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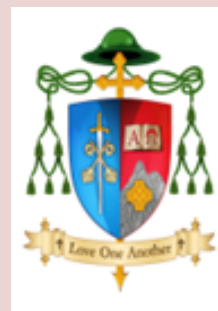
Welcome to the first edition of KART news, the newsletter for the Kerry Association of Religion Teachers.

This newsletter aims to resource teachers and provide a forum to aid the sharing of materials. Please forward any articles, pictures or resource material for future editions to tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie.

Kind Regards,

Tomás Kenny

Post-Primary Diocesan Advisor



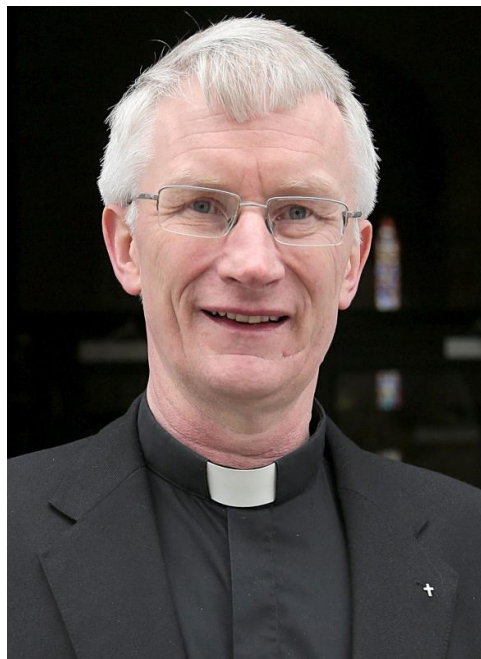
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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RAY BROWNE

I welcome this edition of Kart News. It is an occasion for both farewell and welcome. Farewell and míle buíochas to Edwina Gottstein and every blessing on her, on her work and her home in the years ahead. Welcome to Tomás Kenny, may your time with us be happy, fruitful and fulfilling. Thank God for the great tradition in the diocese of Kerry of supporting and encouraging the teaching of religion and chaplaincy in Secondary Schools.

We know in our hearts that there is a great need for faith and spirituality. What is life's meaning and purpose? Is life worth living? Is there God? How does God feel about the universe, our planet and the human family? Ought we humans care about and for each other?



To live healthily we need to be in touch with our longings, our motivations, our feelings and emotions. In today's world we must ask whether we give any time to the above? There is a simple saying, 'Go within or go without'. 'Within', our inner world, is the world of the spiritual, the world of faith. We seek to develop our young people's awareness of this world.

The second Reading, from chapter four of St. Paul to the Philippians, at a recent Sunday Mass, contained the following verse: *'I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.'* These verses capture a healthy Christian spirituality and wisdom. We are not alone, we are in good hands. God's hands are ever there, lovingly and gently caring for us. God bless all your work in seeking to nourish the faith of all the students and of the whole school community.

Bishop Ray Browne

October 2014



FOR THE CLASSROOM THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows, Solemnity of All Saints, or Feast of All Saints, is a solemnity celebrated on 1 November by the Catholic Church and by several Reformed denominations. The liturgical celebration begins at Vespers on the evening of 31 October (Halloween or All Hallows Eve) and ends at the close of 1 November. It is thus the day before All Souls' Day. In Catholic theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. It is a national holiday in many historically Catholic countries.

In the Catholic Church and many Anglican churches, Nov 2 commemorates the departed faithful who have not yet been purified and reached heaven. Christians who celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day do so in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the "Church triumphant"), and the living (the "Church militant"). Other Christian traditions define, remember and respond to the saints in different ways; for example, in the Methodist Church, the word "saints" refers to all Christians and therefore, on All Saints' Day, the Church Universal, as well as the deceased members of a local congregation, are honoured and remembered.

SAINT'S FEASTDAYS CELEBRATED IN NOVEMBER

St. Carlo Borromeo

His Feast-day is November 4th. He was born on October 2nd 1538 and is the patron saint against ulcers, apple orchards, bishops and stomach diseases.

He was educated at Paris and Milan and was later appointed Secretary of State, administrator of Milan and cardinal. He was responsible for many of the reforms passed at the Council of Trent. He died on November 3rd 1584.



Liturgical Calendar for November

Sat. 1st: All Saints

**Sun. 2nd: Commemoration
of the Faithful Departed**

**Mon. 3rd: St. Malachy
Bishop**

**Tues. 4th: St. Charles
Borromeo, Bishop**

**Thurs. 6th: All Saints of
Ireland**

**Sun. 9th: The Dedication of
the Lateran Basilica of
St. John, Rome**

Mon. 10th: St. Leo the Great

**Tues. 11th: St. Martin of
Tours**

**Wed. 12th St. Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr**

**Sun. 16th: Restorative Justice
Week Begins**

**Mon. 17th: Elizabeth of
Hungary**

**Fri. 21st: The Presentation of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sat. 22nd: St. Cecilia, Patron
Saint of Music.**

**Sun. 23rd: Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the Universe**

**Mon. 24th: Ss. Andrew Dung-
Lac, priest and Companions,
martyrs**

**Sun. 30th: First Sunday of
Advent**

SAINT'S FEASTDAYS IN NOVEMBER

St. Leo the Great

Leo the Great's Feast-day is November 10th. He was born in c.400 in Tuscany, Italy and is the patron saint of choristers and musicians. He became Pope in 449. In 451, at the Council of Chalcedon, a treatise by Leo on the Incarnation (Jesus as God made flesh) was read and acclaimed. It was a turning point in Christian history. He died on April 11th, 461 in Rome.



St. Edmund Rich

St. Edmund Rich's Feast-day falls on November 16th. He is the patron saint of Abingdon, England and the Diocese of Portsmouth, England. He studied theology in Paris and Arts at Oxford and was later ordained a priest. In 1222 he returned to England to become Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral. He became well known as a preacher and died of natural causes in c. 1242.



St. Cecilia

St. Cecilia's Feast-day falls on November 22nd. Her date of birth is not documented. She is patron saint of music and the blind. Cecilia is often represented by a lute, an organ or a rose. In AD230 Cecilia was executed for being a Christian. She survived an attempt to suffocate her in the baths and also survived three strokes of an axe to her neck.



St. Catherine of Alexandria

Her Feast-day falls on November 25th. Like Cecilia, Catherine's date of birth is not documented. She is the patron saint of preachers, philosophers, librarians, young girls, and craftsmen working with a wheel, e.g. potters and spinners. She lived at the end of the third century AD in the city of Alexandria in Egypt. After resisting the advances of Emperor Maximian she was sentenced to death. She was to be killed on a wheel studded with spikes, the wheel was struck with 'fire from heaven' and she was unharmed. She was beheaded in c307.



WORD-SEARCH FOR ALL SAINTS

Celebrating Our Catholic Faith
All Saints Day – November 1
Word Search Activity

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Find the following Saint's names:

Agnes Anne Anthony Augustine Benedict Bernadette Bridget Catherine
Cecilia Clare Dominic Elizabeth Francis John Joseph Jude
Lucy Martin Patrick Paul Peter Rose Stephen Therese
Thomas George Helen Isidore

THE CELTIC YEAR: SAMHAIN

The Celtic year begins at Samhain. Darkness and night dominate the northern hemisphere and nature sleeps. Hallow E'en represents the gateway into the dark half of the year. The focus is on the inner journey. This is the soul's journey through darkness, from where new life emerges. Here we are invited to let go of outer activity, bring the focus inwards to embrace a process of growth that is slow and unforced.

See video clip at <http://www.doloreswhelan.ie/courses/>



NEWS FROM DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

MERCY DAY MASS—BUILDING COMMUNITY

BY ELLEN MCKENNA, MERCY MOUNTHAWK SECONDARY SCHOOL, TRALEE

On the 24th of September last we celebrated Mercy Day at Mercy Mounthawk Secondary School, Tralee. This Mass was a celebration of the importance of our identity as a Mercy School. It was also an important opportunity to welcome new first year students to the school community.

Our theme for this Mass was 'Our Community'. This year we used a resource from the Diocesan website to assist us in preparing students for the Mass. We asked students to help us to create a 'Community Tree'. This task served as a way of allowing students to contribute to the mass in a practical sense and gave students a real connection with the event, even if they did not participate in readings, the choir or the procession of gifts.

In their religion classes, students completed this art task which required them to reflect on the complex nature of community and their particular involvement with their communities to date. Importantly, students were also encouraged to consider their involvement in the future of the school and to consider how they might shape the future of the school.

The list below helped students to make their contributions to the 'Community Tree'.

The Roots represent the family to which we belong. Strong influences which have shaped us into the person we are now. So on this piece of paper students printed their family name.

The Trunk represents the structures in our life to date. The schools, communities to which we belong. So on this piece of paper students wrote the name of their Primary School.

The Branches represent sources of information and expansion, the organisations, communities to which we belong – things like clubs, favourite TV programmes, music, books etc. So on this piece of paper students wrote the names of friends, clubs, books etc. that have been important to them.

The Leaves represent our achievements and we are the sum total of these. So on this piece of paper students placed a small photograph and description of themselves.

The Fruits represent our hopes for the future – So on this piece of paper students described the things they hope to achieve in the future.



Above: The Community Tree at Mercy Mounthawk Secondary School, Tralee.

A Student's Reaction to Mercy Day Mass **From Louis Byrne, Class 1.4, Mercy Mounthawk**

As a 1st year in Mercy Mounthawk, I was lucky enough to be invited along with all of the other 1st year students to celebrate Mass with the teachers on Mercy day. It was my first time celebrating Mercy Day as I had not attended a Mercy primary school so everything was new to me. Since beginning 1st Year I had learned a little bit about the Mercy Order, their founder Catherine McAuley and how her aim was to connect the rich to the poor and to educate those who were in need. I was interested to learn more.

The Mass was a great way of welcoming all 1st Years and I think it really helped us to feel part of the school. As I looked around me I felt that this was a special moment for all of us. Beginning secondary school can be quite a daunting experience for most of us but I think this Mass did a great job in welcoming us to the school and sparking our interest in the Mercy Order and how they began.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Lynch and Fr. O'Caoimh. As I listened to the choir singing the hymns I was amazed at how talented they all were and felt really proud to be part of this school. I got a sense that Mercy Mounthawk is interested in helping each student make the most of their talents and achieving their full potential. I then found myself wondering with excitement "Where will I fit into this community?"

Below: The School Choir at Mercy Mounthawk with choral directors Ms. Sinéad Muldoon Walsh and Ms. Elaine Costelloe and the Head of R.E., Ms. Ellen McKenna



NEWS FROM DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

COISTE REILIGIÚIN

BY LUCY NÍ CHOILEÁIN, STUDENT AT COLÁISTE IDE, DINGLE

Is mise Lucy Ní Choileáin ceannaire ar an gCoiste Reiligiúin i gColáiste Íde. Ar an gcoiste liom tá Naoise Ní Mhuirí, Emily Ní Mhaolcatha agus Doireann Ní Chonaill. Bíonn Aifreann againn sa scoil Dé Luain agus Dé Sathairn. Ó cheann ceann na seachtaine tá orainn a chinntiú go gcoimeádtar an Séipéal sciomhartha glan. Ullmhaímid na léitheoirí, na hiomann, na freastalaithe agus Ministrí Eocairiste. Sinne atá i gceannas ar an hacmhainní atá sa Séipéal, iad a chóiméad ar leibhéal barr mhaitheasa. Ina theannta sin coimeádaímid i dteagmháil le foireann na scoile. Tá an t-ádh linn i gColáiste Íde go bhfuil Séipéal ana dheas againn agus go bhfuil deis ag na scoláirí a bheith rann pháirteach san Aifreann agus sna paidreacha. Bíonn deis ag foireann agus scoláirí na scoile go léir dul isteach sa séipéal ag aimsir lóin chun paidreacha a rá agus bíonn ceoil á sheinnt againn dóibh. Bíonn paidreacha againn ar maidin agus is d'óiche. Déantar an Eocairist a nochtadh uair sa tseachtain chomh maith ag am lóin Déardaoin. Bíonn na Ministrí Eocairiste i bhfeighil ar seo.

I mbliana d'eagraíomar lá gan éadaí scoile agus bhailíomar airgead ó gach cailín sa scoil do charthanachtaí áirithe : MND; GOAL; Bee for battens ; Cumann Ailse na hÉireann; Live life (Donal Walsh)

I rith na bliana bíonn Aifrinne agus imeachtaí áirithe á n-eagrú againn ar nós Aifreann Tús na Bliana, Searmanais na Nollag, Carúl dos na seandaoine, Faoistin um Cháisc agus Aifreann Deireadh na Bliana.

Right: The School Chapel at Coláiste Íde, Dingle



My name is Lucy Ní Choileáin, I am head of the Religion Committee in Coláiste Íde. Other members of the committee are Naoise Ní Mhuirí, Emily Ní Mhaolcatha and Doireann Ní Chonaill. Mass is celebrated on Monday and Saturday in the school Church. During the week we have to ensure that the Church is kept in order. We prepare the readers, the hymns, the servers and Eucharistic Ministers, we are also in charge of maintaining the resources in the Church. In addition, we maintain contact with school staff. We are very fortunate in Coláiste Íde to have a wonderful Chapel and the opportunity to be taking part in the Mass and prayers. The school staff and students have the opportunity to go into the Church at lunch time to say prayers while music is playing in the background. Prayers are said every morning and night. Also at lunchtime on Thursdays the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place, which is organised by the Ministers of the Eucharist

This year we are organising non-uniform days. We collected money from all the students and it was divided amongst the following charities: MND ; GOAL, Bee for Batters, Cancer Society of Ireland and Live Life (Donal Walsh)

Throughout the year we organise special ceremonies, for example the Beginning of the Year Mass, Christmas Mass and Carol Service, Easter Confession and End of year Mass.



Above: Lucy Ní Choileáin, Naoise Ní Mhuirí, Emily Ní Mhaolcatha and Doireann Ní Chonaill, current members of the Religion Committee at Coláiste Íde, Dingle

RESOURCE PAGE

Useful R.E. related sites:

1) www.quadvultdeus.com (Highly Recommended)

Quodvultdeus is a free resource site, developed in the setting of Catholic Religious Education. All the resources are original and free to use for educational purposes to download and adapt. Quod-vult-deus is latin for "what does God want". Quodvultdeus was a deacon in Carthage, N. Africa, in 421 A.D. He corresponded with St. Augustine, who dedicated some of his writings to him and served as his spiritual mentor; like Augustine, Quodvultdeus was an opponent of Arianism, the heresy that denied the divinity and co-equality of Jesus with God the Father. He died in 450AD.

2) www.faitharts.ie

Faitharts is a website for those interested in the relationship between religion and the arts, especially the popular arts, and especially in relation to education. The perspective is Catholic and Irish, and its particular audience is religion teachers.

3) www.bustedhalo.com

This well know site provides up-to-date resources and You-tube clips.

4) www.thereligionteacher.com

The Religion Teacher provides practical resources and teaching strategies. As religion teachers we need practical resources and teaching strategies to help us meet our students' greatest needs. Whether you are a veteran teacher or have no educational background at all, you will find the practical resources, activities, lesson plans, prayers, and teaching strategies at **The Religion Teacher** to be great supplements to your catechetical work.

5) <http://www.bibledex.com/about.html>

Bibledex is a project by the University of Nottingham's Department of Theology and Religious Studies in conjunction with video journalist Brady Haran. It contains a series of videos related to the biblical books, the videos are by no means comprehensive - rather they're a curious assortment of academic insights into what is probably the most famous collection of books in history.

6) <https://www.quandarygame.org/>

This is a site that highlights moral issues of the day.

7) <http://www.cafod.org.uk/>

CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and part of Caritas International. Across the world they bring hope and compassion to poor communities, standing side by side with them to end poverty and injustice. They work with people of all faiths and none. Inspired by Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, and the experiences and hopes of people living in poverty, CAFOD works for a safe, sustainable and peaceful world.

Some useful resource links

Month of Remembrance:

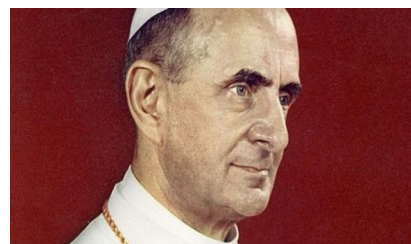
- Remembrance Day in Ireland see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Remembrance_Day#Ireland
- See Dublin Diocesan Website—Under **November Resources** <http://education.dublindiocese.ie/2012/06/24/november/>
- November Remembrance Run 5k— <http://remembrancerun.ie/wp/?cat=1>



6) Pope Paul VI Beatification

As Pope Paul VI was beatified recently, try the following links to see inspiring images and quotes attributed to him.

- ♦ <https://twitter.com/HolySeePress/status/523771795238039552>
- ♦ <https://twitter.com/HolySeePress/status/523770601346191360>



Vatican News also provides details of this event:

- ♦ [At closing Mass for the Synod Pope Francis beatifies Paul VI](http://www.news.va/en/news/at-closing-mass-for-the-synod-pope-francis-beatifi)—<http://www.news.va/en/news/at-closing-mass-for-the-synod-pope-francis-beatifi>

7) Synod on the Family

Interesting articles published in relation to the Synod that occurred recently. Here are just a few links you can have a look at:

- ♦ [Five Things the Synod Just Did](http://americamagazine.org/node/160552)—<http://americamagazine.org/node/160552>
- ♦ ['God is not afraid of New Things'](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/19/pope-homosexuality-church-gay_n_6010904.html) - http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/19/pope-homosexuality-church-gay_n_6010904.html

8) Diwali 2014 Thursday October 23rd

Huffington Post also has this interesting article in light of the festival: [Diwali: Hearing Earth's Cry.](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/anantanand-rambachan/diwali-hearing-earths-cry_b_5986118.html)-
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/anantanand-rambachan/diwali-hearing-earths-cry_b_5986118.html

10) Prayer Resource

<http://www.prayingeachday.org/reflectnovember.html> (Highly Recommended)

CHAPLAINS REFLECTION—EMPATHY: COMPASS AND CALL

BY PAUL MONTGOMERY, CHAPLAIN AT CAUSEWAY COMPREHENSIVE

Many times in the course of my work as a School Chaplain I have found myself invited into the sacred sanctuary that is the human heart. I have walked with people whose suffering and joy, despair and delight challenge me to the core of who I am and what I believe. People often ask me what sustains me in this walk with people. Perhaps the list is too long to answer here but one thing I hold close to is *empathy*. Frequently misunderstood, empathy for me is a guiding light and a challenge. It is a compass that offers direction but also a mandate that asks of us all to be still and let the other be themselves. If you excuse the masculine language, Powell describes it thus: 'The fully human person is in deep and meaningful contact with the world outside of him.



(Ctd.)

He not only listens to himself, but to the voices of his world. The breath of his own individual experience is infinitely multiplied through a sensitive empathy with others. He suffers with the suffering, rejoices with the joyful. He is born again in every springtime, feels the impact of the great mysteries of life: birth, growth, love, suffering, death. His heart skips along with the young lovers and he knows something of the exhilaration that is in them. He always knows the ghetto's philosophy of despair [and] the loneliness of suffering without relief.'

Empathy is really about walking with people, maintaining one's own identity, yet accepting with loving compassion the other as they are. Pat Collins CM distinguishes empathy by what it is not. I quote him at length.

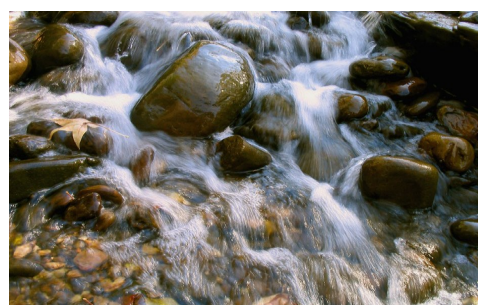
"People pay attention in an *apathetic* way when they listen without [any strong feeling]. Their approach is rational, detached and objective. They focus on ideas and facts, and usually respond by giving good advice. For example, a latent alcoholic admits to being depressed, guilty and worried by his excessive drinking. A man who listens in an *apathetic* way asks the question, 'How many pints do you drink each day?' When he is told the number he replies,

'You are drinking too much, you will have to do something about it or things will get much worse.' It is likely that a trite response of this kind, lacking in understanding, will re-enforce the drinker's depression and his need to seek comfort by drinking again. Attention is *sympathetic* when people 'feel with' the sufferings of men or women they are listening to. Objectivity is abandoned altogether in order to share in the other's feelings. For example, a sympathetic listener could get so

depressed by a drinker's tale of woe, that he might join him in a nearby pub, there to drown their sorrows together! To literally share in a person's feelings in this way usually isn't helpful. One is in danger of becoming part of the problem, instead of being part of the possible solution.

In contrast, we pay attention with *empathy* when we 'feel into' what other people experience, and respond to their feelings in a loving and compassionate way, without necessarily having to share them. If a person with empathy heard the drinker's story, he might respond, 'My heart went out to you when I sensed how much the drinking is getting you down. I can understand why you feel so dejected and worried.' This is an intimate response in so far as it shows that the listener has tuned into what lies inner-most in the other person's experience. Collins hints at something crucial here. His illustration of what empathy is begins with the two extremes of what it is not, namely, *apathy* and *sympathy*. Following an Aristotelian approach, I would add that empathy is a *virtue*. It is the 'golden mean' between opposite extremes. It is that healthy balance where objectivity is held in tension with sensitivity.

By way of conclusion, we see in the Gospel countless examples of the empathy of Christ. His welcome and table fellowship with sinners and outcasts as well as his rejection of the elevation of law over love remind us that we are all called to empathic love. We are invited to live in empathy that is both a compass and a call; a vision and a vocation.



PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NOVEMBER

November is a special month of remembrance when we call to mind all our loved ones who have gone before us. ‘The passing of those we love emphasizes the reality that everyone’s human journey is moving forward. We are never fixed in any temporal moment. Time will always give way to the next instant.’ **See <http://carmelitesofeldridge.org/dorgan65.html>**—

November, A Month of Remembrance by Sr. Margaret Dorgan DCM

Opening Hymn: O God You Search Me (Bernadette Farrell—Canaimís 133)

Sign of the Cross

All: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Leader: *Introduction*

Today we honour countless men and women who remained faithful to Christ’s gospel to the hour of death. They followed the example of Jesus and lived as he asked, being aware of God’s presence, spreading the good news and helping others. Today we keep a festival of honour offering thanks for their lives of faith and good work.

Lighting of Candles

Leader: We light a candle in honour of your Son, Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

Student lights a candle.

Leader: We light a candle in thanksgiving for the saints who let the light of Christ shine so brightly in their lives.

Student lights a candle.

Leader: We light a candle in accepting our own call to beacons of light in the world.

Student lights a candle.

Leader: Let us pray

Father we have seen your glory in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ. Like your holy people, the saints, help us to see our own lives in the light of his so that we may see the source of our light and continue to be drawn to him in witness, love and service.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen

FOR TEACHERS

Prayer for Calm

Lord, In the midst of noise and hurry, anxious days, wearisome worry, let me find your peace.

Let me journey to a hiding place in my heart, my secret cavern and find you waiting there.

With every breath may I know the serenity of silence where I am no longer dismayed by distraction.

Take each care, each worrisome thought, each lonely road, each battle fought and place them in the sanctuary of your care.

May solitude befriend me, may I hear in the hidden depths your sweet voice echoing and re-echoing a beautiful song of calm.

May the invisible world become visible to my inner eye and may paradise open a window to my soul.

May I know that I am held in safety, in love and in grace.

May I be released from all that haunts me. May all that is lonesome in me find a tender home. May your presence fall like gentle rain on the hardened places of my heart. Lord, may every moment draw us closer.

*from The Hope Prayer
by Liam Lawton. Used with kind
permission from the author.*

(NOVEMBER PRAYER CTD.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:14-16*

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.’

Reflection:

St Teresa’s Prayer read by one student.

Christ has no body now but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks

With compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, Yours are the feet

Yours are the eyes, You are his body.

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Yours are the hands

Yours are the feet

Yours are the eyes

You are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

UPDATES FROM TRÓCAIRE

The focus for Trócaire for the next three years will be the issues of climate change and climate justice. The Lent 2015 resource pack, which will be posted free of charge to all post-primary schools and will be available to download from our website in January, will contain lots of information and activities to run with your students which are linked to many subjects, including Religious Education (RE).

For Junior Certificate RE in particular, this resource can be used as part of the following sections: A1 Community; A2 Communities at Work; A3 Communities of Faith; Journal Work. All our previous resources are available on our website (www.trocaire.org/resources) with many focussing in particular on Religious Education. Our Lent 2014 resource has water as the central theme, and is specific to RE, as is 'Hunhu', our senior cycle resource on HIV. Trócaire staff will also visit schools to talk about our work, or deliver a workshop on a particular area of interest.

If you would like more information on resources or visits, please visit the Trócaire website, or contact us directly at Maynooth on 01 629 3333.

(NOVEMBER PRAYER CTD.)

Prayers of Faithful

Leader:

Let us ask God to strengthen us as beacons of his light in the world.

Reader 1: For all young people - that our communities may be places where they dare to share their dreams, have their hopes nurtured and are allowed to grow to their full potential. *Lord hear us.*

Reader 2: For those who find the going tough, we pray that we may have a spirit of generosity and courage to support them. *Lord hear us.*

Reader 3: For all gathered here, that we may be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and true friends to each other. *Lord hear us.*

Reader 4: For all who work with young people we ask God's blessing. *Lord hear us.*

Reader 5: For all Christians, that we may be lights of justice and peace in our world. *Lord hear us.*

Leader: We gather all our prayers in that one prayer which is the model for all living. *Our Father.....*

Leader: May God, the source of every good gift, confirm, strengthen and support you in the work you undertake in his name and may our care for one another be a sign of the oneness we share in Christ, with all the saints.

All: Amen.

Final Hymn:

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

(David Evans—
Canaimís 27)



SUCCESSFUL R.E. INSERVICE



Above Right: R.E. Teachers from Millstreet Comprehensive School

Left: General Group at I.T. Session

Many thanks to all the teachers who attended the diocesan in-service on Thursday, October 16th at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney. Also a big thank-you to the tutors; Gary Carley (PDST) for presenting on the subject of Junior Certificate R.E. - Mixed Ability Learning and Numeracy and Literacy, to Elaine Costelloe of Mercy Mounthawk, Tralee, for her excellent presentation on Non-Exam senior R.E and to Deirdre Dowling from the Sanctuary, Dublin for her workshop on Meditation and Mindfulness with young people. The comments on the evaluation sheets were very positive and one hopes that all teachers returned to their schools well resourced and refreshed.



L-R: Tomás Kenny (DA), Deirdre Dowling (The Sanctuary), Geraldine Dwyer (Tralee CBS, The Green), Elaine Costelloe (Mercy Mounthawk, Tralee), Anne Marie Whelan, (Ardfert Retreat Centre) and Mary Ellen O' Keefe (Causeway Comprehensive)

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