

# OCTOBER

## Community Outreach

This month we shall be focusing our news letter on some of the ministries that help us to reach out to our community and mission field of Sligo. Over the past month as we explored the story in Genesis of Joseph, we have been reminded about living out a godly character wherever we find ourselves. We would love if you could use this news letter as a way to pray and explore if God is asking you to show the character of God in some of these ministries. Also please pray for those involved that they will be used by God for great things. We hope you will be encouraged by these ministries and the effect they are having over our city.

Kat Hardingham.

### This month on Sunday:

This month we will focus our Sunday celebrations on the themes of Mission and Vision. On our mission week we will consider the work we are already involved in and how that can be further developed. Then we will focus on vision and will outline some of the things we will be pursuing over the coming months and years. October will be a month of encouragement and challenge as we seek to be a community of faith that lives out the great commission in Sligo, Ireland and around the world.



Reaching out, Changing the atmosphere of our city



### Parenting Course:

Begins October 12th at 8pm in the Mercy College

### Ladies Meeting

Please see Ursula for more details on this

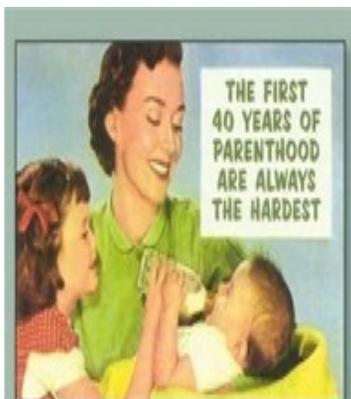
### Church Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 13th October in the Mercy College

### Church AGM

Will take place on Sunday 25th in the Mercy College

# Parenting Course



Starting October 12th at 8pm

Ever questioned whether your child's behavior was normal? Do other children really do the same thing at home? Often other children seems so nice in public and we begin to believe our children are different. Perhaps you feel like you are having to undergo this parenting adventure alone and hearing others are going through the same would be so comforting. Maybe your children are well behaved and growing up just as you hoped. Wherever you feel you are on this journey called parenting, we would love to invite you to join us as we host a Parenting Course. We will begin on **October 12th at 8pm at the Mercy College** and will run every Monday night for **6 weeks**. We would really encourage any parents, especially those of children under 12 to join us for this course. The course has been put together by Care for the Family and is a really useful, engaging and unmissable resource for us as parents.

Each night will start with cake and refreshments and then we will watch a video together, each evening covering a new topic from communication to discipline. After the video there will be time to discuss questions and raised topics with others, seeking to encourage and ideas from one another. Each family will be provided with a small booklet to help you make the most of these evenings. It is a really beneficial way to spend a Monday night and one which both you and your children deserve

For more information or to book your place on the course, please speak to Kat Hardingham

## First Steps Toddler Group

First steps toddler group meets every Thursday during term time, and we would love to welcome you along! All preschool aged children are welcome with their mum/dad/guardian! It's a great place for your little ones to explore, play, and make friends in a safe, homely and welcoming atmosphere. It's also a great place for you to relax, enjoy seeing your little one grow in confidence, and to make new friends yourself....all whilst having a lovely cuppa and some yummy cakes.

Every week we offer craft, painting, imaginative play, snacks, singalong, and story time, which the children love.

Our toddler group first opened its doors 10 years ago, and we have been going strong ever since! It is run by a team of volunteers from the various churches in town, who are a mix of parents of young children, older children, and grand children. We love what we do and hope that you will enjoy your visit with us. We would be delighted to welcome you and your little one/s at the Methodist Hall, Wine Street (opposite the cinema), every **Thursday from 10:30am-12noon**. See you there! Please contact Mabel Kennedy, 0876348472, or look for First Steps Parent & Toddler -Sligo on Facebook for updates and info.

A logo with a crown icon at the top, followed by the text "YOUR TODDLER GROUP NEEDS YOU" in a bold, sans-serif font.

## Healing on the Streets (HOTS)

HOTS (Healing On The Streets) is a way of people taking their faith out to the public. Since starting in Sligo over four months ago those involved have prayed for over 80 people and six people have accepted Jesus as their Saviour. People stop by for prayer for all manner of issues, some for physical healing, some for prayer for certain worries or difficult situations they are in and many also ask for prayer for others close to their hearts. As well as opportunities to pray, members of the team have had some great conversations with people who have questions about God or who just want their opinions and experiences of life to be heard. The key elements of HOTS are that the team is there without exception every Saturday so people know they can depend on them, no pressure is put on anybody and it is a gentle ministry of prayer, faith and compassion.



The team meet every **Saturday from 11am—1pm** outside Johnston's Court, in Tesco Car Park. For more information on how to be involved in Healing on the Streets please speak with George Rich or Jerome McNamara.



## Invisible Traffick

Invisible Traffick is a faith based organisation helping to create awareness of human trafficking and helping victims rebuild their lives. Their aim is to work to try and stop people becoming victims and to help bring an end to this inhumane crime.

Based in Northern Ireland Invisible Traffick has now launched into Connacht with its base here in Sligo. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September the launch took place in the Sligo Park Hotel. It was an information night with presentations from Gayle Bunting (Director), Ann Burke (Southern Co-ordinator), Michael Carr (Garda Detective) and Mary McSharry (local Co-ordinator). Almost 40 people attended the launch and most showed interest in the organisation. People were given an opportunity to ask questions, talk one-to-one and many took volunteer forms. The big question was 'What can I do?' People can get involved in the following areas: administration, fundraising, marketing & social media, blogging, education (schools), finance, training, outreach & support, prayer.

For further information on Invisible Traffick or to find out how to be involved please contact Mary on 087-9808523

# During the Month at SCC



## Prayer & Pastoral Care

As a church we are committed to praying for one another throughout the week. If you have prayer requests or answers to prayer that you would like to share with the church, please send them to 086 8492552 so they can be circulated throughout the church.

Every Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Mercy College we meet to pray and commit our service to God. We would love to see you join with us during that time to pray for God to move during our times together.

Tom and Cathy McGarvey are available to help and support anyone needing some one-to-one prayer or pastoral care. Please make them aware of any situations or people who would benefit from their time and support. They are available to contact on 087 7003211

Tracy & Jerome's Home,  
Coolaney, on Tuesday at 8pm

George & Gwyneth's Home,  
Sligo Town, on Wednesday at  
8pm

Mickey & Maureen's Home,  
Collooney, on Wednesday at  
8pm

Josh & Kat's Home, Sligo  
Town, on Thursday at 8pm

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United Youth Group meets every Friday Night. The group alternate between meeting at The Crib on Rockwood Parade (7:30pm) and joining with Youth Challenge (8pm) a Town Wide Youth Group meeting just outside Sligo City. For further details please speak to Josh and Kat Hardingham.

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Sunday School classes run Sunday morning from 11:40am until the service ends. The Junior class is available for children aged from 3—6 years. The middle class, for children aged 7—9. And the senior class is suited for children from ages 10—12. There is also an area in the back of the church for babies and infants.

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Praise God that our offer on this building on Adelaide Street is still on the table. Continue to pray for God's leading as we journey to having a building of our own.

