

Volunteer with Trócaire in Ireland Trócaire supports some of the most vulnerable people in the developing world, while also raising awareness of injustice and global poverty in Ireland. We are a group of committed individuals who meet three times a year in Dublin to organise initiatives in our communities for Trócaire. Would you be interested in becoming involved? If so, email volunteering@trocaire.org or visit www.trocaire.org/volunteer for more information.

Anam Cara Wicklow the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 26th September at 7:00pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 25th September or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888

A REFLECTION

The best way to experience words is to commit them to memory. As you walk along the street or sit down in the pub and talk to friends, you can allow your mind to be visited by words that you learned many years ago. Miss McKenna, as we used to call her, handed us this ability to be haunted, to leave our hearts and minds open to Shakespeare, to Latin and to Irish. We had to write a lot at the weekend and then we would have to stand up in the class and read it out, and read other people's writing as well. It was a life of expression. Later, when I suffered from moments of depression, I learned that expression is the best way to heal depression and that it is necessary at every level to utter yourself.

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Jesus quietly passes through Galilee – instructing his disciples. He tells them he will be given up, killed and will rise after three days. The disciples are afraid to ask him about it. Half knowing what he is saying, in an understandable human way they shrink from full knowledge of an unpalatable truth. They prefer to cling to the exciting prospect for their future that being close associates of the Messiah (conventionally understood) would seem to entail.

An aspect of this has, in fact, been the subject of an argument they have been having “on the way.” They have been arguing about which of them is the greatest – and so first in line to enjoy a leading role in the coming messianic kingdom. Nothing could run more counter to what Jesus has been attempting to teach them. Hence their guilty, half-knowing silence when Jesus questions them in the house at Capernaum.

In response Jesus sits down (the posture of teaching), summons the twelve –the leading group - and lays down the principle that must govern the exercise of leadership in his messianic community: the one who would be first must be last of all and servant of all. He dramatizes the lesson by taking a child from the house and setting it in front of them. He wraps his arms around the child and then makes an extraordinary statement of self-identification: “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me but the One who sent me.”

To grasp the full force of this action on Jesus ‘part we have to put aside the idealisation of childhood that arose in the nineteenth century. In the ancient world children were precious, no doubt, to their parents but they had no social status or value whatever; until adulthood they were nobodies. For someone outside the family the “welcome” a child would be to turn prevailing values and social mores upside down; it would require putting aside all one’s own ideas of self-importance and adult status to simply meet the child as an equal, as “child” to child. That, says Jesus, is what the disciples must “practice.” In so doing, they will be welcoming him, and not only him but the Father who stands behind his entire life and mission, which is not one of dominance and being served but one of service destined to culminate in the supreme “service” of giving his life as a ransom for many (10:45).

It is hard to exaggerate the significance of this gesture of divine identification with child. Not only does it challenge the disciples’ notion of Messiahship, it goes to the heart of their, and our, understanding of God. Is God to be thought of as a kind of extraterrestrial Ruler to whom nothing but service and fear is due? Or is the God revealed by Jesus a God whose primary gesture towards human beings is that of One who serves, One who comes amongst us in the guise of a child? Jesus’ gesture of hugging the child in front of all shows more powerfully than any words could express the preciousness of each child and every human life in the sight of God, no matter how small, how insignificant we are. We are all – in our “littleness” rather than our achievement – hugged by God in this moment. Brendan Byrne S.J., *A Costly Freedom*. Chapter 1V: *The Disciples Instructed on the “Way”*, Mark 9:30-10:52 pp 151-153



Vigilance is a word often used when discussing parenting because the key role for any parent is to safeguard and protect your kids as best you can from the inherent dangers that life throws at them. The internet is no different.

The real world is one thing but the digital world – an ever-changing landscape – opens up your kids to a new wave of potential vulnerabilities and threats.

Instead of continually worrying about it, or worse, worrying your kids about it, as a parent the best way is to immerse yourself in the digital world, educate yourself and in-turn, educate your kids.

Step Into Their Digital World

Get involved - the internet is a digital playground and it's inevitable that your kids will want to access it so find out what they are interested in and what are the best websites and apps for their respective ages and interests.

Be their co-pilot and learn about what they are doing, what they have access to, and what they like doing. Guide them and teach them about the rights, the wrongs and the dangers of using the internet and instil in them a sense of responsibility.

Establish House Rules

Decide how much time you're comfortable with your children being online and which sites or apps they may go on.

Teach Your Kids to Protect Their Privacy

Depending on their age, children won't really understand the consequences of sharing or revealing personal information online. Never to give their name, phone number, email address, password, postal address, school, or picture without your permission. Not to open emails from people they don't know. Don't accept friendship requests from people they don't know. To verify requests if they look to be coming from someone you do know. Not to respond to hurtful or disturbing messages. Never agree to a private chat with a stranger. Not to arrange to meet up with anyone they "met" online.

Educate them early and educate them often.

Beware of Strangers Baring Gifts

From an early age, children understand the concept of 'cops and robbers' so if explained simply to them they too will understand the concept of a hacker being a type of 'burglar' that breaks into your house via the computer rather than through the window.

Teach Your Children to Log Out

Simple I know but you'd be amazed at how many people forget to log out of their computers. This is particularly relevant if they use a shared computer or device.

Be Careful What You Post or Say

Children (and adults to some extent) need to remember that the online world is the real world. Just because a screen separates you from the people that you're talking to or the sites/apps that you're interacting with doesn't make it any less real.

Excerpt from:

www.rte.ie/lifestyle/living/2017/0214/852547-how-do-you-secure-your-kids-online

Mass Times

Sunday: 11:30am, 7pm

Holy Days: Vigil 7pm,
7am, 10am, 7pm

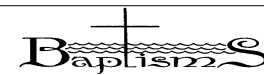
When Holy Day falls on a Saturday, Mass times are Vigil, 11am

Weekdays

10am (Mon-Fri)
7pm (Wed-Fri)

Saturdays: 11am
Bank Holidays: 11am

Confessions: Saturday
10.30 am-11.00am
6.30 pm.7.00 pm



Baptisms take place on the third Sunday of every month at 3pm. Contact the Parish Office Tel. 4534408 ext. 203

Age Action

Special Collection
Sunday 7th October 2018.

Lotto draw every Monday evening.

Family Offerings

19/08/2018 €250.20

26/08/2018 €561.58

02/09/2018 €390.74

09/09/2018 €335.28

Thank you for your generous support.

Positive Ageing Week 1st October — 7th October 2018

Each day has a 'theme' and Age Action, in association with Bank of Ireland, invite you to register your own event. The theme for this year is 'celebrating the 100-year life'. Life expectancies have been rising by up to three months a year since 1840, and there is no sign of that changing. A recent study shows that more than half the babies born in wealthier countries since 2000 may reach their 100th birthdays. Many of us have been raised on the traditional notion of a three-stage approach to our working lives: education, followed by work and then retirement. The benefits of living longer and getting older are immense and they affect all parts of our lives; our finances, health and leisure. But because we're so focussed on the negative things, we forget to enjoy the good things. Positive Ageing Week allows us to look at enjoying living longer and getting older.

Last year over 550 events took place across 25 counties. We are inviting individuals and groups to organise an activity or an event for PAW.

Events are organised by Active Retirement Groups; Nursing Homes; Community Resource Centres; Sports Partnerships; County Councils; Care Organisations; Libraries; Theatres, Galleries, Museums, Schools; Clubs, Societies and Associations for older people. In addition, businesses support the week by offering discounts for older people for PAW.

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See: www.positiveageingweek.com

Safeguarding Sunday

23rd September 2018

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