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Glory to God alone in Jesus Christ through Mary and Saint Joseph

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Srs. Esther Delaney (1st L, top row), Eileen Murphy (4th from R, 2nd Row, Fr. Paul PP, (1st R, 1st Row), helpers and asylum seekers from Newbridge DP Centre

EDITORIAL

Every end is a beginning, it is said. Having come to the end of one year, we are beginning another and the Newspapers are filled with commentaries on the year that is gone and speculations on what lies ahead.

Perhaps it would be better to talk of continuity as we move from one year to another, from one significant event to the next. We are not consigning what is gone to history, even though we would wish many things not to have happened, but building on it for a better future growth. Time, every new year, is given to us as a gift. We move along the timeline of the human life span allotted to each one and, with the whole of creation, along the timeline of the expanding universe.

At Christmas, the Eternal Word became flesh, breaking into time to show us how to make it a field of choice where we can grow in holiness, discover true freedom, and participate in God's loving plan to recreate the entire cosmos in and through Jesus, the Christ.

So, as we begin this new year, let us wish one another the gift of a year filled with peace and love.



Message from Sr. Gemma (Unit Leader)

NO ROOM

“While they were there the time came for the baby to be born and she gave birth to her firstborn a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn”. Luke 2: 6-7.

We read the beautiful story of Jesus’ birth every Christmas, gazing at the cute baby lying in the manger, Mary and Joseph kneeling in humble adoration surrounded by contented sheep, reverent shepherds, the cow and the donkey and perhaps an angel or two fluttering overhead. It is a serene, peaceful scene and as children we loved it. We still do!

At the same time, we are very conscious of how extraordinary and revolutionary this birth is. In recounting the story, the Evangelists are making the point that God, the ruler of the universe, the creator of all that is, was born, not in the luxury and relative safety and security of a royal palace, but in the dirt and damp of a draughty stable because there was no room for him anywhere else. God, the great I AM, comes to our world as a tiny, helpless human baby – vulnerable, dependent on the air we all breathe and on his mother’s milk. And there was no room! St Bonaventure says that in becoming one of us *“God bent low - so low as to be humble and hidden in the visible faces of human beings”*.

Here we see a God who comes especially close to those who are on the outside; a God who, at his birth is surrounded, not by the rich and powerful, but by simple, humble folk and by the creatures of the fields. Ilia Delio remarks that in this little baby *“we are forced to discover the face of God in all the mess of the world - racial injustice, terrorism, poverty, global warming. Too often we want a God who will hear our cries and fix things...”*

But the mystery of Christmas tells us otherwise. It is not that God is deaf to the cry of the poor. It is rather that God is poor. It is not that God does not see our

tears, but that God, too, is weeping”. (Ilia Delio: Mercy and the Humility of God).

And surely God is weeping for all those who are turned away because we say that there is no room – no room in our country, our neighbourhood, our street, our thoughts and lives. There is no room for the many young women who, like Mary, are often forced to give birth in refugee camps, in the forests or by the side of the road.... We read that among the surging number of migrants fleeing war and persecution are many young women who are forced to have their babies in truly dreadful circumstances — whether it's in Libya as they wait to cross the sea on rescue ships; or in refugee camps in Greece and Bangladesh or at Budapest's Keleti train station. Just recently, the Italian Navy reported that a 5-day-old baby and two women who were nine months pregnant were among 284 rescued from a fishing boat in distress in the Strait of Sicily.

Thomas Merton in his inspiring Advent meditation writes: *“Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ has come uninvited. But because he cannot be at home in it, because he is out of place in it, - and yet must be in it - his place is with those others who do not belong, who are rejected because they are regarded as weak and with those who are discredited, who are tortured and exterminated. With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world. He is mysteriously present in those for whom there seems to be nothing but the world at its worst.”* (<http://merton.org>).

May we, as disciples of Jesus who made his home among the outcast, continue to reach out to those for whom there is no room in our world, to those who do not belong and who are denied their rights as persons. We know that in welcoming and making room for the excluded, refugees, the homeless, we are making room for Christ.



AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON...

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This picture, taken on October 11, 2017 shows a young Rohingya woman, Hasina Aktar, lying in bed with her newborn baby, Mohammed Jubayed, at a medical centre in Kutupalong refugee camp. Mohammed Jubayed came into the world shortly after midday in a baking hot military tent amid the chaos of a vast refugee camp in Bangladesh, now home to nearly a million Rohingya.

Of an estimated 520,000 Rohingya who have [fled ethnic cleansing](#) in Myanmar into neighboring Bangladesh, one in 10 are pregnant or breastfeeding women, according to the United Nations. It's a crisis within a crisis. Expecting mothers must march for

days without food or water before making it to refugee camps where aid workers say that many have died from blood loss as most go through childbirth without medical help. According to the U.N. refugee agency, one in five of recent Rohingya refugees suffers from severe malnourishment, which only compounds the risk for expecting mothers and their children.

Hasina Aktar, a young mother, was carried by rickshaw as her pregnancy neared its full term through a vast refugee camp in Bangladesh that is now home to nearly a million Rohingya. Aktar, 20, is one of the lucky ones. She had access to a makeshift delivery clinic, complete with a single mattress on a lino floor, two nurses, and her 40-year-old mother-in-law, Fatima, who stayed by her side and stroked her hair soothingly.

Aktar gave birth to a relatively healthy baby boy who weighs in just under 4 and half pounds. Hasina is allowed to stay overnight in the military tent, but by tomorrow she and her infant son, whom she named Mohammed, must return to their shelter in the camp.

From Gemma

Enabling *Mr. Man* to have a very happy Christmas

All the services helping homeless people sent out appeals before Christmas. DePaul, founded by the Daughters of Charity, Vincentians, and the Society of Vincent de Paul (SVP) opened new services during the year and they also asked for help.

I got in touch with our Lay Associates and people of the Parish here in Straffan to see what could be done. The Parish of Moneenroe contacted me to say they would also like to help.

We were looking for hats, scarves, gloves, underwear and toiletries. The response was fantastic. We collected 15 sacks of the above items. We had so much that we shared these gifts with DePaul, the Simon Community, the SVP and Refugees.

Patti from Straffan came with me to Dublin to a DePaul centre where we, as well as many other helpers, sorted the gifts into bundles for men, women and children. I was particularly struck by one gift box which had a tag written by a child which read, ***"Mr. Man, have a very happy Christmas"***

Once all the gifts were sorted, helpers from other homeless services in Dublin came to take the gifts which they wrapped and brought back to their clients.

There was good news also for two Asylum families who were told they had their papers to remain in Ireland. One family I have been visiting for years have spent their 10th Christmas in a Direct Provision centre. They will have their new home in January.

Lil Meagher, Clane

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

in the context of the

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018



By now we are all well aware that Pope Francis has chosen Dublin to host the World Meeting of Families from 21 - 26 August 2018. All the indications are that Pope Francis will be present on at least one of those days. Families and others from all over the world will gather to celebrate their lives together, to share their experience from different cultures and reflect on the many challenges they face, especially in the areas of growing in Faith and passing on the Faith to future generations.

This event presents a special opportunity for all of us to focus on Family. To help us in the lead up to this gathering, many worthwhile resources are available for anyone involved in working with children and young people. At *Holy Family* Secondary School, Newbridge, we are particularly energised by the theme offered to schools:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: CALLED TO BE A FAMILY OF FAMILIES

Surely this theme is very close to our aim as *Holy Family* members, “to be family and to build family”? In order to develop the theme, a one-year Catechetical Programme is being offered to all Catholic schools at Primary and Post Primary levels. This programme invites schools to reflect on and celebrate the relationship that exists between home, school and parish. To facilitate this reflection, material is available and presented in four sub-themed catechetical moments:

MOMENT ONE

MOMENT TWO

MOMENT THREE

MOMENT FOUR

FAMILIES OF HOPE

FAMILIES OF FAITH

FAMILIES OF LOVE

FAMILIES OF JOY

NOVEMBER 2017

JANUARY (Catholic Schools Week 2018)

LENT 2018

APRIL / MAY 2018

These resources are rooted in Scripture and offer opportunities for discussion and reflection, even far beyond school life. They can be accessed by using this link: <http://www.catholicschools.ie/post-primary-school-resources-csw-2018/>

For those who like to sing or are involved with choirs, let me draw your attention to the official WMOF Hymn, *A Joy to all the Earth*, by Irish composer, Ephrem Feeley. The lyrics are based on the well-known and well-loved Scripture passage from Corinthians 13, and inspired by Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*.

To learn about the hymn and download words and music click on this link: <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/About/Hymn>

Kate Cuskelly, Sonas Chríost
(Chaplain at Holy Family Sec. School)

St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt celebrates 90th Anniversary

On Friday 8th December 2017, St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt celebrated the 90th Anniversary of its foundation. Mass of Thanksgiving was presided over by Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of All Ireland, assisted by Monsignor O'Byrne, Fr Gates and Fr Brannigan of Magherafelt and priests from local parishes, including Fr Fox, Fr Forsythe and Fr Doherty.

Past pupils who are now *Holy Family* Sisters were invited to attend. Srs. Gemma Corbett (Unit Leader), Carmel Bateson and Kathleen Diamond came from London. Srs. Margaret Bradley, Caitriona Gore and Rose Devlin (Magherafelt community) were present. Apologies were sent by other sisters who, due to previous commitments, were unable to be there. Also, arctic weather conditions prevented Sr. Anne Kearney and others from attending. Past and present members of staff and some current pupils also attended as well as governors, past and present. The School choir sang during the Mass. Ms Gillespie, Principal, paid tribute to the outstanding contribution the *Holy Family* Sisters had made to the school from its earliest days.

Sr Gemma, presented a framed canvas of our



Past pupils Sr. Carmel Bateson and her sister, Brigid who taught at St. Mary's for 43 years

Founder, Pierre Bienvenu Noailles, and, in her address, spoke of his vision in establishing the Association of the *Holy Family* in troubled times in



France in 1820. She expressed her hope to return to Magherafelt in two years to celebrate the bicentenary of our foundation. Ms Gillespie thanked Sr Gemma and informed all present that, in anticipation of the centenary of the school in 2027, all charitable funds, raised in St Mary's over the next ten years, would go to the *Holy Family* Missions. We look forward to maintaining our connection with the school, still referred to locally as the Convent, and keeping alive our valued history.

Following the Mass, Archbishop Martin blessed two new buildings, one which provides for the RE and Geography Departments and a large 6th Form Study Centre, named after Monsignor O'Byrne, long associated with the school, and a Music Building, named after Mrs Úna O'Kane, a past pupil who succeeded Sr Marie Therése Harte and Sr Immaculata O'Connor as Principal.

All present enjoyed a drinks reception in the Assembly Hall, where early photographs of the school were on display, and later a warm buffet meal in Café Bordeaux. The night was like a cold Christmas evening, with freezing snow and ice but, thankfully, all enjoyed the historic evening, and reached their homes safely.

Soli Dei Gloria

Sr. Carmel Bateson

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. MARY'S



From humble beginnings, St. Mary's Grammar School has grown to become the outstanding school that it is today.



Founded in 1927 by Monsignor John Ward, Parish Priest of Magherafelt, the purpose of St. Mary's was to provide secondary education for Catholic girls of the area under the direction of the Sisters of the *Holy Family* of Bordeaux.

Sister Cassian Tracey was nominated as the first Principal of the school and, for the first month, only one pupil - namely Mollie Devane* - attended St. Mary's. Within the first year, ten girls were enrolled in the school. Sister Cassian was almost immediately succeeded by Sister Salomé Creagh* who served as Principal until 1937 when Sister Philomena Cashin took

The top secondary schools in Northern Ireland
Schools ranked by proportion of A*-B grades at A-level, double weighted, and GCSEs at A*/A

NI rank	UK rank		A-Level (%A*-B)	GCSE (%A*/A)
1	38=	Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast	84.5	63.7
2	44	Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock, Belfast	78.5	69.8
3	53	Lumen Christi College, Derry	76.4	69.1
4	57	Rainey Endowed School, Magherafelt	82.6	55.2
5	60	Strathearn School, Belfast	81.2	56.1
6	61	St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt	76.3	65.5
7	79=	Friends' School Lisburn	74.3	63.4
8	84=	Portora Royal School, Enniskillen	72.7	53.2
9	87	Dalriada School, Ballymoney	78.5	63.7
10	92	Collegiate Grammar School, Enniskillen	72.8	59.2
11	93	Banbridge Academy	74.0	61.7
12	94	Antrim Grammar School	72.7	55.5
13	97	Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School, Belfast	75.7	59.2
14	101	Sullivan Upper School, Holywood	73.3	58.3
15	106	Regent House School, Newtownards	72.8	58.8
			71.4	

on the role. Sister Philomena was replaced in 1945 by

Sister Marie Thérèse Harte who would shape the culture of the school until 1977.

Throughout the forties, the school continued to grow and, with its academic success, the need for more accommodation became urgent. In 1954, the first extension was added to St. Mary's.

In 1977, Sister Immaculata O'Connor was appointed Principal and, from then until 1995, she led the school through a period of consolidation and growth. September 1978 marked a significant milestone in the history of St. Mary's as boys enrolled for the first time. A total of 37 boys joined 587 girls. In 1984, new accommodation was once again required. Under the leadership of Sister Immaculata O'Connor, the Friends of St. Mary's was formed with the purpose of raising funds to finance the building programme. The £6 million extension was formally opened by Cardinal Daly on 8 December 1994.

In 1995, Mrs W. A. O'Kane became the first lay Principal of St. Mary's. Between 1995 and 2004, Mrs O'Kane shaped the future of the school, enhancing its academic reputation and widening its extra-curricular portfolio.

In 2004, there was another first for St. Mary's when Mr D.A. Lambon succeeded Mrs O'Kane to become the first male Principal to lead the school. With his vision for collaboration in the area, Mr Lambon encouraged St. Mary's to look beyond itself. He forged strong links and working relationships with local businesses and education providers, and was instrumental in establishing the Magherafelt Learning Partnership.

In September 2011, Ms D. Gillespie began her Principalship. Mindful of the shifting educational landscape of Northern Ireland, Ms Gillespie's vision and leadership ensure that St. Mary's is well placed to meet the changing needs of learners in the 21st century while maintaining the school's tradition for excellence.

Source

CONGRATULATIONS FROM PAST PUPIL SR. GEMMA CORBETT

Just a few words to say how pleased we sisters are to join with you on this special occasion when you are celebrating 90 years of service to the education of our youth in this part of Northern Ireland. We are proud and happy to celebrate with you and we are especially grateful that you continue to keep in contact with the *Holy Family* sisters despite the fact that we are no longer actively involved in the school. All of us sisters who are here recall our own years here as pupils and members of staff and we fondly remember our teachers and those who formed us and fostered our vocation in religious life. We remember them and we pray for them.

Today we celebrate 90 years of expansion and growth from very small seeds that were planted in 1927. These seeds have germinated and have brought forth the fruits we see around us today – a flourishing school, providing outstanding education – an education that is rooted in our Christian faith and that is a first rate preparation for our young people to take their place in the world as professionals and as parents with the responsible and vital task of bringing up the next generation.

Let me suggest that the seeds of the fruits we see here today were planted even further back than 1927. The seeds were planted in 1820 in Bordeaux when a young man dreamed a dream of drawing all people into the one Family of God. This young man was called Pierre Bienvenu Noailles. He was living in a time when the Church and society were struggling to recover after the horrors of the French revolution. At that time Churches were desecrated and were

used to stable horses; priests, religious and committed Christian lay people were routinely guillotined. Witnessing all this, Pierre Bienvenu Noailles dreamed of building a new society where peace and justice would be established. He brought together a group of women and men – lay people – and with them formed an Association which he dedicated to the Holy Family. That association still exists today and is spread over 4 continents and is present in 27 countries. We sisters are part of that

Association and we hope to celebrate our 200 anniversary in 2020. It would be great if we could work with the school to mark that anniversary. Perhaps we could talk about that later.

But now back to this anniversary. Congratulations and well done. We thank God with you for all the blessings received over these 90 years and we pray that we all continue to remain faithful to the great work of education entrusted to us.

And now, in the name of all the sisters in the Province of Britain and Ireland, I present to you a copy of a portrait of

our Founder which was painted by a French Artist named Leon Bonnat. The original hangs in our house in Bordeaux. Maybe as you pass by it on the corridor or wherever it is hanging, you will be reminded of God's invitation to all of us, baptised Christians to be builders of the new society that Pierre Noailles dreamed of.

That new society is of course the Kingdom of God that Jesus came to establish – a kingdom of peace and justice that we pray for when we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.



Again many congratulations!

* Mollie Devane later became Sr. Salome, the first of a long line of past pupils who entered the *Holy Family*. She was followed by her sister, Sr. Martina Devane, in religious life. Sr. Salome Creagh was elected General Councillor during the leadership of Sr. Claire Julien. One past pupil, Sr. Teresa McElhone, is a H.F. Contemplative.



PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS WITH THE JRS

On Tuesday 19th December, the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), had a meeting in Farm Street for the people who are welcoming refugees into their communities, presbyteries or homes. Three *Holy Family* sisters were present. It was an opportunity to share our experiences, to ask questions and to receive updates on the work of JRS. It was a good experience to meet with other "Hosts".

This was followed by a carol service at Farm Street Church. The church was packed for this very joyful occasion; many of the JRS' refugee friends had travelled long distances to join the supporters and volunteers.

Highlights of the service were specially prepared contributions from two groups of refugees who attend the singing and drama groups at JRS Day Centre; these initiatives are designed to develop skills and confidence. The choir was trained by Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir and the drama group by RISE Theatre (a professional Christian theatre company). They worked with the respective groups over a period of six weeks.

The drama group performed an original Nativity play called "Home". The script, songs and poems that were part of this drama were created by the group. They described their own experiences and life stories through songs and drama. They spoke movingly of Home being "freedom", "unconditional love", "forgiveness" and also "where the journey begins". This group received financial support from the Holy Family Limited Trust. The choir of twelve performed

three songs in beautiful harmony, including a Zulu hymn in which the audience participated. They were very enthusiastic and drew us all into their performance.

Fr Thomas H. Smolich SJ, International Director of JRS, gave the homily. He spoke movingly about the

limitation of the statement: "yes, but...", stating that this was a phrase refugees heard often, and that most of us use all too regularly. He invited the congregation to gaze upon the nativity scene and embrace the phrase "yes, and...", a phrase which sums up the unconditional love of Christ, and His welcome

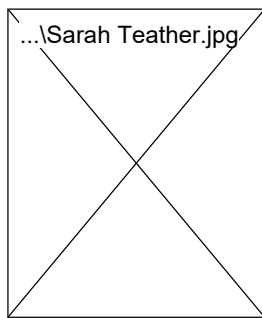


of all without exception.

This message is echoed in Pope Francis' New Year message for the 2018 World Day of Peace in which he says: "*In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands*".

The service in Church was followed by snacks in the hall and the atmosphere was one of great joy. It was a truly special Christmas experience for our refugee friends. Then, on 21 December, there was a Christmas meal at the Centre in which over 200 hundred participated.

Sr. Margaret Muldoon, St. Gabriel's Road



Sarah Teather is a former MP and presently Director of JRS UK. She was chosen at the City of Sanctuary AGM in 2016 to be the first person to receive the Sanctuary Champions award for her services to refugees.

On Christmas Day this year, she gave the closing meditation on BBC Radio 4. In it she mentioned how a community of *Holy Family* sisters helped a pregnant refugee woman who had nowhere to go. The community in question is Clapham. An extract from her talk follows.

Extract from Sarah Teather's Christmas meditation, BBC Radio 4 Midnight, 25 December 2017.

The complete text will be available on [iplayer](#) for the next 4 weeks.

... Unto us a child is born ...

Birth, new starts, new beginnings often invoke a mixture of joy and pain. I have often seen that weaving of joy and pain in the lives of those we accompany at JRS ... the entanglement of hope and loss integral to the life of anyone who makes a journey, leaving family, country and identity for a new start. What grows out of apparent ruin often takes me by surprise, perhaps it's "this character of startling unexpectedness which is inherent in all beginnings."

One who experienced this struggle and journey with intensity was a young woman who asked the JRS for help at Christmas last year. I shall call her Asma ... she was pregnant with her first child and facing imminent homelessness and, as the Gospel says, was "sore afraid." Government support for destitute asylum seekers doesn't usually kick in for women in her position until the end of pregnancy and, even then, accessing it is fraught with difficulty.

The time came for her to give birth and still they refused her a room. A community of religious Sisters stepped into the breach and welcomed her into their home, feeding and fussing over her as if she were their own daughter, though they were not of the same religious profession, devout Muslim that she is. A bond of deep affection grew between them. Asma gave birth to a healthy baby boy and there was much rejoicing in the Sisters' house. What miracle the boy's birth seemed to be in the midst of so much struggle! Perhaps, appropriately, the name of the Religious Order who welcomed Asma, bears the name of the Holy Family. It's hard not to hear the echoes of their trials in her story.

A month after giving birth the Home Office finally housed mother and baby, but in keeping of their rules of dispersal, the housing was several hundred miles away from anyone who previously cared for her. She began another long journey with her infant son, conscious that this new beginning would bring much hardship and loneliness, but steeling herself in courage to continue on.

Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in search of Peace

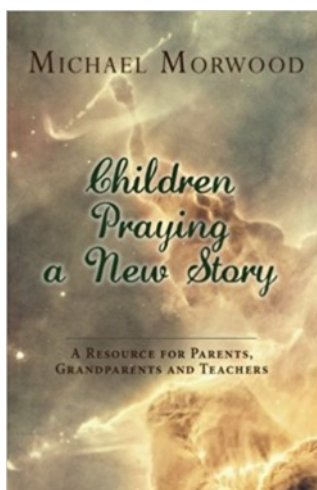
(Like these men, women and children in the Newbridge Direct Provision Centre, who enjoyed a pre-Christmas coffee morning at the Parish Centre)

Above is the title of Pope Francis' message for the 51st World Day for Peace. It is divided into six sections with the first offering heartfelt good wishes for peace and inviting people of good will to embrace those fleeing war, hunger and persecution.

The message also poses the question why so many migrants and refugees? Pope Francis answers this by considering the many conflicts forcing people to leave their homelands, but he mentions also the desire for a better life.

The Holy Father notes that some people consider the growth in migration as a threat... But, "for my part," he says, "I ask you to view it with confidence, as an opportunity to build peace."





BOOK REVIEW

Children Praying a New Story, by Michael Morwood,
published 2009, by Kelmor Publishing

This book is a resource for educators and for adult Christians seeking to deepen their understanding of faith in light of the New Universe Story and the development of life on earth. It responds to adult questions such as, Who is God? How do we pray with children?

Morwood assures his readers that the New Universe Story has the capacity to honour both God's immanence and God's transcendence. He challenges his readers to expand their notion of God beyond a localized, personal deity and to embrace belief in an all-pervasive Mystery beyond human concepts.

Although Christian tradition is rich with many stories about God, Jesus, sacraments, Church and prayer, Morwood suggests it is important that adults who want to help children pray, get to know the other stories and tell them alongside the stories that have dominated.

The issue of how to interpret anew the role of Jesus is addressed in this book. The New Story, Morwood claims, has the capacity to bring Jesus, and his teaching about God-with-us in our living and loving, to centre stage and engage our attention as never before.

Morwood outlines how Jesus might teach today. There is no mention of "original sin" in his preaching, nor does he try to force adult concepts into young minds. Instead, he lays foundations on which faith and prayer can be built. Morwood stresses the need for Parents and Educators to build on such foundations and

so bring the refreshing, freeing wisdom of Jesus to children in the 21st century. He poses some very familiar children's questions and outlines how Parents/Educators might answer them.

Prayer, in this book, deliberately avoids addressing God. "Children" throughout this book refers to pre-teen years and "story", not complex theological concepts, is the norm. Morwood seems to delight in challenging the reader. His explanation of faith statements in this book are insightful. Always the reader is challenged to re-think. The author tries to bring a better "story" to the situation, which seems to be more real than that offered by tradition.

Morwood proposes new ways of tackling the problem of changing mindset. He selects a number of Gospel stories from Matthew, Mark and Luke because they reveal Jesus in his role of helping the crowd discover the wonderful presence of the sacred in their midst. He suggests that if we face the challenges and persevere in our efforts to help children pray a "new story" we will bring them closer to the essence of Jesus' teaching and his hopes for humanity.

Although this book is specifically labelled a *Resource for Parents, Grandparents and Teachers*, it is a perfect read for all adult Christians. It provides an opportunity for them to re-imagine and re-evaluate their faith in light of the contemporary story of the universe. It is simply and beautifully written and is packed with fresh insights into a faith all Christians share.

Margaret Bradley, Magherafelt

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 World Day of Peace Mary, Mother of God	2	3 Death of Mother Aloysia Noailles 1884	4	5 The Finding in the Temple	6
7	8 Foundation Day 1820 (Zoë de Raquene spoke to Fr. Noailles) Foundation of the Srs of St. Martha 1857	9	10	11 Affiliation with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate 1858	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Feast of the Betrothal of Mary and Joseph	24	25	26	27 International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
28	29	30	31			