



## Change!

In the May edition of *Lisvane Link*, I wrote about Easter as a time of new life and renewal for Christians. As we watched Pope Francis bless the city of Rome and the world (the blessing 'urbi et orbi') on Easter Sunday, we didn't suspect just how profound that renewal would be. On Easter Monday, he died, called home by God. Canon Matthew commented: 'The whole world joins in mourning and praying for this holy man of God, who has led us all in the Spirit for just over 12 years.'

Pope Francis had served the Church faithfully until his dying day and taught us by his example to reach out to those on the margins.

After a time of mourning, we focused on prayer for the Church as the Cardinals met to elect a new pope. The choice was made quickly. Canon Matthew wrote in our newsletter: 'Well, I didn't see that one coming. The Church and the world welcome Cardinal Robert Prevost as Pope Leo XIV and we hold him in our prayers. We can see how his wide variety and depth of experience has prepared him well for this ministry, yet many had discounted him, not imagining we could have an American Pope. But God's ways are not our ways, and the Holy Spirit thought differently.'



A new era for the Catholic Church

On 8 May, the day of his election, Pope Leo gave his first 'urbi and orbi' blessing saying: 'Peace be with you all! Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world.'

'It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.'

'So, let us move forward, without fear, together. We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God

and His love. Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.'

'We want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering.'

Pope Leo's words underline continuity with the work of Pope Francis and call on us to work for peace and reconciliation, and to focus on those who are marginalised in any way.

We give thanks to God and pray that all will respond to the challenges Pope Leo has described.

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### Church services

Services are streamed live at [www.3churches.org](http://www.3churches.org)

Saturday, 6pm: Vigil Mass of Sunday

9.30am: Sunday Mass –  
with children's liturgy in term time  
9.30am: Tuesday Mass  
9.30am: Thursday Mass

### Activities (in the parish centre)

- Monday, 9.30 – 11am:  
Baby and Toddler Group
- Wednesday, 11am – 1.30pm:  
Welcome Space
- Friday, 6.30pm: Junior Club in term time (School Years 3–6)
- Thursday 12 June, 7pm for 7.30pm start: Community Quiz Night
- Saturday 14 June, 11am – 1pm;  
2 – 4pm: Sustainable Clothes and Books Market

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