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A Pilgrims Tale



Camino de Santiago



The Camino de Santiago, The Way of St. James was the most important Christian pilgrimage during the medieval times, a pilgrimage route on which a plenary indulgence could be earned. It is a pilgrimage from ones home to Santiago.

My Camino journey started about 7/8 years ago when Fr John Molloy spoke to me about the Camino. It took me until this year to do it. It started out with a group going together in the end I went alone. That was a very hard decision to make, helped by a friend telling me get over yourself and go. It was an amazing journey starting in Sarria and walking 25 kms each day, sometimes on my own and other times with fellow pilgrims. I met all kinds of people and the one thing we all had in common was that we were all on a journey and of a likemind. It's amazing when we move out of our comfort zone, that we realise our inner strength and reap the benefits. There were times walking alone, that I can honestly say I was very lonely, but with others all around, I could not but feel the presence of God all around me. People you meet help shorten the journey and make the walk easier. We helped each other overcome the challenge of the days walking. It is both physical and mentally challenging. Being on my own on such a pilgrimage made me draw from my inner strength and allowed me be at peace and accept all that came my way. It was a journey bringing me closer to God and seeing him more easily in the people I met along the way. The Camino Way, is very much like life, a journey of learning and going forward, some days great and some days not so good with all it's ups and downs. We all need the helping hand of God no matter where we come from and what ever our beliefs. Many times during the five days walking helping hands came in many ways. We walked through woods, crossed streams, country paths dirt roads and some main roads. The scenery from great heights with eucalyptus and pine trees was beautiful. The little hamlets of houses were my favourite, real old style Spain. Local Galician people left out drinks and fruit for us pilgrims to lighten our journey. Each day started about 7am and out by 8am. The most magical day was the last, we walked in the darkness of the morning through the woods with only torches for light, beautiful to see fellow pilgrims in front leading the way. It was amazing to reach St James's Cathedral as so many have done before me. 146,500 people have walked the Camino de Santiago this year alone.

I asked myself two questions about my journey: What have I given along the way? -- Friendship, support and a listening ear. And the second was: What did I get from my journey? I saw God along the way in the people I met. I was able to know and believe that my life is so blessed in all its struggles and love. We need the struggles to be able to enjoy the love.

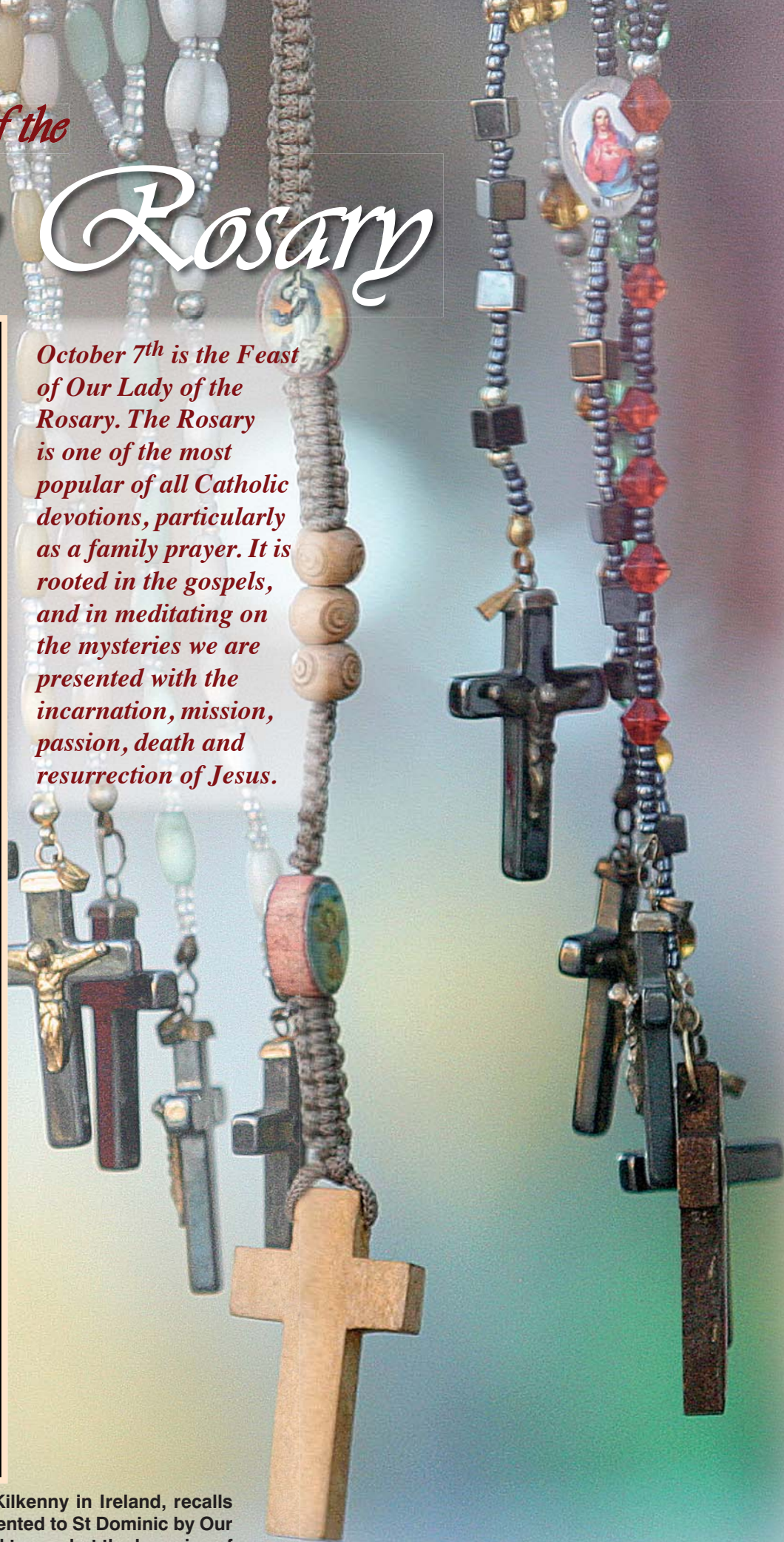
Bien Camino

October, Month of the

Holy Rosary



October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is one of the most popular of all Catholic devotions, particularly as a family prayer. It is rooted in the gospels, and in meditating on the mysteries we are presented with the incarnation, mission, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.



This window in the Black Abbey, in Kilkenny in Ireland, recalls the tradition that the Rosary was presented to St Dominic by Our Lady, in the year 1206, as he struggled to combat the heresies of the age in his preaching. (Photos: T. Redmond, Nathan Gibb)

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Bulletin Board

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014

10th May	Gaelscoil
10th May	Ennis National
17th May	CBS
17th May	Scoil Christ Rí
17th May	Holy Family

PARENT TALK

1st Oct	Ennis National
10th Oct	Holy Family
16th Oct	Scoil Christ Rí
27th Nov	Gaelscoil

ENROLMENT

6th Oct	Ennis National
20th Oct	Scoil Christ Rí
20th Oct	Holy Family
20th Oct	Gaelscoil
24th Oct	CBS

FIRST PENANCE 2014

26th Feb	Ennis National
12th March	Holy Family
12th March	Scoil Christ Rí
25th March	CBS
1st May	Gaelscoil



Do this in Memory of Me Programme for First Holy Communion Students and their families.

Sat/Sun 9th/10th	Nov
Sat/Sun 14th/15th	Dec
Sat/Sun 25th/26th	Jan
Sat/Sun 22nd/23rd	March

at: 6.30pm (Sat) Mass Cathedral
9.30am Mass Cloughleigh
10am Mass St. Josephs

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS



Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul
8pm Thursday 24th October

NOVEMBER MÍ NA MARBH

Remembering all who have died over the past 12 months.
Friday 1st Nov, Feast of All Saints.
7.30pm Mass Cathedral.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Sunday 3rd November
Drumcliffe 3pm & Corrovorrin 2pm.



November
Blessing
Of Graves

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Remembering all babies who have died. Sunday 10th, November at 10.30am in the Cathedral.

YEAR OF FAITH

The Papal Nuncio
Archbishop Charles Brown
will visit our Parish on the weekend of
November 16th/17th
To mark the end of Year of Faith



NEW DAYCARE CENTRE CUAN AN CHLÁIR

Work is progressing very well with the First phase of the Cuan and Chláir scheme which consist of a day care centre for 60 people and 12 individual houses for older people. The Cuan fundraising committee thank all who have been so supportive and generous to the fund raising today. The outstanding target to be collected is €500,000.

CONFIRMATION 2014

28th Feb	Scoil Christ Rí
28th Feb	Gaelscoil
1st March	Holy Family
8th March	Ennis National
8th March	CBS & St. Anne's



PARENT TALK

23rd Oct	Scoil Christ Rí
13th Nov	Gaelscoil
13th Nov	Holy Family
14th Nov	Ennis National

ENROLMENT

20th Oct	Ennis National
20th Oct	Gaelscoil
27th Oct	Scoil Christ Rí
14th Nov	CBS
17th Nov	Holy Family

CEREMONY OF LIGHT 2014

12th Feb	Holy Family
13th Feb	Gaelscoil
3rd March	Ennis National

FAITH FRIENDS

Nov 19th; 26th & Dec 3rd: 2013
Holy Family
Jan 21st; 28th & Feb 4th 2014
Ennis National
School Based - Gaelscoil

Up coming events:

- Bag Packing Dunnes Stores - October 25th/26th
- Walk/Run/Jog the bypass Saturday November 9th at 11am
- 2014 Calendar for Christmas
- Christmas cards in aid of Cuan
- Buy a brick for daycare centre

