



Dominican Newsletter



St. Catherine's Church, Dominic Street, Newry.

19th April 2026 Tel: 028 3026 2178 **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Masses: Vigil: Sat 7.30pm, Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm.

Weekdays: 7.30am, 11.00 am, 7.30 pm (incl. Vigil Sat.)

Confession: Saturday: 11.30am - 12.30pm and 4.00pm – 5.00pm

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Visit of Pope Leo to Africa

Pope Leo's visit to Algeria was the first ever papal visit to Algeria - the largest African country and where Islam is the state religion (45 million) with less than 10,000 Catholics.



Pope Leo XVI with Dominican Cardinal of Algeria - Cardinal Jean Paul Vesco O.P.

Pope Leo traced the footsteps of St. Augustine in Hippo where he celebrated Mass and met local Augustinians. He refers to St. Augustine as his **'father in faith'** reminding us that he is **'a son of St. Augustine'**.



On Wednesday Pope Leo visited Cameroon – former German colony divided by Britain and France after World War1, where thousands have died due to divisions among peoples.

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The Road to Emmaus



An important event took place after the Resurrection of Jesus when the disciples were walking along the road to Emmaus. They had been discussing the events in Jerusalem over the past few days when Jesus came and walked alongside them. Not knowing who he was they continued their conversation with him present. Eventually they asked him to eat with them as it was near evening. As they broke bread together they recognised the Risen Jesus.

They recognised him was after they had been reflecting on the events of the past days and as they broke bread with them in the Eucharist reminding us that we go back into the Emmaus story when we break bread in the Eucharist.

Shrine of Divine Mercy in the Philippines.

One of the biggest shrines of the Divine Mercy in the world is located in Northern Mindanao in the Philippines. It features a 60ft statue. The shrine was completed in 2008 and is a place of pilgrimage in the Philippines.



Pilgrims climb the steps on the rays of the Divine Mercy and spend time where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.



Free Lough Derg retreat for young adults

'seeking space and stillness'

A one-day retreat aimed at young adults seeking space for reflection is set to take place later this month at Lough Derg. Titled **'In the Stillness: Faith in a Busy World,'** the event will be held on **Saturday, 25 April**, offering participants a chance to step away from the pressures of daily life and reconnect with their spiritual wellbeing.

Open to individuals aged 18 to 35 years, the retreat is expected to draw attendees from across the country seeking a meaningful pause amid the busyness of modern life.

To find out more information please contact info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

Catholic Priest killed in Israeli strike in Lebanon.

Fr. Pierre al- Rahi was killed in Qlayaa, Lebanon on March 9th after Israeli tank fire struck a residential building where civilians had taken shelter.



*According to officials Fr. al-Rahi had rushed to assist parishioners whose home had been struck moments before. Before his death he had said **'none of us carries weapons. All of us carry peace and goodness and love'**.*

The Collection at last weekend's Masses came to £3,107. The **Good Friday Collection** for the **Holy Land** came to £875. **Thank you!**