



# MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

**20th Anniversary Celebrations**

**SEPTEMBER 23RD-29TH 2014**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Each day during the celebrations, the rituals at Mercy International Centre will be streamed and will be available in real time and archived on the Mercy World website [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org) for viewing by those unable to participate in person at Baggot Street or to watch the live streams.

However, the **Mercy Day Mass** will not be live-streamed but will be archived for viewing on the [mercymworld.org website](http://www.mercyworld.org) for viewing at a convenient time.

The main events of the celebrations will also be streamed live and can either be accessed simultaneously or viewed at a later time. Members of the Mercy family around the world are invited to organise parallel events in their own locations.

Consideration might be given to organising a **'Good Cup of Tea'** event as part of the celebrations in local places.



**Two way communication is encouraged.** There will be daily reports on Mercy World website of the events in Baggot Street and reports on celebrations from around the world are welcomed. Please email these to: [mercynews@mercyinternational.ie](mailto:mercynews@mercyinternational.ie)

**Note:** Times for the events are given in the following format:

**Irish Standard Time** / Australian Eastern Standard Time



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### TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

**Theme:** *Telling the Story of the establishment of Mercy International Association & Centre*

**4.00pm / 1.00am (Wednesday) : WELCOME RECEPTION**

**5.00pm / 2.00am: FORMAL OPENING** incorporating ritual prepared by the Institute of the Americas **TELLING THE STORY:** *A creative presentation of the founding story of Mercy International Association & Centre*

### WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

**Theme:** *Celebrating Mercy Day*

**10.00am / 7.00pm: OPENING PRAYER** in the Chapel  
(Ritual prepared by The Congregation, Ireland)

**10.30am / 7.30pm:** Good Cup of Tea & Refreshments available in the Dining Room

**All Morning: OPEN HOUSE** - Exhibition of '*The Face of Mercy*' in the International Room

**2.00pm / 11.00pm:**

**MERCY DAY MASS** - St. Mary's, Haddington Road. (*Celebrant: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin*)  
Meal afterwards in the Lansdowne Hotel, Ballsbridge.

### THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

**Theme:** *Celebrating Mercy Around the World*

**10.00am / 7.00pm:**

**OPENING PRAYER** in Chapel

(Ritual prepared by Great Britain on our Global Reality)

Presentation on Mercy around the World today - Ambassadors from Member Areas invited

**11.00am / 8.00pm:**

- President Michael D. Higgins (President of Ireland) addresses the Gathering
- Ambassadors present invited to acknowledge the contribution of the Sisters of Mercy in their countries
- Response to Morning's presentation
- Refreshments

**All Day:**

**OPEN HOUSE** - Exhibition of '*The Face of Mercy*' in the International Room

## FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

**Theme:** *Sustainable Development & Opposing Human Trafficking*  
(focus areas of MIA Global Action)

**9.00am / 6.00pm:**

**OPENING PRAYER** in Liffey Room  
(Ritual on Opposing Trafficking prepared by Australia)

**10.00am-12.30pm / 7.00pm-9.30pm:**

**PRESENTATION & Engagement** on **OPPOSING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**1.30pm / 10.30pm:**

Ritual prepared by Newfoundland on **CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

**2.00pm-4.30pm / 11.00pm-1.30am**

**PRESENTATION & Engagement** on **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

## SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

*Free Day*

- Opportunity to tour Dublin, including Catherine's Dublin and/or areas of interest in the vicinity of Dublin
- Advice available on Events and Tours worth considering  
(Consult Madeleine - [receptionist@mercyinternational.ie](mailto:receptionist@mercyinternational.ie))
- Sunday Vigil Eucharist available in local Churches - times available on request

## SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

**Theme:** *Shaping Mercy into the Future*

**10.00am / 7.00pm:**

**OPENING PRAYER** in Liffey Room  
(Ritual prepared by Aotearoa New Zealand on Taking Mercy into the Future)

**10.30am-12.30pm / 7.30pm-9.30pm:**

**SHAPERS OF THE DREAM**

**1.30pm-4.00pm / 10.30pm-1.00am:**

**SYMPOSIUM:** Sisters, Associates, Partners in Ministry, Youth

## MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

**Theme:** *For All there has been THANKS, For All there will be YES*

**9.30am / 6.30pm:**

**OPENING RITUAL** prepared by the Philippines on the theme of the day  
Responding to Global Justice Issues - Mercy at the United Nations

**12.30pm / 9.30pm:**

**CLOSING RITUAL**