

James's Street Parish

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GUATEMALA FAMILY STRUGGLE AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE



Ilma and Julio have a strong family unit. Both parents want their children to continue their education. Ilma and Julio make a living through farming. In the community, everyone has their own plot of land. They grow cardamom and corn and depend on selling cardamom for their livelihood. They also have chickens and turkeys and will pick herbs and berries when they are available. The family used to plant crops twice a year but now

only plant once a year because of the extreme weather conditions. A recent drought has devastated their cardamom crop, and for the first time, Julio has had to find a job selling mangoes in nearby market to support his family. Flooding has also affected their home and livelihood. Bad flooding in 2020 due to hurricanes Eta and Iota destroyed their crops. The family were cut off from the rest of the community and had to take refuge on higher ground to save their lives. Five families lost their harvest, including Ilma and Julio. The community shared their food and supported the families who were affected. Miriam who is Ilma and Julio's daughter (12) recalls the hurricanes, she said: "We didn't have any classes because the teacher was not able to come to the community and we didn't have any food. But we were able to get food from neighbours. We waited a month for the water to go down." After these hurricanes they took part in Trócaire's Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Early Warning System (EWS) training and moved to higher, safer ground. Since then, they have been safe from flooding but not from the extreme weather that hurricanes and storms can bring. Ilma told us, when talking about climate change: "We have noticed the weather changing in the last few years. It is now hotter and we have more droughts. Then it starts to rain, and it won't stop raining. A more intense rain, more frequently." She also said: "It affects our crops. When there's drought our crops die. And then when it starts raining it also kills all our crops. So, we don't know what to do anymore." When Ilma was asked if she worried about the weather she said: "Yes, we worry very much. Because when we plant our crops, it's very dry. We depend on the cardamom and maize to send our kids to study as well. Unfortunately, our crops are not growing and my husband has to go and work in another area, in another community, to provide for our family. So that's kind of hard for us. I do worry about that" Their children's education is one of Ilma and Julio's biggest worries. They attend a primary school in the community and their eldest child, 12-year-old Miriam, is due to go to secondary school which is an hour away by bus. It costs just under €5 a week for the bus but as climate change is now affecting Ilma and Julio's livelihood they can not afford the fare for Miriam. Julio told us: "My daughter is finishing (primary) school and I am hoping to be able to provide what she needs in order to continue her education." Ilma added: "I'm afraid that my children will suffer and won't be able to go to school because of the weather." When Miriam was asked if she would like to go to secondary school she said: "I would like to study because in the community there's no place to study for high school." Her favourite subjects are Maths and Spanish. Since moving to higher ground and building a new home, they have been better protected from flooding but the extreme weather has implications for the families' safety and the erratic weather conditions are a constant threat. There was one particularly bad storm this year (May 2024). Ilma told us: "The children were screaming because the steel sheets on the roof flew off. We stayed in the house because of the risk to my children if I took them outside. There was a lot of wind, a lot of trees falling." Miriam (12) said about the same storm in May 2024: "We were inside the house. We didn't go out but we were afraid." The homes in the community are made of wood with corrugated metal sheet roofing so the house offers little protection to severe weather. When Julio was asked what he wishes for his family he told us: "My first wish, and challenge, is for my children to pursue secondary education. My second wish is to construct a stronger house using cement blocks. But unfortunately, because of the situation with the land and the farm I won't be able to do it because of the droughts. With the salary I earn, it's not going to be possible."

Courtesy Trócaire

Mass & Eucharistic Service

In St. James's Parish there is 10am Mass on Mon, Tues & Weds. Every Friday at 10am there is a full Eucharistic Service. Sunday Mass at 10am.



Remembered this Weekend

We remember all belong to us who have died.



New Statue of St. James

On Sunday 16 March, when the new statue of St James is installed in the Camino Chapel **mass will be at 12noon** and not 10am for this Sunday **ONLY**.



Culture Date Dublin 8

Help Shape the Future of Culture Date with Dublin 8! Culture Date with Dublin 8 is developing a long-term strategy and would love your input! Whether you've attended their events before or are new to the festival, your feedback is invaluable in shaping an experience that truly reflects and celebrates our community. They've created a short audience survey and would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Take the survey here: <https://tally.so/r/mZZ9QB>



Newmarket

The first phase of work at Newmarket to create a more pedestrian friendly layout has now been completed. New extended pavements have been created, including a 12m wide expanse on the south side that will lend itself to outdoor uses. Traffic has also been restricted to a defined carriageway, calming and controlling vehicles moving through the square. Two new crossing points have been added. There's work still to do.

▶ STANDBY ◀

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

PENITENTIAL ACT (3)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

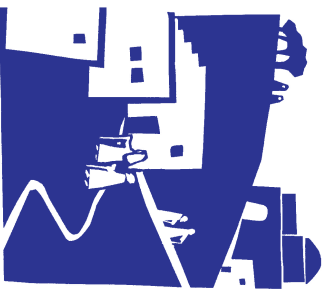
People: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the Father

to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.



COLLECT

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

▶ SIT ▶

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy:

Moses said to the people: "The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our Fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 90

[R] Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

[1] He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

[R]

[2] Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you have commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

[R]

[3] They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread

and trample the young lion and the dragon.

[R]

[4] His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you."

I will save him in distress and give him glory.

[R]

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans:

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no

distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf." But Jesus replied, "Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone."

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours." But Jesus answered him, "Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone."

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple "If you are the Son of God", he said to him, "throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,
and again:
They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone."

But Jesus answered him, "It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test."

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

(St)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

▶ SIT ▶

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

▶ KNEEL ▶

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (3)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.

People: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.