



CROSSCARE APPEAL

SEPTEMBER 19th and 20th 2020

My Dear People,

This weekend the Annual Collection to support the work of Crosscare takes place and replaces the Share Collection at all Masses. Now more than ever before Crosscare need our help to sustain their critical services to people in need. This current pandemic has put enormous pressure on the agency as it strives to reconcile increasing demands on services with cuts in funding across the board. Crosscare are determined to continue to offer the care and support we know them for and thousands of young people, families and service users need them to continue.

Crosscare is the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin and sets out to ease the harsh burden that so many feel. This year of 2020 has been extraordinary and I am very proud of the way the staff and volunteers in Crosscare have responded to the challenges. Quickly, in March, Crosscare adjusted to the Covid threat. To ensure that all of their vulnerable clients and services users remained safe services were adjusted and a new 100 bed cocooning service for particularly vulnerable homeless people was established.

Where services could not be adapted to allow face to face contact they moved to telephone and on line support. New initiatives particularly in the area of food support were provided for thousands of families who were unable to cope in the initial stages of the pandemic. Where services had to close, staff were quickly redeployed to support the front line residential and food supports that were under enormous pressure.

What needs to be done is being done without hesitation. However, Crosscare like many other charities are now finding it difficult to sustain their efforts due to shortfalls in funding.

Crosscare needs our help now more than ever before. Please give as generously as you can in the collection by donating on line at www.crosscare.ie

Yours sincerely

+ Diarmuid Martin

Archbishop of Dublin

St Mary's
Parish

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WHAT CROSSCARE DOES

- Through our homeless services, we accommodated 986 people, of whom 186 were supported to find sustainable accommodation. 66 individuals/couples (formerly resident in Crosscare accommodation) were supported to maintain their tenancies during 2018.
- 5000+ individuals or families, from over 125 countries, many presenting with multiple issues, were supported through our information and advocacy service. Top nationalities included Irish (many naturalised), Romanian, Somali, Chinese and Polish. Over 1,400 were either homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.
- Our addiction service held 944 counselling sessions with clients and engaged 700 parents in talks on addiction and related matters.
- 4,184 young people were supported through our youth services in North, South and West Dublin and County Wicklow.
- 14,000 emergency food hampers provided through our community food banks.
- 175,326 meals were provided through our community cafés and homeless services.

Since there will be no public masses this Sunday, can we suggest that donations might be sent directly by post to Crosscare, 3 Clonliffe Road, Dublin or paid on the Crosscare website www.crosscare.ie

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Pope Francis to sign a new encyclical on Oct. 3

The Vatican announced that Pope Francis will sign the third encyclical of his pontificate in Assisi on Oct. 3.

The encyclical is entitled *Fratelli tutti*, which means “All Brothers” in Italian, and will focus on the theme of human fraternity and social friendship, according to the Holy See Press Office.

Pope Francis will offer a Mass at the tomb of St. Francis in Assisi privately at 3 p.m. before signing the encyclical on the day before St. Francis’ feast day.

Human fraternity has been an important theme for Pope Francis in recent years. In Abu Dhabi the pope signed “A Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together” in Feb. 2019. Pope Francis’ message for his first World Day of Peace as pope in 2014 was “Fraternity, foundation and pathway for peace.”

Pope Francis’ previous encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, published in 2015, had a title taken from St. Francis of Assisi’s “Canticle of the Sun” prayer praising God for creation. Prior to that he published *Lumen Fidei*, an encyclical begun by Pope Benedict XVI.

The pope will return from Assisi to the Vatican on Oct. 3. The beatification of Carlo Acutis will take place in Assisi the following weekend, and the “Economy of Francis” economic summit is also scheduled to take place in Assisi in November.

“It is with great joy and in prayer that we welcome and await the private visit of Pope Francis. A stage that will highlight the importance and necessity of fraternity,” Fr. Mauro Gambetti, the custodian of the Sacred Convent of Assisi said Sept. 5.

Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-to-sign-a-new-encyclical-on-human-fraternity-on-oct-3-85164>

IN MEMORIAM



6pm Vigil Mass, Tina Gaffney, anniversary
11am, Gerard Peelo, Anniversary

Weekend of 26-27 September

6pm Vigil Mass—
John, Elizabeth and Patsy Lynch, Anniversary

Parish Life

With the imposition of Level Three measures in order to address a resurgent Covid-19 crisis in Dublin, all church services will once again be online.

Here at St. Mary’s, we will broadcast **the 9.30 and 11am mass on Sundays** and both the **10am and the 12.40 Monday-Friday** and the 10am on Saturday mornings.

We are hopeful that these measures will be short lived and that we will soon be able to bring our community together again. In the meantime we continue to prayer for one another, for our country and our world as it loves through these difficult and challenging times.

We'll Get Through This

Lord, our troubles
Are so great,
We don't know what to do;
The price for our
Iniquity
Is finally coming due.

The world is crumbling
All about;
No safe place can be found.
Right is wrong,
Wrong is right;
The change is quite profound.

Lord, we need
Your guiding light
To lead us out of here;
We'll focus on
Your Word, and prayer,
To take away our fear.

Temptations of
This dying world
We'll rule out and let go;
Give our burdens
All to you,
Shed all worldly woe.

That's how we'll
Get through this, Lord,
Fixed on heaven above,
Assured of your
protection, help,
And everlasting love.

By *Joanna Fuchs*