

Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.



Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.

Synodal Pathway (continued from front page)

The next two years (2021-2023) will be a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on the theme: "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission". This will allow individuals and parishes, religious orders and associations as well as groups, movements and organisations, both within the Church and in Irish society at large, to share their insights into the Church in Ireland – past, present and future.

The key question is: What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?

Synodal Pathway.

"What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod? Earlier this year, in Spring 2021, the Irish bishops announced that a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland is to take place, leading to the holding of a national synodal assembly, or assemblies, within the next five years.

By a happy coincidence, these first two years of our Synodal Pathway in Ireland will complement the Catholic Church's worldwide journey towards the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops in Rome entitled, For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission. Pope Francis will officially launch the Universal Synod, October 9 and 10 and has asked that the whole Church prepare for this Synod which is scheduled to take place in Rome in October 2023.

Dr Nicola Brady has been appointed as chair of the Synodal Steering Committee and the vice-chairs appointed are Mr Andrew O'Callaghan and Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick. Following her appointment, Dr Brady said, "The Synodal Pathway is an important and hope-filled development in the life of the Catholic Church in Ireland and I am grateful for the opportunity to help guide and shape this work."

The Planning Phase – Preparation for a National Synodal Assembly

The planning and preparation phase for a National Synodal Assembly will bring together and seek to implement the fruits and recommendations from the Initial Phase. It will, in particular, take account of the conclusions of the General Assembly in Rome in 2022, together with any Apostolic Exhortation by the Holy Father emerging from the General Assembly. The aim of this phase will be to design the particular form of our National Synod and prepare directly at local, regional and national level for the holding of the Synod.

Next Steps

The Catholic bishops have now established a task group to plan and oversee the first steps along the synodal pathway. This task group is made up of lay women and men, including young people, religious, priests and bishops.

We encourage reflection, study and research on the theme of synodality at parish, diocesan, regional and national level and we invite writers, theologians and lecturers to prepare papers for sharing and discussion in the initial two-year phase.

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Monday, 11th October. St. John XXIII, Pope
8.00am: Murtagh family and deceased family members
10.00am: Patrick and Roseann Reid (A)

Tuesday, 12th October.
8.00am: Special Intention (A)
10.00am: Terence & Eileen O'Reilly & DM of the O'Reilly & Scully families

Wednesday, 13th October.
8.00am: Joseph Banks (A)
10.00am: Mary Halvey (Recently deceased)

Thursday, 14th October. St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
8.00am: Special Intention
10.00am: Larry McNally and his daughter Irene (A)

Friday, 15th October. St. Teresa of Avila
8.00am: Souls in Purgatory
10.00am: Mel, Antoinette and Janette Devlin (A)

Saturday, 16th October. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
8.00am: Deceased members of the Finn family
10.00am: Mary Devlin (A)

Sunday, 17th October. 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6.00pm (Vigil): Pat Hopkins and deceased family members
7.30pm (Vigil): Richie Kenny (A)
8.00am: For all who supported the Connolly family before and after Brendan's passing
10.00am: John and Thomas Carrig (A)
11.30am: Shared: John Donlon (1st). John and Peggy Kilemade (A)
Noel and Pauline Kelly (A)
1.00pm Mel and Evelyn Stephenson (A)
6.00pm Carmel Kelly (Month's Mind)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank each one of you most sincerely for your continued generous contributions to our weekly collections. The amount received in the Offertory Collection last week was **€3,745.00.**

BAPTISM: With joy, we recently welcomed Emelia Mae Purcell, Liam Anthony Donnelly - Orohoe and Bella Rose Nevini into the Christian Community

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Eileen Dolan, (née O'Connor), White Linen Woods, whose funeral took place during the week.

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate the many young men and woman who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral.

FIRST COMMUNION: We congratulate the children from the parish who received their First Holy Communion in the last number of weeks.

SAMARITANS: are available on freecall 116 123, 24hrs if you would like to talk about something that is bothering you.

MISSION SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, and like the collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly universal Church collections.

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

Why is World Mission Sunday important?

All offerings and donations made for World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund is a lifeline for struggling missionaries and the communities they serve across Africa, Asia and Latin America, where over 1,100 mission dioceses are found. As these dioceses form and grow, so do their needs. On top of this, mission dioceses are often in remote areas devastated by war and natural disasters, or where suppressed communities are just opening up to the life-saving message of Jesus Christ.

This is why World Mission Sunday is so important. It offers young dioceses the financial and spiritual assistance they need to help their men, women, and children to survive and thrive. Please use the special Mission Sunday envelope in your box of envelopes or use a plain envelope if you prefer.