Irish Sisters bring faith and compassion to margins of society in mission
Through a new short film commissioned by the Embassy of Ireland to the Holy See, four Irish religious sisters of different congregations share powerful stories of faith, courage and service to communities in some of the world's most challenging regions. Their experiences reveal how missionary life goes beyond borders, transforming lives through education, healthcare, empowerment, and a commitment to human dignity. In some of the world's most remote and challenging communities, where government services and humanitarian organizations have struggled to remain, Irish religious sisters continue to offer education, healthcare, and hope to vulnerable populations. Their remarkable experiences are captured in *Lives of Mission, Lives of Hope!*, a short film produced by Colm Flynn on commission from the Embassy of Ireland to the Holy See, with support from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
A mission rooted in faith, courage, and service -Through the testimonies of four religious sisters, the film offers an intimate account of missionary life, revealing the sacrifices, challenges, and profound fulfilment that come with answering God's call to serve others.
Sr. Colette Keane, OP (Order of Preachers)**,** reflects on a lifetime dedicated to teaching, mission work, and establishing schools. Her journey in Liberia was marked by a violent attack in which she was beaten, sustaining serious injuries to one eye and one ear. Yet the experience did not weaken her commitment. "I was never discouraged," she recalls, convinced that she was doing what she had been called to do. Despite the suffering, she remembers finding what she had sought through her missionary vocation.
Transforming lives through compassion and empowerment - For Sr. Julie Buckley, SMR (Sisters of Mary Reparatrix), the journey towards religious life began after years away from religious practice. An invitation to attend Mass in the 1980s renewed her relationship with the Gospel, eventually leading her to consecrated life. Her background as a midwife also strengthened her desire to serve others. Today, in La Ensenada, one of Lima's poorest neighbour hoods, her congregation runs Casa Betania, supporting families, particularly mothers and young people who have left the education system. Through education and community activities, women are encouraged to recognize their abilities and build confidence. For Sister Julie, mission remains an adventure of faith and discovery.
Sr. Pat Murray, CJ (Congregation of Jesus), discovered her vocation at just 12 years old. Her missionary experiences have taken her to several countries, including war-torn South Sudan, where she learned the importance of listening to communities affected by conflict. Recalling bullet marks on a church crucifix, she describes how listening to people's suffering became central to her ministry. Her encounters across cultures have taught her the importance of respecting differences and embracing the universality of the Church. Reflecting on the sacrifices of religious life, she speaks with warmth about motherhood, although she never had children of her own, she hopes to have thousands through the lives she has touched.
From Africa to the universal mission of the Church
Sr. Mary Barron, OLA, recalls feeling drawn to Africa from an early age. Her first assignment in Lagos, Nigeria, was a cultural shock, but her training as a speech and language therapist soon became an important instrument of service to children with communication difficulties. In 1995, she moved to rural Tanzania, where communities faced severe poverty and lacked basic services such as electricity and running water. Working in the Diocese of Shinyanga, she established women's groups across all 35 villages, encouraging women to recognize their worth and develop their potential. "The fundamental thing was to help people understand that they have value," she explains. Her experiences also taught her the importance of learning from the people she served. Today, she sees missionary work continuing in Europe through initiatives supporting migrants and promoting integration in multicultural communities.
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The film also looks towards a new chapter in her missionary journey. Sr. Mary Teresa Barron, Superior General of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles, has been appointed by Pope Leo XIV as Adjunct Secretary of the Dicastery for Evangelization, with responsibility as President of the Pontifical Mission Societies. She is due to assume her new responsibilities on 4 January 2027. Ultimately, *Lives of Mission, Lives of Hope!* is a reminder that missionary service is not simply about travelling to distant lands but about recognising the dignity of every person and responding with love, courage, and compassion. Through their lives, these sisters demonstrate that faith becomes most meaningful when it is translated into service, solidarity, and hope.

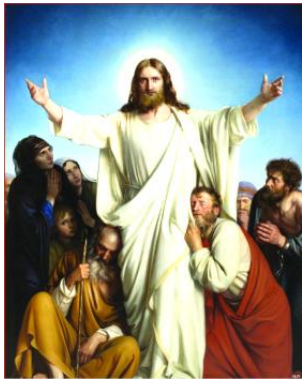
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Sunday 15th November 2026

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – Mullaghmore 6:30pm
Saturday - Grange 8:00pm

Sunday – Cliffoney 10:30am
Sunday – Grange 12noon

Mullaghmore Masses

Saturday 14th November	6:30pm	**Mary & Denis Ludden** **Deceased of the Kenny Family**
Saturday 21st November	6:30pm	**Fr. Michael Glynn (4th Anniv)** **Martin O'Rourke**
Monthly Eucharistic Healing Service: 7.30-9.00pm Mon 12th Dec 2026		

Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 15th November	10:30am	**Deceased of the McHugh Family,** Cliffoney
Sunday 22nd November	10:30am	**Danny Warnock** (23rd Anniv) **Remembrance Prayer**
Collection €591 | Missions €25 | Peters Pence €10		

Grange Masses

Saturday 14th November	2:00pm	Baptism x2
Saturday 14th November	8:00pm	**Charlie Lafferty** **Eddie & Rosie Mullarkey** (2nd & 13th Anniv)
Sunday 15th November	12noon	**Nana Kilfeather** (17th Anniv) **John Bruen** **Danny O'Connor** **Rita Costigan** (2nd Anniv)
Saturday 21st November	8:00pm	**Remembrance Service** **Jim & Kathleen Gilmartin & deceased Gilmartin & McDermott families, Lislary**
Sunday 22nd November	12noon	**Feast of Christ Universal King**
Collection €1165 | Missions €60		

November Prayers for the Dead in our Cemeteries
Ahamlish: November 15th 1pm
Carrigeens: November 15th 3pm

"And none of us deserving of cruelty or the grace" ~ Leonard Cohen

Coolaney Gospel Choir will lead us in Christmas Hymns & Scripture passages on Dec 13th (Sunday) at 6pm – 7pm.

Bingo every Saturday night in Cliffoney Hall @ 9pm. All Welcome!

Pope Leo XIV's November 2026 prayer intention:
"For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that, not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and the solidarity of those who have less".

November Remembrance: will be held in our churches on the weekend of 21|22 Nov. if you would like anyone in particular remembered/mentioned /prayed for - contact me by text, talk or WhatsApp. *Mile Buiochas.*

Please remember in your prayers: Marie McSharry, Grange (nee Donagher) died Nov 10th. Our sympathy to her husband Paddy, her children Patricia, John, Aidan, Raymond, Padraig, Deirdre, Stephen, Orla and their spouses and children. Funeral Mass was offered on Fri Nov 13th in Grange Church with burial in Ahamlish Cemetery.

World Youth Day 2027 with Pope Leo XIV - Are you interested in travelling on the diocesan youth pilgrimage to Korea for World Youth Day in 2027? The diocese is currently seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who will be aged 19 – 30 at the time of the event. Travel dates are 27 July – 12 August 2027, approx. To register your interest, email Sheena at info@achonryelphin.ie with your name, age, and parish.

Society of African Missions – SMA
The SMA in Ireland celebrate 100 years presence in Dromantine, Newry, Co. Down this year. They also, celebrate the ordination of 32 new SMA Priests in 2026. The newly ordained SMAs come from 12 countries, the Philippians, Spain, India, Zambia, Tanzania, Nigeria, Benin, Niger, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya & Amgola. All are assigned to Missions. Pray for them. Over 400 students are studying in various SMA Houses of Formation in Africa, India & The Philippians.

Upcoming Events at Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo:
Eucharistic Healing Service - Takes place from 7.30pm to 9pm on ***Nov 09th, Dec 14th*** at Our Lady Star of the Sea Public Oratory (part of Star of the Sea Retreat Centre). Led by Deacon Frank McGuinness and Louise McGuinness. All Welcome!
Rediscover the Bible from 27th – 29th November. Led by Deacon Frank McGuinness. Cost: €290. Price includes full board and accommodation. Let the Word of God transform your life! https://www.rediscoverthebible.ie

Abide in His Love Women's Conference: Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, from 20th – 22ndNovember 2026. Speakers: Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. A conference not to be missed! Register now: https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available. 26-28 February 2027**. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org and Married Couples course? Weekend residential courses available.** 14-15 November 2026 and 27-28 February 2027**. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org**

Apostolic Work Society Achonry / Elphin Diocese - We need used Stamps, Medals, Soap, Rosary Beads, Broken Jewelry, Bandages, Soft Toys, Table Cloths, Rugs, Old Irish Coins, Foreign Coins. Contact: **Margaret 087 2072 400 \| Mary 087 1353 780 or June Woulfe 083 140 7614. These goods are sent to the Missions & benefit the poor.**

On Red Wednesday (18th November next) wear something red - a scapular, tie, scarf or jumper - to show solidarity with the suffering Church and to remember the blood lost by Christians in defence of their faith.
According to the most recent Religious Freedom in the World Report from Aid to the Church in Need, some 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated – that's 18% or about one in five Christians. Of these, approximately 220 million live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution – that's 10%, or one in ten of all Christians.

Christmas Floral Workshop
In Cliffoney Men's Shed
Thursday December 3rd @ 7.30pm
Free Community Event (donation to hospice)
Make a beautiful Christmas display
Limited spaces available – Pm Triona 087 234 6864
All procced to North West Hospice