



South Africa Still Struggling with Deadly TB-HIV/AIDS Epidemic



HIV Positive children in South Africa

We cannot fight AIDS unless we do much more to fight TB.

Nelson Mandela



Patients meal time at the MSC Tshwaranang Hospice in Midrand

South Africa regards HIV/AIDS and TB as two sides of the same coin, and they are trying to deal with them together under one roof, as the same disease presenting in different ways. Africa now considers itself having a TB-HIV epidemic instead of just AIDS because AIDS is something they are managing.

The high rates of tuberculosis are particularly threatening. Already under diagnosed...already hard to treat...the more difficult forms of the disease could break out into the wider population to create a runaway epidemic. Patients require expensive long term hospital treatment and more expensive drug treatments which have to be taken for a long time.

TB Drugs must be taken with food. In too many cases, South Africans stop taking their medicine when they don't have enough to eat, or when they find they feel better and no longer want to risk the nausea. If there's no one to stay on their backs, patients are lost to the system, still tuberculosis infected, and now developing more powerful strains of the disease

thanks to an incomplete course of drugs.

There have been encouraging results from what's called "DOT," directly observed therapy, making sure people take their medicine until they're cured. New treatment facilities are under construction, and the importance of taking your medicine is stressed with every patient.

It is hard to overstate the challenge. South Africa is trying to address the social and economic distortions created by 70 years of apartheid. There aren't enough houses, enough schools, enough clinics, or enough factories. South Africa is beset by health problems that even the richest countries on earth would find daunting and hard to treat.

People need People and with your continued support MSC's play a very important part of the lives of so many people in HIV/AIDS Centre's and Hospices, the numerous Orphans we give a loving home to and the many destitute we offer hope to. They have a long way to go but they still need our help.

New Irish Provincial Superior

The Irish Province of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is pleased to announce the election of Fr. Joseph McGeec MSC as its next Provincial Superior.

Fr. Joe will succeed the present Provincial, Fr. Patrick Courtney MSC, sometime later this year.

Fr. Joe, who is 50 years of age and is from Convooy, Co. Donegal, made his First Profession of vows as an MSC in 1979 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1986.

After completing postgraduate Theology studies in Rome Fr. Joe

began his ministerial life in England where he was also School Chaplain at the MSC-founded Princethorpe College.

Since then he has ministered in a variety of settings in both England and Ireland: in parishes, schools, formation, local community leadership and for the last five years he has

served as Deputy Provincial with Fr Pat Courtney MSC.



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From the Director



Dear Friend,

It is now over 3 months since a massive earthquake followed by a Tsunami devastated Japan on March 11th. It is estimated that over 26,000 people died, 12,000 of which are still missing and a 127,000 still remain homeless.

In the face of such a terrible tragedy, countries and people around the world have responded so generously to try to alleviate the suffering of the Japanese people. Thank God that lives are being renewed, as the injured are being restored to health, and homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses are being rebuilt.

Natural disasters like the earthquakes in Japan, Haiti and Chile, the floods in India and the Philippines, the tsunami in Indonesia, disturb our hearts and souls as we continue to believe in the care and providence of an all-loving God. Yet we strive to express our trust and hope as we reach out so generously to aid the victims of such tragedies.

We realise that so many innocent people are suffering and are truly in need. We do our best to help them and I would like to extend my gratitude to the many of you who have sent help to those in need through our Mission office.

In our newsletters we try to share the various challenges that are being faced by some very poor people in countries that are served by our MSC Missions in South Africa, Venezuela and Russia. I have had the opportunity to visit each of these countries over the years. I know of their struggles and sufferings first hand, and as a result I can assure you that your donations are directed to the members of our MSC Family where they will do the most good.

I can reassure you how deeply appreciated your gift is, and how grateful those who receive your kindness feel in their heart. Their prayers will always be with you.

THANK YOU

Michael O'Bonnell MSC

Director of the MSC Mission Support Centre

Study reveals importance of faith for over-50s

The first results from the most comprehensive study of older people ever undertaken in Ireland have revealed the huge importance of religious faith.

The results from The Irish longitudinal Study of Ageing (TILDA)'s 'Fifty Plus' study were launched by the Minister for Health and Children, Dr James O'Reilly. This decade-long study has been running since 2008 and will be fully completed in 2018 with eight thousand people aged 50 and over participating in the study.

The report says that "participation in religious activities has been associated with a better quality of life and health outcome in older people". It finds that 95% of Ireland's over-50s say that they have a religion, and 60% of these attend religious services at least once a week. Among those aged 75 and over, the figure rises to 80 %.

The TILDA report says "religion is another way in which people engage with their communities. This can occur through active participation in religious services, prayer, or volunteering with religious-based organisations".

In excess of 80% of all over-65s say that religion is "very important" or "somewhat important" in their lives. Religion is of more importance to women than to men and rises in importance amongst the older groups.

The survey also shows that Ireland's older generation have a sunny outlook on life with 85% reporting that they often enjoy the things they do and 81% often looking forward to each day, while over 80% feel that life is "full of opportunities".

Golden Book of the Sacred Heart



The Golden Book of the Sacred Heart on display at the altar during the Novena in the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork.

Those enrolled are prayed for during Masses, especially during the Novena. Enrolments can be made for the living and the deceased, and are a nice spiritual gift.

Turning Sadness into Joy

Nestling under the majestic Drakensberg mountains lies Holy Family Care Centre; a little oasis for suffering and neglected children, run by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

In 2001 the OLSH Sisters took charge of the property and opened a Care Centre for people with HIV/AIDS and for orphans. Today there are over 70 children in residence. Many come here, little bundles of suffering and broken humanity, but with proper nourishment and care and lots of love a new life emerges.

One co-worker named the place 'Paradise' and so it is. In a loving and friendly environment the children blossom and the sound of weeping finally gives way to one of joy and gladness. People come from every continent and are bedazzled by the warm spirit and sense of family that prevails. The small children attend crèche on the property while the older children attend primary and secondary school in the local villages. The children keep in touch with their own

language and culture through the teachers and the many workers who are employed at the Centre. In this way we try to offer them as near an ordinary life as possible.

Holy Family has become widely known and people come to help always leave with great praise for the children, the staff and the great family spirit here. More recently the Centre was honoured with the Mopane District 'Platinum Award' for excellence, shortly followed by the Limpopo Province 'Platinum Award and Gold Cup' also for excellence. This is an acknowledgement of the work and family spirit that characterises this great undertaking.

The most recent development is the construction of an all purpose hall that will shelter the children on very hot or very wet days. Many of the children need special protection from the elements for health reasons. The new building is named Chevalier Hall in honour and memory of the founder of the MSC Priests and Sisters who established and run the centre today.



Fr Pat McGlanaghy MSC (Pictured)
Chaplain Holy Family Care Centre

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Sports Heroes Walk against HIV/AIDS

The Department of Sports and Recreation (SRSA) and 'Sports Heroes against HIV/AIDS' combine their efforts and organise a province wide Run/Walk each year. The Big Names of South African Sports manage to raise tremendous enthusiasm for sports of all kind in the far flung corners of the provinces.

With sports equipment and gear provided and distributed by SPSA and the help of local sports officials, many sports clinics, workshops and talks are conducted

by their National Sports Heroes.

A very surprised and delighted Fr. Herman of Tshwaranang Hospice was chosen to receive a donation to the value of a Hundred Thousand Rand from the Sports Heroes funds. The donation came in the form of a much needed brand new Toyota 7 seater vehicle sponsored by Budget Car Rentals.

It is ideal for the daily transport of patients from the hospice to the local clinics and hospitals for treatment and medication.



Tshwaranang Hospice can call itself the proud owner of a new Toyota thanks to our South African Sports Heroes walking against HIV/AIDS

RECENT MSC DEATHS



Fr Diarmuid (Jerry) O'Riordan died on April 21st 2011, after a long illness bravely borne, in the loving care of the staff at Youghal and District Nursing Home, Gortroe, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Fr. Jerry a native of Coolea was born in 1929 and is survived by his sisters and brother Maureen (USA), Siobhán, Gobnait, Eileen, Ted and Theresa, and predeceased by the late Seán and Dónal.

He was ordained on September 13th 1953. The following year he went to South Africa and was to spend most of the next 36 years there serving in various MSC missions. He ventured further afield into Indonesia in 1962-64.

Whilst in South Africa he was introduced to sculpture and developed a deep respect for the work of African sculptors. He went to the Crawford School of Art in 1974 but the African influence in his work and his choice of bog oak as a medium was not appreciated and he left after one year and he returned to South Africa.

He retired home from South Africa in 1989, but in 2000 he returned to join the MSC Celebrations of 50 years of mission in that country. He retired to the MSC house at Carraignavar and he continued to sculpt there in a small workshop and he was a regular exhibitor at Siamsa Tire in Tralee.

His funeral Mass took place in Séipéal Ghobnatan, Cúil Aodah, on Monday 25th April followed by burial in the church grounds.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.
Naomh Gobnait, guigh ar a shon.*



Fr Francis Nelan MSC passed away on Monday May 2nd 2011 in Padua Place, Priests Retirement, San Antonio, Texas-USA. He was 87 years of age.

His funeral Mass took place on May 5th and he was laid to rest at Holy Cross cemetery, in San Antonio.

He was born on June 7th 1924 in Miltown, Co Kerry and he was preceded in death by his younger brother Patrick. He is survived by his niece Mary, and nephews James, Martin and Patrick.

He made his profession as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart on 13th September 1946 and was ordained to the priesthood on 3rd June 1953. He worked for a number of years in parish ministry in England. He served at St. Alban's, Liverpool and Slaithwaite, Leeds. He went to Texas in 1976 and served as a priest at St. Michael's in Anson from 1976 until 1985. He then served as a priest at St. Ferdinand's in Blanco from 1985 until his retirement in 1992 due to ill health.

He retired to Padua Place retirement centre where he was most appreciative of the excellent care and attention of the staff and the Missionary Servants of St. Anthony. He will always be affectionately remembered for his zeal and dedication to ministry and his sense of humour.

May he Rest in Peace

Missionaries to Celebrate 450 Years of Priesthood

Eleven priests from Missionaries of the Sacred Heart will celebrate their Diamond, Golden, Ruby and Silver Jubilees of their ordinations and between them they have devoted four hundred and fifty years to their vocations – many of them serving in the foreign mission.

Celebrations will take place on Friday 8th July, with family and friends with a concelebrated Mass at the MSC community at Western Road, Cork.

The Jubilarians are:

(Diamond)

Fr. Paddy Breen MSC, Kilmore, Co. Wexford.
Fr. Paddy Sheehan MSC, Bruree, Co. Limerick.

(Golden)

Fr. Sean Laffan MSC, Ballinspittle, Co. Cork.
Fr. Augustine O'Brien MSC, Lackagh, Co. Galway.
Fr. Michael Smyth MSC, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

(Ruby)

Fr. Liam O'Brien MSC, Drogheda, Co. Louth.
Fr. James Stubbs MSC, Mallow, Co. Cork.

(Silver)

Fr. Patrick Coakley MSC, Cork City.
Fr. Joseph McGee MSC, Convoy, Co. Donegal.
Fr. Anthony Nolan MSC, Cobh, Co. Cork.
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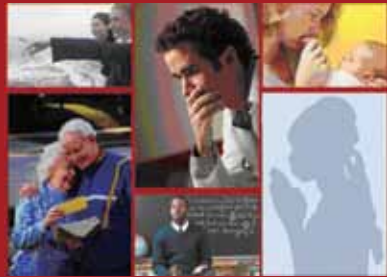
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News from the MSC Novitiate House in Cork

Four Novices from the European Provinces began a Novitiate in Cork on the 1st September last year with the novice master Fr Tom Mulcahy MSC.

The novitiate year is a time of spiritual growth and formation, a better understanding of the Order and a time for prayerful discernment of the vows they will take at the end of the year.

Every Monday through Friday they meet for 1 to 2 hours with Fr Tom, the novice master, to receive instruction in prayer, in the spiritual life, in the MSC tradition and MSC spirituality. On Monday afternoon they meet with Fr Jim Mannix MSC for an art session which is good fun and brings out their creative side.

On Tuesday afternoon they benefit from the wisdom and deep spirituality of Fr Charles Conroy MSC an expert on the Old Testament. Saturday is work period, with light manual labour designed for change of pace and a time for strong communal bonding.

Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays they have Mass at 10am and Saturdays at 12pm with the parish. They have a free day on Wednesday where they get to relax and do things like going into the city to shop or catch a movie.

On Thursday morning they visit Meitheal Mara an established maritime cultural and education centre and registered charity involved with youth projects based in Cork City where they utilise traditional boatbuilding and rowing to promote social and personal development in young people. During their time the novitiates have been building a currach, which has been fun and hopefully they will get the opportunity to test it out on the river Lee.

Apart from the usual routine they travel to England on an inter-congregational course at Buckden Towers and meet other novices and they have also visited Dublin a number of times throughout the year, again this is an opportunity to meet other novices in Ireland.

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A Burse is a sum of money which is set up in honour of God, His Blessed Mother, or one of His servants. We have several burses from which people can choose – list available on request. The most popular ones in recent years have been the Sacred Heart, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and St. Padre Pio. The money is invested and the interest from this goes towards the education of our Students to the priesthood. Needless to say, nowadays, it takes the proceeds of a number of Burses to cover the cost of educating a student for a year. Any donation, large or small, is appreciated and is of great help in ensuring that our students are well prepared for the work that lies ahead on the Mission fields. You are part of the great work they will do, in future years, in many lands. May God reward you.

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Catholic Mass to get new wording

New Words: A Deeper Meaning, but the Same Mass

The *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass is now being prepared for publication.

The Roman Missal will be implemented on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. The ritual editions should start arriving in parishes around October 1.

The Vatican is rolling out a new translation and Roman Catholics will have to learn new wording for some of their most familiar prayers.

It's the first major revision since Pope Paul VI issued the original *Missale Romanum* in Latin in 1970.

The English translation was released in 1973 and revised two years later. Those translations were prompted by the Second Vatican Council of 1962, which did away with the Latin Mass and decreed that Masses should be celebrated in each parish's local language.

Pope John Paul II ordered the latest translation during the Jubilee Year in 2000. The bishops' conference has been conducting workshops all year to help local clergy and lay ministers prepare for the changes and it is now being prepared for publication.

Here's a sampling of the wording changes, some of which are throwbacks to phrasing from the late 1960s and early '70s:

Greeting and other dialogues

Old: (Priest) The Lord be with you.
(People) And also with you.

New: (Priest) The Lord be with you.
(People) And with your spirit.

Ecce Agnus Dei (This is the Lamb of God)

Old: (Priest) This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
(People) Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

New: (Priest) Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
(People) Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

There are also significant changes to the Penitential Act ("I confess to Almighty God ..."), the Gloria ("Glory to God in the highest ..."), the Nicene Creed ("We believe in one God ..."), the Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of ..."), and other parts of the Mass.



Blessed John Paul II - Beatification Mass

More than 250,000 people visited Blessed John Paul II's mortal remains on the day of his beatification.

At the end of the May 1 beatification Mass, Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinals and other dignitaries knelt and prayed at the foot of the closed wooden casket; many kissed and caressed the recently cleaned and polished wood.

Polish Sr Tobiana Sobodka, who ran Pope John Paul II's household, and French Sr Marie Simon-Pierre, whose cure from Parkinson's disease was accepted as the miracle that led to his beatification, (pictured) placed a relic of the late pope near the altar during the beatification Mass.

Once the dignitaries left, a thick velvet rope was put around the casket and the public was allowed to stream up the right side and down the left side of St Peter's Basilica. The pilgrim path was marked by waist-high wooden barricades set back several metres from the casket.

Ushers kept the crowds moving swiftly, leaving many with little time to linger. Small groups of people were allowed to kneel briefly in prayer far from the barricades.

Moving the crowds so quickly meant many pilgrims who were in the square after the beatification only had to wait 30 minutes to get in to see the casket.



The Vatican said that in 13 hours about 250,000 people passed by the casket to pay their respects before the basilica closed at 3am. Hundreds of people handed ushers notes and flowers that were set behind the casket.

Public viewing did not resume until about 1pm on May 2, after the Mass of thanksgiving in St Peter's

Square, presided over by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state.

The casket, set on a platform in front of the main altar on the basilica's main level, was surrounded by yellow and white roses and flanked by four Swiss Guards.

Provincial Chapter Closes

The Provincial Chapter of the Irish Province of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart closed after a final celebration of Eucharist on Friday 20th May 2011.

The Mass, led by Fr Pat Courtney and Fr Joe McGee, gave thanks for all that had been achieved over the previous two weeks. Members of the Congregation from five different continents came together to discern where God was calling us in these changing times.

The Chapter was a time of open discussion, prayerful reflection and careful planning. There was a great sense of unity, optimism and purpose around the work undertaken and the resolutions proposed.



The Mass finished with a symbolic passing on of the torch, as Fr Pat handed over the Chapter candle to Fr Joe. It was also an opportunity for all the brothers present to reaffirm their commitment to the MSC mission through the renewal of their vows.

Finally Fr Pat took the opportunity to thank everyone for their support and participation, before formally closing the Chapter.

You can read a full account of the Chapter and also view photos from each day on our website.

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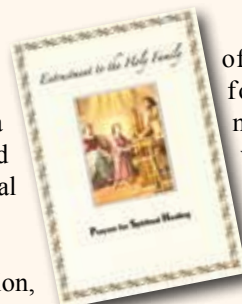
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