

Ministry Update

A Newsletter from Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services
for Parish Ministry Groups and Team Members

September 2013

Day for Life 2013 Prayer

Holy Mary, Mother of Love,
holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb,
graciously look upon our earth and remove from it
all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes
to the preciousness of human life,
from the moment of conception to natural death.

Through the example of your tenderness
teach us the ways of compassion and love
that we may build up the civilisation of love among us
and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.
Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of
death,
and to work with others of goodwill
in promoting the culture of life.

Bring us ever closer to your Son,
so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us
and come to know that life more perfectly,
with you, and all the angels and saints,
in the eternal life of Heaven.
Amen

Day for Life: 6th October 2013

This year "Day for Life" focuses on professing our faith in a culture of life, drawing upon words spoken by Pope Francis in 2005 about promoting what a culture of life really means: "Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing... So go forth, and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it!" A culture of life means seeing life as a whole, caring for it as a "seamless garment" stretching from natural birth to natural death. Three issues from within this seamless garment of particular concern at this time:

- ✚ *Care for unborn children and their mothers*
- ✚ *Care for people who are elderly*
- ✚ *Care for those who are suicidal and their families.*

Go to **www.kandle.ie** to download parish materials including intercessions & reflections.

Catholic social teaching holds up the vision that no one person should ever be marginalised or set aside. All have an inherent value and worth that comes not from Governments or the State, but from the very heart of God.

The Year of Faith is an opportunity for each of us to renew our commitment as Christians to building up the culture of life and leading others to Christ by the quality of love and care we show to others in His name.

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Get your group ready and your order in!

The Advent Scripture Booklets will once more be available to parishes this year. Interested groups and parishes can place orders with Christine at fds@kandle.ie / 059 9164084. Cost: €2.50 per copy



WORKSHOPS

A Workshop for People who Lead Music at Funerals

This workshop is open to anybody who finds themselves leading music at funerals either as a choir director or as a soloist.

- Venue:** Portlaoise Parish Centre
Date and Time: Tuesday, November 12, 8-10 p.m.
Areas to be explored: When and what to sing!
Cost: €10, including tea/coffee & music pack to take home.
Facilitators: Fr. Liam Lawton and Julie Kavanagh.
Bookings: With Christine at fds@kandle.ie or **059 9164084**



Entrusted with the Word – Two Night Training Workshop for Parish Readers



This diocesan training programme for parish readers is available for delivery by Julie Kavanagh in local parishes.

Available dates:

Wednesday, October 16 & October 23
Thursday, November 7 & November 14
Tuesday, November 19 & November 26

Bookings: ASAP through FDS. Parishes are very welcome to train with surrounding parishes.

Music Workshop with J. Michael Joncas (composer of “On Eagle’s Wings”) Sing Praise and Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 23

Venue: Renehan Hall, St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth

- 10:00 Registration
10:30 Workshop
12:30 Celebration of the Word
12:45 Lunch (*Can be purchased in college on the day*)
2:00 Workshop Continued
3:00 Concluding Prayer

Cost: €15 **Booking Form:** www.liturgy-ireland.ie or www.kandle.ie

This workshop forms part of the National Centre for Liturgy’s celebration of 50 years of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. See next page for further details of these celebrations.



National Centre for Liturgy, Maynooth
Celebrating the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
on its 50th Anniversary

Renehan Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare



Friday November 22

Guest Speaker: J Michael Joncas.

Michael is a composer, author, speaker and professor who is perhaps best known for his song "On Eagle's Wings". He is currently a professor of theology at the University of St Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota. Michael has published three books, over 100 articles and over 20 collections of liturgical music.

Round table on the "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy – Then & Now"

2.30 -5:45 Michael Joncas and guest speakers, including Bishop Harold Miller, Sr. Anne Codd PBVM, Peter McVerry SJ, & Dr. Frank Lawrence.

Cost: €10 **Booking Form:** www.liturgy-ireland.ie or www.kandle.ie

Liturgy Group members may find either of these events of particular interest!

Public Lecture: Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy after 50 years

7:30 Michael Joncas, with response by Julie Kavanagh

Cost: Free event.

A word for Parish Pastoral Councils

*Taken from
'Living Communion: Vision and
Practice for Parish Pastoral Councils in
Ireland Today'
(Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference)*

The collaboration of all members, ordained, lay and religious, is integral to each stage of the work of the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Council as a body needs to build up continually its connection with the total parish community. It should develop ways and means to communicate information and to gather the views and wisdom of all.

Having discerned in the light of their local situation and of their Christian mission what needs to be done, it can then enable community members to develop their gifts and to participate in the pastoral action of the parish and in this way to respond to their baptismal call.

Some useful Websites and Apps for Parish Readers

Members of the parish who read at Mass might be interested in some of these websites and apps to help them in their preparation for reading God's Word:

- Bible Audio Pronunciations from Googleplay (€3.03) (an android app with 6000 words from the bible – a free 'lite' version with 800 words is available if people want to try this first; gives pronunciation as well as Google/ wikipedia link)
- "The Center for Liturgy – Saint Louis University" website www.liturgy.slu.edu/ is an excellent website for exploring the Sunday readings from a variety of perspectives and offering Prayer of the Faithful suggestions.
- www.wednesdayword.org is a website that provides families and parishioners with a prayerful preparation and reflection on the following Sunday's readings.

Mission Sunday – 20th October 2013

GROWING IN FAITH

The Mission Sunday poster this year celebrates the election of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina as Pope. In July Pope Francis published his first encyclical, co-written with Pope Benedict, “Lumen Fides” (The light of Faith).

In this Year of Faith we are ever mindful that our life of faith guides us in the living out of Gospel values and often directs us to be conscious of our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ who live in countries where there is discord or mismanagement and where the young Churches strive to bring the Good News of the Gospel to its people. Mission Sunday gives us an opportunity to support these Churches through our prayer and generosity.



‘BE MISSIONARIES
OF GOD’S LOVE
AND TENDERNESS
AND MERCY’
Pope Francis

20th
OCTOBER
2013

GROWING
IN FAITH*
*THEME FOR MISSION
SUNDAY 2013



Go to www.kandle.ie to access parish resources for this day and also to find out more about other initiatives including the **National Day of Prayer** on Friday, October 11th when children and families are encouraged to pray the Mission Rosary.

From the Message of Pope Francis for Mission Sunday: Faith is God’s precious gift, offered to make our life more meaningful, better and more beautiful. It is a gift that one cannot keep to oneself.



Information Evening on *Croí Nua*: An Eight Session Programme for Spiritual Renewal Mount St. Anne’s, 22 October (7:30 p.m. Tea/Coffee; 8:00 p.m. Start)

The Croí Nua Programme, conceived, developed and edited by Monica Brown and Hilary Musgrave, has been specifically produced for the people of Ireland. The programme consists of 8 small group gatherings based on reflective reading, group sharing and prayer rituals. It is designed for groups of a maximum of 10 people coming together in welcoming, hospitable settings such as homes, community centres, retreat centres, etc.

The Croí Nua kit, costing €48, comes fully ready for use with written, audio and visual material, prepared by a pool of experts. It draws upon the wisdom and tradition of our ancient Celtic Christian heritage, as well as contemporary theology and spirituality, with the richness and wisdom of Scripture woven throughout the sessions. Themes addressed are: **Seasons of Life, The God who Journeys with Us, the Grace of Suffering, The Heart of Prayer, The Healing Journey & Living Faith.**

To book places please ring or email Christine at 059 9164084 / fds@kandle.ie

While the programme will be available for purchase on the night, the evening is free of charge.