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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

Dear brothers and sisters:

This past weekend I travelled to Ireland for the Ninth World Meeting of Families, whose theme was The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World. Husbands, wives and children from throughout the world came together to witness to God's loving plan for marriage and family life. I was moved by the testimonies of faith, love, reconciliation and solidarity given by families living in vastly different situations. In my address to the authorities, I spoke of the need to support families in their essential role in society, while in my meetings in the Cathedral and at the great Vigil in Phoenix Park, I stressed the importance of cultivating God's gift of love and passing on the faith, as it were, "around the family table" in the daily dialogue of grandparents, parents and children. At Knock Shrine, I commended all families to Our Lady and offered a warm greeting to the people of Northern Ireland. Sadly, the joy of my Visit was clouded by the recognition of the suffering caused by the abuse of minors and young people by some members of the Church. I begged forgiveness for these crimes and encouraged the efforts made to ensure that they are not repeated. As we look forward to the next World Meeting of Families, to be held in Rome in 2021, let us pray that families everywhere will grow in faith, love and missionary zeal, and truly become, as they are meant to be, "joy for the world".



Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has decided that the blue Skoda used by Pope Francis on his papal visit here will be donated to Crosscare, the social care agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin, for use by staff in their Mater Dei homeless hub. Each week, Crosscare staff assist homeless families in trying to move on from the temporary facility in the hub to more secure, long term accommodation. At any one time 50 families are in the hub seeking housing. As each family moves on there is another waiting to move in and the family hub is constantly full. The now famous blue Skoda Rapid will be in daily use by Crosscare staff to take families who are moving to view their next accommodation. The former Mater Dei College was given over to Dublin City Council by the Archdiocese last year. It was completely refurbished to a very high standard into apartments to allow families to move out of hotel accommodation and live and eat together in a more family friendly environment, with appropriate support services in place. The Hub is operated by Crosscare. To donate to Crosscare log on to ; <http://www.crosscare.ie/donate>

**Saturday 1st**

6.00 Bridie & Sheila Connolly [A]  
Susan O'Sullivan [A]  
Ann Gleeson-McGrath [R.D.]  
Margaret McCabe 1st [A]  
Agnes Palmer [A]

**Sunday 2nd**

10.00 Philomena Donnelly [A]  
Kevin Dineen [A]  
Angela Mullen [M.M.]  
Jimmy Mullen [A]  
Ann Gleeson-McGrath [R.D.]

11.15 James Duggan [M.M.]  
Jack Hennigan [A]  
Michael Farrell [A]

11.15 Margaret McKay [A]  
John Clifford O'Sullivan [A]  
Jim, Creina & Mary Deighan  
Bernie Nolan [M.M.]



Our sympathies to the family,  
relatives and friends of  
**Mary Aylmer** whose funeral took  
place here this week



Opening doors  
for **35 YEARS**

The Church Gate collection this weekend is for the Peter McVerry Trust



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**FR. TONY  
COOTE**

**Gala  
Dinner**

**Saturday 8th  
September**

**Talbot Hotel  
Stillorgan**

**3 Course Meal, Entertainment  
& Amazing Raffle Prizes  
to be won on the night!**  
**"It's a night not to be missed!"**  
**"Wine, Dine & Win a Prize!"**

**€60 (Student Ticket €45)**  
 Tickets available from Mount Merrion  
 & Kilmacud Parish Offices  
 Starts : 7.00pm • Dress code: Formal



## A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the **unique gifts** of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with **fresh enthusiasm** and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your **enduring love**, give them **confidence and grace**, and equip them with the ability to **persevere** through trials. Bless their teachers with **wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve**, as they embark on the journey together!

**Amen!**