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Dublin and Glendalough Come&Celebrate Sunday

Parishes in all parts of Dublin and Glendalough
will be joining in one celebration on Sunday

September 18. Archbishop Michael Jackson has designated that date as Come&Celebrate Sunday, a celebration of Come&C and the launch of the Come&C 5 Marks Challenge.

The 5 Marks Challenge is a discipleship programme based on individuals completing activities or 'challenges' relating to one or more of the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion. It is an opportunity to highlight the Five Marks of Mission (outlined below) and show how easily they can be translated into and celebrated in everyday life.

On completion of a challenge, the participant is awarded with a ribbon pin from the Archbishop. The colour of the ribbon relates to each Mark. The Blue ribbon relates to the first Mark of Mission Tell – To Proclaim God's Kingdom. The Yellow ribbon is for the second Mark of Mission Teach – To Teach, Baptise and Nurture. The Red ribbon is Tend – To Respond to Human Need. The Purple ribbon is Transform – To Transform Unjust Structures and the final Green ribbon is Treasure – To Safeguard Creation.

Eleven participants from five parishes have been involved in the pilot programme and were

awarded the ribbon relating to their particular mark at a Service in Christ Church Cathedral and a video of some of their experiences is being made available for showing in each of the parishes as part of the Come&Celebrate Service.

Criteria for participation in this initiative and scriptural resources are available to view and download on the Diocesan website at <http://dublin.anglican.org/Come-and-C> and an Order of Service will be sent to the parishes in advance of the Service.

To find out more about the 5 Marks Challenge and to learn how to get involved email the coordinator Caoimhe Leppard at 5markschallenge@dublin.anglican.org .

All of those who have been involved in Come&C are delighted to have reached this point of Diocese-wide participation. Sunday September 18 is a shared opportunity to participate in this expression of Diocesan life.

“I am delighted that Come&C has developed in the life of the Dioceses in the ways in which it has,” Archbishop Jackson commented. “The response from so many individuals and parishes

over the year past has in itself been a cause of celebration. In thanking the many people who have made this possible, I should like to commend to every individual, parish and rector the Come&Celebrate Sunday in September. I hope that it will be a warm and welcoming way for all of us to connect afresh with God and the Church in September.”

The path of Christian faith is still alive in Ireland: Nuncio

The path of Christian faith is still alive in Ireland in 2016, Pope Francis’ representative in Ireland said on the eve of Reek Sunday.

In his homily at Mass in St Mary’s church in Westport on Saturday evening, Archbishop Charles Brown told the congregation that at times we are all tempted to be downcast, to keep our eyes down and our heads down.

“Even physically, many of us, and I include myself in this, have our heads literally down as we read our smart phones and type and text.”

But the Nuncio added that Jesus Christ is saying to each of us today – “sursum corda” – “hearts up!”

The Nuncio, who climbed Croagh Patrick yesterday morning, noted that from the dawn of history, human beings have been fascinated by mountains.

“There is something intangibly mystical, attractive and enchanting about the high places, something profoundly renewing about just being in the mountains.”

Referring to the American naturalist, John Muir, the father of the American National Park system, the Archbishop said that he had famously given advice to his contemporaries about finding peace.

“Climb the mountains” he wrote, “and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.”

These, Dr Brown said, were some of the reasons why, for Christians, climbing mountains is so rich in significance.

“The physical ascent of a mountain is a concrete image of Christian life,” he stated.

Up to 25,000 were expected to take part in the first Reek Sunday climb in two years following the cancellation of last year’s event due to bad weather.

Moira team helps Calais ‘jungle’ refugees

Earlier this summer, a small team from St John’s C of I parish Moira, made a 5 day trip to France to volunteer at a facility serving the infamous ‘Calais Jungle’ refugee camp.

Simon Henry, Diane Graham and students, Ian, Andrew, Stephen and Jack travelled under the umbrella of helprefugees.co.uk and worked mostly in a huge warehouse which serves the camp and its 7000 inhabitants. Alongside volunteers from all over the world they sorted shoes and clothes and were put to work boxing



and bagging all sorts of food items – from salt to tea bags to chopped tomatoes.

The warehouse was a new experience – factory-like and busy but well organised with volunteers keeping the whole thing running, In the space of 2 days Jack was even promoted to managing the adult clothes sorting department!

To preserve the dignity of the refugees, very few of the volunteers actually go into the Calais Camp but Diane and Iain had one very brief visit. They saw the reality of everyday life there and chatted with some Sudanese, Ethiopian and

Afghan refugees as well as visiting the multi-denomination church.

The team did, however, spend a day in a smaller campsite at Dunkirk with over 300 Kurdish and Iraqi refugees. They chopped wood, volunteered in the food shop and listened to people's stories of desperation and persecution. The last day in the warehouse involved the boys sorting a mountain of clothing parcels bound for camps in Greece and Diane and Simon on vegetable cutting duty to help prepare meals.

“The people we were speaking to in the small camp were teachers, builders, engineers – skilled people,” said Simon. “They weren't heading to the UK just for benefits or for other unwholesome reasons. A lot of the people had been bombed out of their homes and others had left because of religious persecution – people who had converted to Christianity and were being threatened by their own family. They were desperate – desperate enough to risk their lives to get over to England.”

He continued: “Anybody can go out and work in a warehouse, it's not difficult and you won't be directly faced with the hardships of the camp.

Anyone pack a bag of groceries, anyone can chop an onion or put salt into a bag. They are always in need of more volunteers and I would encourage people to do it. It was a real eye-opener and a very humbling experience.”

Connor youth invited to ‘take the castle’

Connor Youth Council is inviting young people from across the Diocese to attend the third annual diocesan ‘Take the Castle’ weekend from September 2-4 2016 in Castlewellan.

The weekend has provided a massive opportunity for all young people across Connor to travel with others from their local parish and connect with other young people in an action-packed weekend. The weekend will be back in the beautiful Castlewellan Castle for some incredible food, adventurous activities and challenging talks.

The Youth Council is looking forward to providing the chance for young people to grow in their faith alongside leaders from their own parishes. The cost of the weekend is £50 and includes everything once groups arrive at Castlewellan..

Christina Baillie, Diocesan Youth Officer, said: “I would love to see groups from all over Connor joining together and hearing more of God’s character. The diocesan weekend is a real opportunity for developing community and so many young people have talked to me about the positive impact it has had on their faith and helping them to feel part of the wider church.

“I would love to see groups coming for the first time and groups of all sizes will be incredibly welcome.

Eco-Congregation Ireland at Áras an Uachtaráin event

The Rev John Corrie and his wife, Jan, recently attended a garden party at Áras an Uachtaráin to represent Eco-Congregation Ireland (ECI). John is the Methodist representative on the ECI committee.

The garden party was held to acknowledge individuals and organisations working to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals agreed in New York in 2015. The mixture of guests attending represented farming, business, industry, non-governmental



Rev John Corrie and his wife, Jan

organisations, charities, community groups and individuals.

President Michael D Higgins gave a short address, thanking those present for their role in

helping Ireland work towards the sustainable development goals set globally. He stressed the need to convert words into actions in relation to these goals and the necessity of addressing climate change at community and individual level and the changes that are needed at the level of political policy and individual action.

Pope condemns 'wave of terror', urges young people to shun indifference

Pope Francis on Saturday condemned the "devastating wave of terrorism" and war that has hit the world and urged a huge crowd of young people not to be indifferent to the suffering of others.

The pope, who ends his five-day trip to Poland yesterday, made an unscheduled stop at the church of St Francis of Assisi in Krakow to recite a prayer for peace.

"Touch the hearts of terrorists so that they may recognise the evil of their actions and may turn to the way of peace and goodness, of respect for the life and for the dignity of every human being,



regardless of religion, origin, wealth or poverty," he said in the prayer.

When he started the trip on Wednesday, Francis said the killing of an elderly priest in France by suspected Islamist militants and a string of other attacks were proof the "world is at war" but that it was not caused by religion.

From the church Francis went to a large field outside the city where he addressed hundreds of thousands of young people in Krakow for an international gathering of Catholic youth.

There, after watching dance representations of stories of struggle, conflict and redemption, he heard a young representative from Aleppo, Syria, say "God, where are you? Do you exist?"

In response, Francis asked the young people to pray for Syria and other places in conflict and said: "Once and for all, may we realise that nothing justifies shedding the blood of a brother or sister."

He urged those who are better off not to remain remote from the suffering of others. "The times we live in do not call for young 'couch potatoes'," he said.

Earlier on Saturday, Francis addressed Polish priests and bishops, urging them to live simpler lives, focus on those most in need and shun worldly ambitions.

In the homily of a Mass, he told them not to lead "two-track lives" or to "remain enclosed, out of fear or convenience, within ourselves..."

Some media commentators have accused Polish Church leaders of enjoying a lifestyle protected from the difficulties some Poles are facing in the

economic transition from communism to capitalism.

Francis spoke to the bishops at a modern shrine to the memory of the late Pope John Paul and built on a site of a stone quarry on the outskirts of Krakow where German occupiers forced the future pontiff to work during World War Two.

Francis' five-day trip to Poland has taken place in the shadow of the Polish pontiff, who has cult-like status in Poland for his role in inspiring his native country to stand up to communist rule in the 1980s.

The shrine houses relics of the late pope, such as the blood-stained white cassock he was wearing on May 13, 1981, when he was shot and nearly killed by Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca in St. Peter's Square in the Vatican.

Cathedral and choral

+++ Enniskillen summer school - Last night in St Macartan's cathedral, Clogher, on the eve of the opening of the **William Carleton Summer School**, Gemma Price will give a harp recital of the works of Thomas Moore who was a

contemporary of Carleton. The Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Michael Jackson, will speak about the 1916 centenary commemorations at the Summer School on Monday and on Wednesday, local historian and St Macartan's stalwart, Jack Johnston, will reflect on 25 years of the Summer School.

+++ Castletownshend festival of church music - On Thursday evening the **St**

Barrahane's Church Festival of Music continues in Castletownshend, Co. Cork, where the recital will be given by Karina Gallagher (violin) and Aiveen Gallagher (viola).

+++ Sandford lunchtime recital - The performers in the lunchtime recital in **Sandford parish church, Ranelagh**, on Friday will be Aisling Kenny (soprano) and Judith Gannon (piano).

News briefs

+++ Appointment of Rector and Dean of Dromore - The Revd Geoff Wilson, currently rector of Shankill Parish Lurgan, has been

appointed as incumbent of the Cathedral Parish of Dromore. Bishop Harold Miller has also appointed Revd Wilson as Dean of Dromore. The date of the institution will be announced in due course.

+++ Clogher parish thanksgiving - Yesterday (Sunday) the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, preached at a Service of Thanksgiving in Drumully parish church at which a new roof will be dedicated. Drumully is part of a group of parishes based on Galloon where the rector is the Revd Anita Kerr.

+++ Dublin North Strand institution - On Friday evening, at 7.30pm, in North Strand parish church, the Archbishop of Dublin will institute the Revd Garth Bunting to the incumbency of Drumcondra, North Strand and St Barnabas. Mr Bunting was ordained in 1999 and served in the Dioceses of Derry and Connor. Since 2010 he has been Residential Priest Vicar in Christ Church cathedral, Dublin.

+++ Plea for calm in South Africa - With less than a week before hotly contested local elections, church leaders in South Africa have appealed for calm and asked political leaders of

all political parties to help contain dissent. The run-up to the elections on 3 August has been marred by recurrent bouts of violence, intimidation and even political assassinations.

+++ Welcome for Malawi Bible translation -

After a 12-year translation project, the New Testament is finally available in chiLambya, one of the languages of northern Malawi; and the Old Testament is expected to be completed in 2018. ChiLambya is one of 13 languages spoken in Chitipa region; and is also used by the Ndali, Banyika, BaMambwe, BaNamwanga and BaBandya across northern Malawi, south Tanzania and western Zambia. "Now each tribe has a Bible in their own language," the Bishop of Northern Malawi, the Rt Revd Faniel Emmanuel Magangani, in the Church of the Province of Central Africa, commented. "We praise God for the work the Bible Society is doing in Malawi to enable people hear God speaking to them in their own language."

+++ Bishop's Welsh lesson at Eisteddfod -

The bishop of Wales' most English-speaking diocese will have a Welsh lesson at the National Eisteddfod today. The Bishop of Monmouth, Richard Pain, has invited clergy from the diocese

to join him for the lesson at the Eisteddfod which this year takes place in Abergavenny, in the heart of the diocese of Monmouth. Bishop Richard is inviting clergy to join him for the lesson which will be led by tutor Geraint Wilson Price, the director for Welsh at Coleg Gwent

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