

WHAT IS HOLY FAMILY MISSION?

Based in Glencomeragh House, Holy Family Mission is a residential community for young Catholics aged 18-35. It is a house of formation where young people can learn about their faith so that they can live it more fully and share it with others. Our motto is "Know, Love and Serve God".



Glencomeragh House is also a retreat centre and can be used for day, overnight and school retreats. Many come for times of personal reflection. We have a beautiful chapel and gardens, a big hall, a conference room, and rooms for accommodation.

Our community can run and facilitate retreats, talks and workshops for

Fundraising efforts: Here are some of the fundraising events that our supporters have organised recently:

Dungarvan Table Quiz: A great crowd of brain-boxes came out in force in the Fusion Centre on February 15th. Young and old battled it out answering general knowledge multi media questions. The winning team was made up of teachers from Ardmore and a soldier from Dungarvan. The night was a great success and great fun was had by all.

Shankill Parish, Bray: A big thanks to all who attended our Information evening in the Pallotine parish in Shankill.

Leahy's Open Farm Dungourney: Thanks to Linda, Eddie and Eileen and all at Leahy's Open Farm who opened their fantastic facilities — now complete with an ice-cream making kitchen — for a fundraising night in August.

Adoration Chapel, Lurgan - a huge thanks to the parishioners and patrons of this centre of prayer, who have offered us much prayer and financial support.

Local Medjugorje Prayer Group and Marian Pilgrimages hosted an evening of prayer

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MEET THE TEAM: ANITA, 25, CO. CORK.

I joined Holy Family Mission because I had a desire to know God better and to build my relationship with Him. I also had a desire to share my faith with others. This year has been one where I have received lots of personal healing and new hope, and where my relationship with God has become stronger.

Holy Family Mission has also really helped me to grow in self-confidence. One of the highlights for me was when I was able to give a talk in front of a large group of young people, as this is something I usually would not have had the confidence to do. Some of my favourite ministries have been the children's liturgy in one of the local parishes, and also our monthly Family Days, where I was able to plan, co-ordinate and lead the young people in a day full of activities including a time of catechesis. I also enjoy serving alongside the staff and community members, preparing for the retreats that are hosted here in Glencomeragh house. When I leave Holy Family Mission I hope to be able to open a Catholic pre-school, and put into practice what I have learned here at Holy Family Mission.



HOLY FAMILY MISSION LOGO: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The Cross at the top represents Jesus and his love for us. It reminds us that prayer is at the heart of all we do.



The top part of the heart is an "M": this represents Mary and reminds us to say yes to God as Mary did.

The bottom part of the heart is a set-square: this represents St. Joseph, it also signifies that our work and service is for God and is foundational to all we do.

The figures of Mary and Joseph can be seen holding the cross in one hand and the set square in the other: a reminder that we need both prayer and work.

Altogether these things make the heart shape with the Child Jesus inside which represents the community where young people grow in their faith.

The complete logo reminds us to
Know God, Love God and Serve God.

MASS TALKS



Our young missionaries have been sharing their faith at parishes in the diocese and around the country. They attend the weekend Masses, help with music, share a little about their own story and the work that Holy Family Mission is doing. At these Mass talks

they made themselves available afterwards to chat with the congregation. We have had a wonderful response from all the parishes we have attended. Some of the churches we have spoken at include

Kilsheelan/Kilcash — ***Waterford and Lismore***; Askeaton and Ballysteen - ***Limerick***; Milford, Aughanishin - ***Raphoe***.

Over the coming months we will be doing a number of church talks in Waterford and Lismore Diocese. A huge thanks to all the priests and parishioners who welcomed us and supported our mission.

FAMILY DAYS IN GLENCOMERAGH HOUSE

Every month during the academic year, Holy Family Mission hosts a Family Day. This is a day-long event which includes music, drama, games, prayer, Mass, talks for adults, activities for children and teens, and includes lunch.

Each month has a different theme, focusing on different elements of the Faith; for instance, during October we had an All-Saints party, and in December we focused on Advent. Our Family Day is a wonderful opportunity for families to spend a day together doing fun activities and to meet other Catholic families. Check the website for upcoming dates.



SCHOOL RETREATS

Holy Family Mission run retreats for primary and post-primary students, on-site here in Glencomeragh House, in schools or at other locations. Our young missionaries are full of life and joy, as they bring the message of God's love to young people throughout the diocese and beyond. So far this year we have led retreats in Waterford, Dublin, Limerick, Cork and Meath.



If your Parish or school would like to avail of any of these ministries please feel free to contact us .