

Post-Primary Diocesan Adviser R.E. News Blog

September 2021 / Meán Fómhair 2021

Dear R.E Teacher/Chaplain,

Welcome to the latest issue of the R.E. blog. We trust you have had a safe start to the new academic year. We hope that the blog will continue to be a useful resource in your work in schools and parishes. We would be delighted to receive any contributions you may wish to share with fellow Chaplains and RE teachers.

Firstly, we would like to thank Lily Barry for her hard work and commitment to the advancement of faith development and support for all teachers and chaplains in Dublin Diocese and beyond. Lily has taken up a new post as Chaplain in Marino Institute of Education. May the Lord bless and guide her on her new career path.

As in previous years, we ask you to please draw your students' attention to Pope Francis' monthly intentions and videos, which are a wonderful resource for use in the classroom and/or assemblies. The September prayer intention is for 'An environmentally sustainable lifestyle'.

We are looking forward to the launch of the new 2021/2022 Ember teams. We hope to visit many schools throughout this year and we look forward to collaborating with you to promote the faith of the young people in our care.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

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Pope Francis' September prayer intention: An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

In September, Pope Francis invites us to pray that everyone might make changes, which promote a simple and sustainable lifestyle. In this monthly video, he speaks of young people who are environmentally conscious. He stated 'It makes me very happy to see that young people have the courage to undertake projects for environmental and social improvement, since the two go together'. See www.vaticannews.va and <http://popesprayerusa.net>.



Liturgical resources for the Season of Creation are available for downloading from the Irish Bishops' Conference – www.catholicbishops.ie and www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie

September 23rd St. Padre Pio/Noamh Padre Pio

Information on the life of St. Padre Pio can be accessed at:

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=311

<https://padrepiodevotions.org/prayers-of-padre-pio/>

September 24th - Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

Mercy Day commemorates the opening of the first House of Mercy at Baggot Street in Dublin by Catherine McAuley in 1827. See www.sistersofmercy.ie

A Mercy Day Service of Reconciliation inspired by Misericordiae Vultus can be found at <http://litmus.dublindiocese.ie>.

September 25th – St. Finbarr

Another of our Irish Saints whose life story can be accessed at <https://corkcathedral.webs.com/>

September 27th – Feast of St. Vincent de Paul/ Féile Naomh Uinseann de Pól



When we think of Vincent de Paul, we often automatically think of the charitable organisation that works throughout Ireland since 1844. But who is St Vincent de Paul? He was a young French priest who devoted his life to the people living in slum and remote country areas devoid of spiritual or material wealth. He gathered volunteers, mainly women, to help the poor in their local area. In 1625, he gathered another group the Congregation of the Mission, in Ireland we know them as the Vincentian Fathers. In 1633 together with St. Louise de Marillac, he founded the Daughters of Charity, who would have the ‘streets of the city for their cloister’.

More information at:

<http://www.famvin.org/wiki/vincentdepaul>

<http://www.sup.ie/about-us/history-spirituality.aspx>

September 29th – Feast of the Archangels – Feile na nArdaingeal



Perhaps this year, we can ask Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael to watch over us in our new school year.

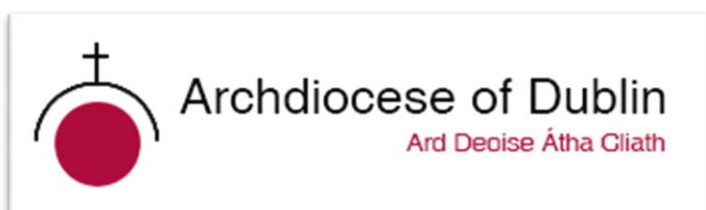
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Other dates / information:

Archdiocese of Dublin/Ard-Dheoise Bhaile Átha Cliath

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The Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondakin

Excellent resources available from Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker from the combined Catholic Parishes of Clondakin.

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<https://www.facebook.com/TheCCPCDublin/>

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Annual School Mass 2021 / Aifreann Bliantiúil 2021

No details available to date. We will be in touch as soon as possible with updates.

Information on 'The Rosary in the time of Covid' – a Schools Competition for TY students was forwarded to schools on the 15th September 2021. Full details available at

cmdublin@vincentians.ie

National Association of Diocesan Advisors (NAPDA)



NAPDA members work together to collate resources from around the country for teachers and chaplains to use with their schools and parishes. Below are some that have been shared:-

1. On-Line Prayer : <http://www.sacredspace.ie>
2. Dynamic Catholics is a site designed to re-energise the Catholic Church by developing world-class resources, inspiring people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism is:-

See: <http://dynamiccatholic.com>
3. The Daily 3 Minute Retreat is a short prayer break that can give twenty four hours of peace:

See: <http://www.loyolapress.com/3minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>
4. Season of Creation – Restoring our Common Home. A beautifully presented reflection from the Derry Diocesan Catechical Centre including daily prayer that could be used on your school intercom.

A Teacher's Prayer / Paidir do Mhúinteoirí

Help me to be a fine teacher, to keep peace in the classroom, peace between my students and myself, to be kind and gentle to each and every one of my students.

Help me to be merciful to my students, to balance mercy and discipline in the right measure for each student, to give genuine praise as much as possible, to give constructive criticism in a manner that is palatable to my students.

Help me to remain conscientious enough to keep my lessons always interesting, to recognise what motivates each of my students, to accept my students' limitations and not hold it against them.

Help me not to judge my students too harshly, to be fair to all, to be a good role model, but most of all Lord help me to show your love to all of my students.

Amen.

Paidir do Mhúinteoirí

Cuir ar mo chumas múineadh le *heagna* mar cabhraímse i múnlu na haigne.

Ullmhaigh mé chun múineadh le *fírinne* mar cabhraímse i múnlu coinsiasa.

Spreag mé chun múineadh le *fís* mar cabhraímse i múnlu na todhchaí.

Cuir ar mo chumas múineadh le *grá* mar cabhraímse i múnlu an domhain.

“Dealróidh na saoithe mar loinnir na spéire, agus iad siúd a theagasc an fhíréantacht do mhórán mar reanna neimhe ar feadh na síoraíochta.”

(Leabhar Dhainéil 12: 3)

