



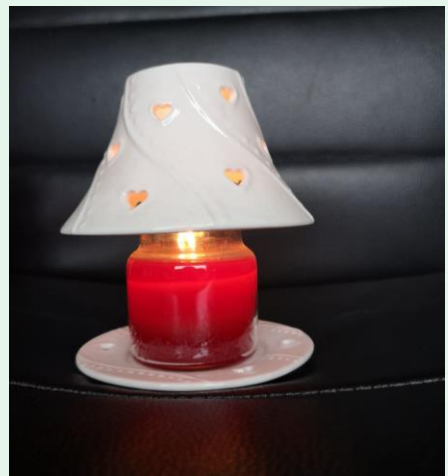
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REMEMBERING THE PEOPLE OF GAZA

We all felt shock and sadness when we heard of the attacks on the Palestinians in May. All we could do to help was to share our love with the people affected by the attacks.

Volunteers in all the regions of Ireland took turns in lighting candles and expressing their love and solidarity for Gaza.

Deirdre Campbell (Trócaire) who organised the vigil said: “Our aim is to offer light in the dark, to create connection, solidarity and support for people living in Gaza.”



Eiméar in Co. Louth (left)): “I finally got round to watching the ‘This Is Palestine’ documentary on the Trocaire website! The candles are green, white and gold to symbolise the solidarity of the Irish people with those of Gaza and the West Bank. It was a gut-wrenching and eye-opening watch but well worth it.”

Eileen in Enniskillen (right): “Thinking of the people in Gaza”.

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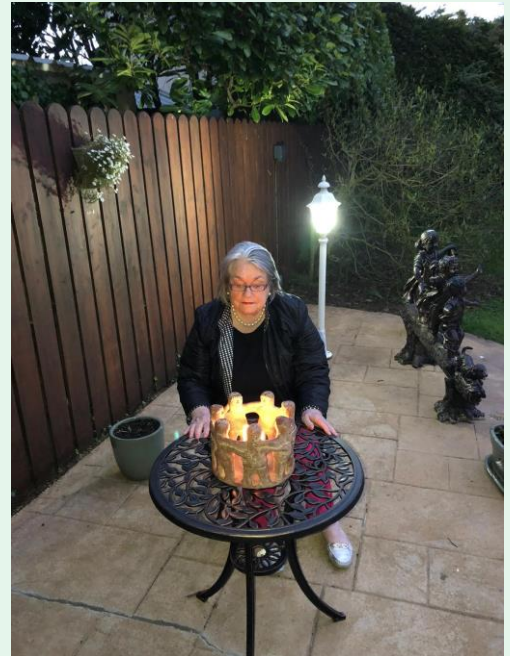
Remembering the people of Gaza

Don Ryan in Cobh lights a candle in front of old Irish bog oak to remember the suffering of the people of Gaza and to remember them in solidarity and prayer.

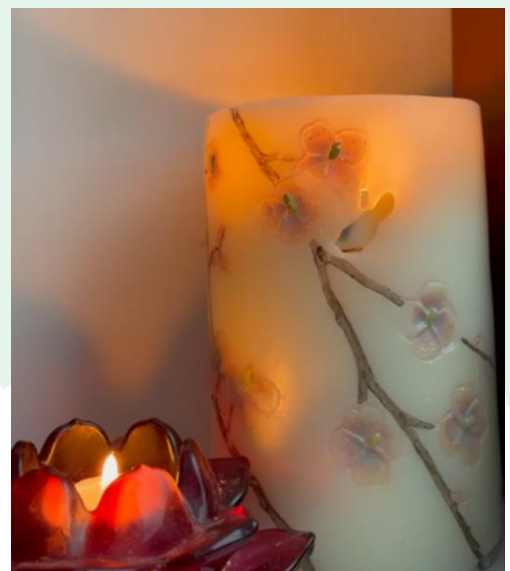


Lisa in Kinsale (right) "I just finished my hour's vigil for Gaza. These are the candles I kept lighting in July 2014 during the last bombardments.

I listened to John Lennon's song 'Imagine'. Thank you for inviting me to take part. I found it moving and powerful" - Sunday, 23rd May 2021.



Pat McQuaid in Dungannon (above) in front of her sacred space during the vigil.



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Remembering the people of Gaza



The Fitzgerald Family in Kinsale taking part in the peaceful march for Gaza on 23rd May. Pictured from l-r are Lisa Fitzgerald, her son Benjamin, Izz Alkarajeh from Izz Palestinian Café in Cork and volunteer, Padraig Fitzgerald.

Bertie Ó hAinmhire (holding the flag, left) joined by other Galway volunteers took part in a rally in solidarity with the people of Gaza on the 15th May. They marched from the Spanish Arch to the Claddagh.



Gaza gig organisers transfer funds to Trócaire

By Ciaran Tierney - June 4, 2021



The organisers of the 2018 Gaza gig featuring the Stunning agreed to divert funds originally raised for young Palestinians to travel to Galway. They decided to transfer the funds to the Trócaire Gaza in Crisis Appeal at the end of May. Thanks Ciaran Tierney and all involved for your donation of €4,425.

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Northern Ireland

Despite the obvious challenges that we were presented with over the last 18 months, Trócaire has been very lucky to have had the continued support of our many very dedicated and generous supporters including you, our volunteers.

We're delighted to announce that the total funds raised from supporters in NI is £2.9m – a fantastic result! This is the highest amount raised through the Lent Appeal in NI since 2017.

Total income from Lent 2021 across Ireland is close to €8.5m with ROI raising €5m which has also exceeded our expectations!

Matching your
donations with
UKaid

The UK government committed to match all donations, up to £2million, for funds raised by supporters in NI. This additional £2m will vastly increase the number of people we can reach through our South Sudan programme.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who played their part in raising awareness of the appeal in your parishes and communities, the role you play is so important and we are very grateful for all that you do to help our work.

When asked by Tom Delamere, who works in our South Sudan country team, if she had a message for people in Ireland who have supported Trócaire, a beneficiary said: **"In our culture, if you support someone, it's like you are a parent or family member so tell them you have family in South Sudan and thank you."**



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Cork/Kerry



Huge thanks to our volunteer, Con Lynch from the Parish of Macroom in Cloyne Diocese for his support of this year's Lenten Campaign. Pictured l-r: Canon Donal Roberts (Priest of Macroom, Aghinagh and Kilnamartyra), Janet Twomey (Trócaire) and Con.

The Parish celebrated a special Thanksgiving Mass in June for all the parishioners who contributed so generously to this year's campaign and raised €15,750 for our work overseas. *Míle buíochas.*



Special thanks to Rev. Thady O'Connor (Castleisland Parish, Kerry) who supported this year's Lenten Campaign by making a music CD 'We need Jesus now more than ever' and raising over €4,000.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh, Thady and to all who supported this fantastic initiative in the Kerry Diocese.



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Cork/Kerry



Thank you to Izzeddeen and Eman Alkarajeh of Izz Palestinian Café in Cork for supporting Trócaire's emergency appeal for Gaza. They pledged the takings of all coffees and desserts sold on one day over a weekend in May to support the people of Palestine and raised €7,450 for urgent medical supplies, food parcels, clean water and psychological supports after the recent bombardments in Gaza city.

Shukran Kteer!

Thank you to Paul O'Carroll and his teams at The Bookshelf Coffee House in Cork and Tralee for recently supporting our Gaza appeal and raising €3,435 for our humanitarian and long-term development work in the region.

Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.



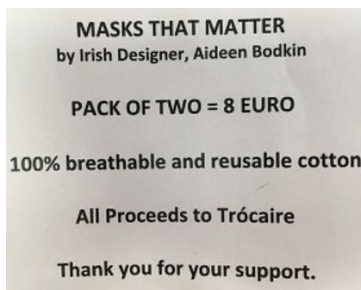
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Fundraising



Masks That Matter – by Irish Designer, Aideen Bodkin

Thank you Aideen for donating 100% breathable and reusable cotton masks. All proceeds go directly to supporting our life-saving work across the world. Special thanks to our volunteer, Kathleen Byrne in Kilkenny, who sold masks in her local community, and to other volunteers involved. *Masks That Matter* are available to purchase from Trócaire, 9, Cook Street, Cork or by calling us on 021-4275622.




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‘Always on Gifts’

We are now promoting and selling the Trócaire gifts, which are traditionally sold at Christmas, all year round.

These are the perfect gift for a birthday, wedding, graduation or any other occasion.

If you would like to display some posters (left) in your local parish/shops, please ask your local volunteer officer.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Webinars

23rd June 2021: Humanitarian Explained with Deirdre McArdle

Deirdre McArdle, Humanitarian Manager – Operations (top right and below at the top left in Pakistan, 2010) shared with us her 15 year experience of working overseas and in Maynooth for humanitarian aid.

Volunteer Geraldine in Galway said: ‘All Irish people should see it [...] I realise how much more Trócaire is doing than I knew.’

If you missed the session, you can watch it here:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7390141/video/568459087> (ask your local contact for the password)



28th July 2021: Update on Syria/Lebanon with Amena Hareb

Amena Hareb, Trócaire Project Manager in Beirut, Lebanon (right with the whole Beirut office team) gave us a ‘wonderful presentation’ (feedback from volunteer Fiona in Cork). Amena is a ‘true inspiration’ and spoke with her heart about the work that she does with Trócaire’s partners in Lebanon and Syria.

If you missed the session, you can watch it here:

<https://vimeo.com/582910631>

(ask your local contact for the password)

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Campaigns group

All members of the campaigns group were very active sharing actions, learning opportunities and events with each other on the WhatsApp group. They were particularly busy during and after the bombardments in Gaza. They contacted their local TDs, shared actions on social media and thanked their TDs when the Irish government finally passed a motion condemning Israel's 'de facto annexation' of Palestinian land at the end of May.

7th July 2021: Meeting on lobbying

Members of the campaigns group from all regions of the island of Ireland met to share their top tips on lobbying politicians and answer each other's questions on it.

Joining the meeting was Emmet Sheerin, Trócaire's Campaigns Outreach & Content Officer, who updated the group on upcoming actions to take.



TRÓCAIRE'S GOOD GOVERNANCE

The Good Governance Awards are organised by the Carmichael Centre and judged by a team of independent financial experts.

They have been in place for 5 years (since 2016).

Trócaire won Best Annual Report in the large NGO category in 2018, 2019 and was one of the 5 shortlisted for 2020.

In 2019 it also won the Best Governance Improvement Initiative award.

And in 2019 Trócaire won Best Annual Report at the Chartered Accountants of Ireland Published Accounts Award.

See an article about it here:

<https://www.trocaire.org/news/three-major-governance-awards-for-trocaire/>

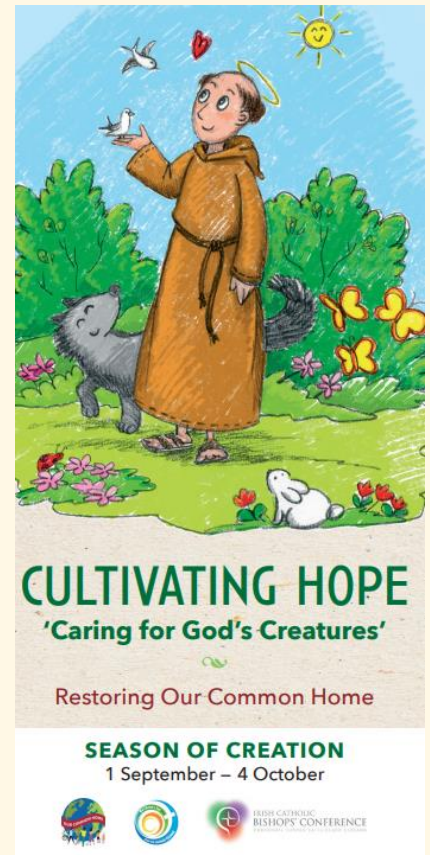
SEASON OF CREATION

Laudato Sí

This year the theme for Season of Creation is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. We are asked to join together to celebrate creation and protect our common home through prayer, reflection and action. We have a beautiful leaflet (right) packed with ideas on how to help this season. Please ask us for copies to display in your local parish.

Please visit <https://thecatholicpetition.org/> to sign The Catholic Petition, "Healthy Planet Healthy People". This is a global initiative to encourage Catholics to 'raise their voices in the public sphere'.

This year two very important UN Conferences are taking place, one on Biodiversity (COP15, China) and the UN Climate Conference (COP26, Glasgow).



Please visit the platform for guidance and ideas on how you can contribute to Season of Creation this year. And please do contact us if you need any help with it.

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2021/07/21/season-of-creation-2021/>

Please attend the volunteer webinar with Jane Mellett on the 25th August at 5pm. Register here: <https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEpd-srDMuGt169tvV3tpbreu6UVU6x2q>

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY



Janvier and Sandrine both lost their jobs due to the Covid-19 lockdown in Rwanda.

With no income and their food running out, they began to skip meals to keep the children fed.

Trócaire's local partner Kibungo CDJP have provided emergency supplies to Janvier and Sandrine. The family has received maize flour, beans, soap and other non-food items. They can now feed themselves and their two daughters. They have also been informed about hand-washing and information about how to prevent the spread of the virus.



HUMANITARIAN

€29.1m spent

2,100,000 people
supported directly

Download the Annual
Report here

https://www.trocaire.org/documents/trocaire_annual-report-2021/ and go to
page 34 to read about two
volunteers

Trócaire's Annual Report 2020-2021

The Covid-19 pandemic shone a light on fundamental injustices and inequalities in our world and exacerbated multiple crises that already existed. Launching the annual report the 27th July, Trócaire thanked the people of Ireland, north and south, for their remarkable support in helping to raise €73 million during one of the toughest years in living memory.

Thank you to all our volunteers across Ireland for your continued support.



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