of God.

St Philip & James: Apostles (May 3rd) Philip born in Bethsaida and started as a disciple of John the Baptist. After the Baptist death, he followed Christ. **James** the son of Alphaeus is called "James the Less" to distinguish him from James the son of Zebedee who ruled the church in Jerusalem, wrote an epistle, led an austere life and converted many Jews to the Faith. Died a martyr in the year 62.

Faithful To The End – One of the last letters that Paul wrote was to Timothy, who became one of the leaders of the early church and whom Paul loved as a son. Paul gave a great deal of advice and encouragement to Timothy, for he knew that his own life was drawing to a close, and he was anxious that Timothy should not grow discouraged during the difficult times ahead. There were people in Rome working against Paul, and when he attended his first defence hearing, all the witnesses who had promised to give evidence for him failed to turn up. "Be careful always to choose the right course", wrote Paul. "Be brave under trial. Make the proclaiming of the Good News your life's work. "As for me", he continued, "my life is already being poured away as an offering, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith. All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on the Day – and not only to me, but to all those who have longed for him. "The Lord will rescue me from all evil and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. "To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen"