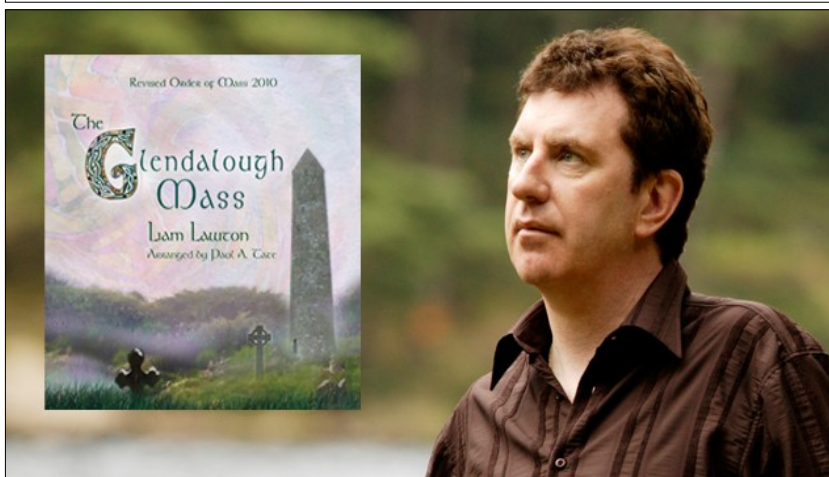


Liam Lawton Workshop

Fr. Liam Lawton will be in Limerick on November 17th 2011 for two music workshops. The workshops will be an opportunity to hear and learn the Glendalough Mass, which is his new mass setting for the revised Missal. This workshop will be of particular interest to teachers who have responsibility for preparing the school choir for masses, those who are teaching the sacrament classes, or anyone interested in the new music settings of the mass. The afternoon workshop will take place in the Woodlands Hotel, Adare. Further details will be emailed to your school and available from the Diocese of Limerick website- www.limerickdiocese.org/r-e-in-schools.html



Reminder Fairtrade Competition

Dear Teacher,
We live in a very unequal world: the poorest 40% of the world's population has only 5% of the global income; 281m children are engaged in child labour [UNICEF]. Fairtrade tries to address the injustice of unfair trading practices and create a better world for farmers/ producers in the developing world.

With that in mind we would like students to:

Design and create **A Christmas Card**
Theme: 'Create an Equal Christmas for all'

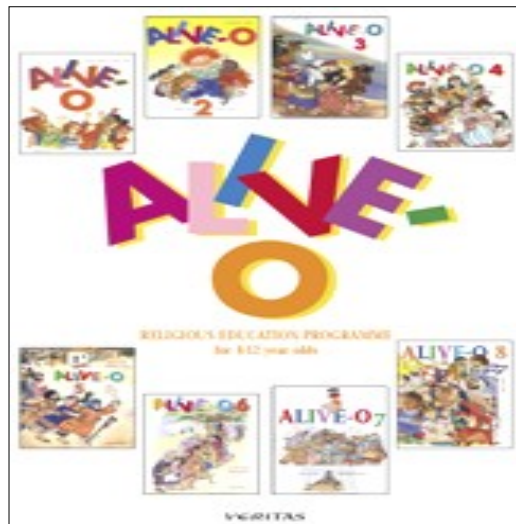
Size: Finished cards should be half-fold A4 or quarter-fold A4
Students may use any medium other than computer.
Students must put their name, school, teacher's name and school contact number on the entry form and staple it to the card. Prizes will be awarded for best entries.
Entries should be handed into Reception, Mary Immaculate College by **28th Oct 2011** and marked '**For the Attention of Sr. Delia O' Connor, Chaplaincy**'.

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♦ The glory of God is people fully alive ♦
St. Irenaeus

Saints & Feasts October

- Oct 1st St. Teresa of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face (St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower)
- Oct 2nd The Guardian Angels
- Oct 4 St. Francis of Assisi
- Oct 5th St. Faustina
- Oct 6th St. Bruno
- Oct 7th **Our Lady of the Rosary**
- Oct 9th St. Denis
- Oct 10th St. Daniel
- Oct 11th (Day of Prayer for Emigrants)
- Oct 12th St. Wilfred
- Oct 14th (National Day of Prayer Children Helping Children)
- Oct 15th St. Teresa of Avila
- Oct 16th St. Gall
- Oct 17th St. Margaret Mary
- Oct 23rd St. Ignatius of Antioch
- Oct 28th **Mission Sunday**
- Oct 28th St. Simon
- Oct 28th St. Jude
- Oct 29th St. Colman

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Our World in Autumn

*You care for the earth,
give it water,
you fill it with riches...
You crown the year
with your goodness.
Abundance flows in
your steps;
in the pastures of the
wilderness it flows.
The hills are girded
with joy,
The meadows covered
with flocks,
The valleys are
decked with wheat,
They shout for joy,
yes, they sing.*

(Psalm 65: 10-14)



The colours, smells and sounds, the leaves, trees and fruits of autumn remind us of God's love and care for all of creation and for each one of us. God is continually at work in the world, bringing creation to maturity, completeness and fullness. God's presence in the world is clearly evident during autumn. The human capacity to recognise and to be in touch with that presence is never more ready to be awakened than it is in children.

If we succeed in awakening in the children that sense of God's presence in the world we are enabling them to be ready at a future time to celebrate God's presence in the sacraments. We can also encourage in them the innate sense of awe and wonder which is the basis for liturgy and worship.

The seasonal moods and changes which we see in the natural world around us are a reflection of the moods and changes which happen within ourselves. We are becoming more conscious of our interconnectedness with the natural world and of the interdependence of the world of nature with the human beings who inhabit it. This interdependence is a sign of God's providence for us, and the more we become aware of the relationship between ourselves and the natural world around us the more we become aware of the relationship between ourselves and God.

In the celtic prayers of our Christian ancestors we find an awareness of the ebb and flow of the seasons, of the tides and the moods of the natural world, and of the relationship between the movements in the world of nature and the inner world of the human person.



Our Lady of Limerick

During the liturgical year, the church honours Mary, the mother of God. Advent, Christmas and the months of May and October are special times of devotion to Mary.

St. Saviour's parish in Limerick City has a special statue of Mary. The statue of Our Lady dates from the 17th century and is known as Our Lady of Limerick. Patrick Sarsfield brought the statue from Flanders in 1640 in reparation for the martyrdom of Sir John Bourke by an ancestor of his. (This is not the Patrick Sarsfield who was a general in the Jacobite army during the Siege of Limerick in 1691.) The statue is carved from oak. For a number of years, the statue was buried in a box in the graveyard in the grounds of St Mary's Cathedral to avoid capture from the English authorities. This statue has been replicated in a richly colored mosaic over the main door of the Dominican Church of St. Louis Bertrand in Limerick, Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.A..



Our Lady of Limerick

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Limerick Peru Mission

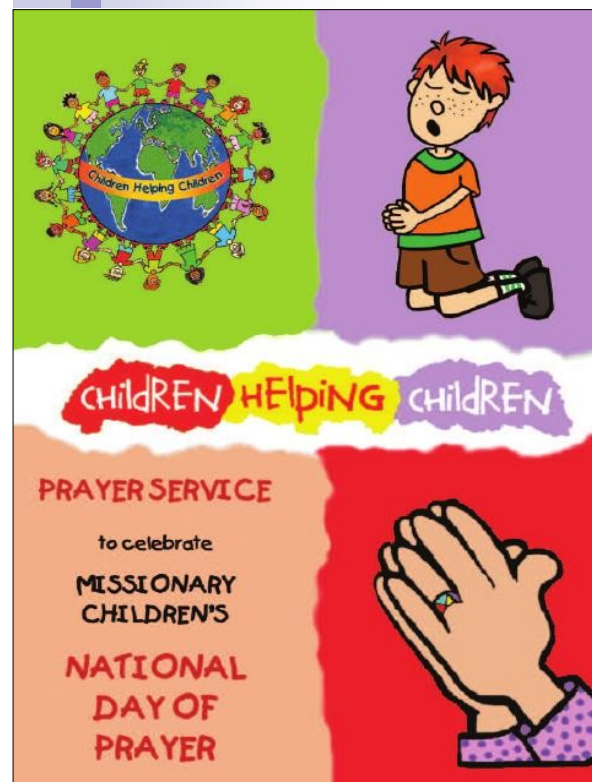
The journey from Limerick to Lima began on January 1st 2004. Fr. David Costello sought permission from Bishop Murray to go on Mission to South America. From the very beginning it was Bishop Murray's wish that a Mission link would be established between Peru and Limerick. Fr. David joined the Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle (<http://www.socstjames.com/>) and after completing language study in Bolivia he was appointed to Peru. His first appointment was to the city of Chimbote some 6 hours drive north of Lima.

In February 2006 Fr. David was asked to move from Chimbote to Lima to establish a new mission/parish. After just one year the new mission was ready to be named a parish and so "El Resucitado" was officially created on 4th February 2007. Bishop Murray travelled from Limerick to Lima to be present for the ceremony; his presence was seen by all as a visible sign of solidarity between the Diocese of Limerick and the parish of "El Resucitado" in Lima. Also, in 2007 Fr. Derek Leonard sought permission from Bishop Murray to go on Mission to South America. He too joined the Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle and went to Bolivia for language study.

In December 2007 Fr. Derek joined Fr. David at "El Resucitado" and together they work what has become known as the 'Limerick Peru Mission'. The parish of "El Resucitado" (The Resurrected One) is situated in a suburb on the eastern side of Lima. Lima itself has a population of 8.5 million people. A recent census revealed that the parish area has a population of approx 120,000 people, most of whom live in a situation of dire/extreme poverty. Both Derek and David live and work in a very different situation to what they would have been used to in Limerick. The main thrust of their ministry is in the area of Evangelisation and Social Outreach. The Mission is funded entirely by the generosity of so many good people in Ireland, especially in the Limerick area, and they continue to be humbled by the willingness of so many who are 'our Partners in Mission'. See the Limerick Peru Blog <http://my.opera.com/limerickperumission/blog/> or <http://www.limerickdiocese.org/limerick-peru-mission.html>.



Children Helping Children National Day of Prayer



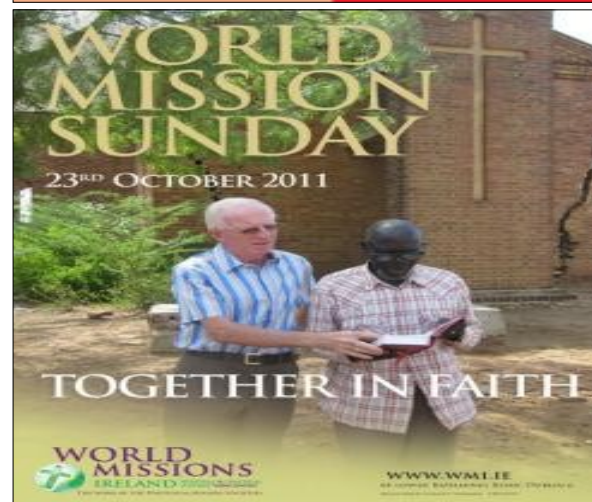
The National Day of Prayer for Children will be celebrated on 14th October this year. The celebration encourages Irish children to strengthen their spiritual bond with children just like them, but who live in mission countries. As October is the month in which we celebrate and support missionaries and their work, everyone is encouraged to make a little time to pray for them and the children they help.

The National Day of Prayer for children was first launched in 2007 and school support has grown year on year. The celebration, which is warmly supported by the Bishops of Ireland, teaches children the value of prayer during Mission Month with child friendly resources.

Resources available to assist schools in the celebration include a special Mass and Prayer Service. There is also Children's Mission Rosary Beads, Mission Rosary Candles, a little prayer book for children called 'Prayers In My Pocket', an Information Poster for schools/parish notice board and an Teacher's Mission Rosary Kit with Activity Sheet for children.

All resources for 2011 are available upon request to jackie@wmi.ie and the printed resources can easily be downloaded from the website www.wmi.ie.

Mission Sunday 2011



Mission Sunday takes place each year on the second last Sunday of October, the traditional month of universal mission since 1926. A collection is organised annually by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and is celebrated in every Church throughout the world. Over the last decade, Ireland has ranked seventh in the world in the total contributions to the missions. The Mission Sunday collection is made available, in its entirety, to be distributed to the 1,100 young Churches who are supported by the generosity of Churches that are better off. The Irish Office sent more than €2.2 million, collected in the thirty-two counties last year, to help build up the Church in countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, as well as helping in the training of novices and seminarians. For further information: www.wmi.ie.

How to pray the Rosary

- Step 1:** Make the Sign of the Cross
- Step 5:** Announce the First Mystery; then say ss and say the "Apostles Creed"
- Step 2:** Say the "Our Father"
- Step 3:** Say three "Hail Marys" (for the Holy Father's intentions)
- Step 4:** Say the "Glory Be to the Father"the "Our Father"
- Step 6:** Say ten "Hail Marys" while meditating on the Mystery
- Step 7:** Say the "Glory Be to the Father"
- Step 8:** Announce the Second Mystery; then say the "Our Father". Repeat steps 6 and 7 and continue with the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner
- Step 9:** Say the "Hail Holy Queen" on the medal after the five decades are completed.

