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### Our International Day

A special "THANK YOU" to all our parishioners who supported our SMA International Fun Day. We also thank the various nationalities who performed on stage and shared some delicious foods. It was great to see so many people taking part in the day.



The day was also an opportunity to highlight our concern for the people of Gaza. The financial support given to this cause was fantastic. We collected €8,000.

A representative of Trocaire will come to our parish next Sunday and collect a cheque for this amount. Scan the QR code above with your phone camera to view a short film of our International Fun Day. We thank Paul O'Flynn for the great presentation.

### SMA National Novena to St. Therese



The SMA Novena in honour of St. Therese will begin on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at St. Joseph's SMA Church, Blackrock Road and will close on Tuesday 1st October 2024. The Novena Mass will be celebrated each evening at 7.30 p.m. (except Saturday @ 7.00 pm Mass). There will be a guest choir and singer each evening.

### Invitation To Join In A Book Sharing

Many people have serious doubts about their faith, they are disappointed and even disillusioned. Fr. Michael wishes to extend an invitation to **12 people** who would like to join a group sharing an interesting book which might help in clarifying some of these issues. The book is entitled "*Do I stay Christian*". It's an easy to read book, no big theology but does invite one to reflect upon the important question "Do I stay Christian?" If you'd like to join, sign your name and phone number and we can make arrangements as to when and how often we will meet. The book will be sold for €5, thanks to support from our PPF collections.

### What is the Season of Creation? (Sep. 1 to Oct. 4)

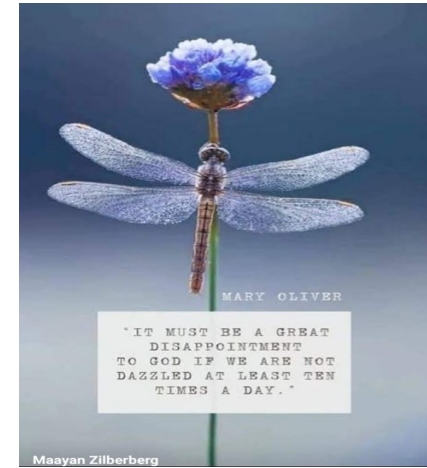


The Season of Creation is a month-long prayerful observance that calls the planet's 2.2 billion Christians to pray and care for God's creation.

It's a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment — not just "distant" nature, but, crucially, the place where we live — and the ways in which our lifestyles and decisions as a society can endanger both the natural world and those inhabiting it, both humans and other creatures.

### MASS SCHEDULE BACK TO NORMAL:

Starting October the usual evening 5.35pm Mass schedule will resume. It's nice to see the number of people who attend these Masses. We hope that the need to cut masses was a reminder of the shortage of priests and we are grateful for the retired priests who assist in enabling us to have the privilege of two Masses each day. This might be an opportunity for some members of the congregation to consider offering their service as reader or Eucharistic ministers at these masses. Some of the current ministers have given trojan service and would like to see new volunteers coming forward and offering their service.



### PPNP collections.

The Parish Pastoral Needs Projects collection is the second collection taken up once or twice a month. Money collected is used for various pastoral projects undertaken in the parish. We wish to thank all those who generously donated to our **Parish Pastoral Needs Collection (P.P.N.P.)** since the start of January. In that time we collected **€11,744**.

Some expenses incurred were as follows: **€657** was paid to OMAH Printing & City Print for printing of Easter & Church Signs and Easter Cards.

Also during the year **€977** was used to upgrade the church gardens, **€500** donation was paid to help host the Annual Eucharistic Procession. The sound system in the church was upgraded in April at a cost of **€1,472**; we have just purchased a new mobile sound system for outdoor use and a mobile mic for internal church use. — cost **€1,500**.

Books were purchased to help make the beginning of some adult formation in the parish. (**€300**).

The Family Fun Day. The cost to us for staging the event was **€3,615**.

**Total to date: €9,021**



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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

**FIRST READING** Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*



## TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is no such question as to who is "the greatest in the service of God". We are all infinitely loveable in the sight of God.

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The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our up bringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.' *The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 53: 3 - 6.8**

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

- O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. (R)
- For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. (R)
- But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. (R)

**SECOND READING James 3:16-4:3**

*A reading from the letter of St. James*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the

desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again'. But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*All bow for following three lines:*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen



## ✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

## AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**