

Irish nun aims to renew the faithful at parish mission

Sister Brieghe McKenna travels the world to magnify Jesus

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Sister Brieghe McKenna will bring her global ministry of preaching and healing to St. Louise de Marillac Church in Upper St. Clair for a parish mission April 8-11.

Sponsored by the grouping of St. Louise and St. Joan of Arc parishes, her schedule includes:

- Monday, with reconciliation theme; 9 a.m. Mass and mission talk; 7 p.m. penance service, mission talk and individual confessions.

- Tuesday, "Prayer and the Power of the Holy Spirit": 9 a.m. Mass and talk; 7 p.m. Mass and talk.

- Wednesday, "The Eucharist — The Source and Summit of Our Faith": 9 a.m. Mass and talk; 7 p.m. Mass and talk.

- Thursday, "Our Lady, Our Refuge/Healing": 9 a.m. Mass and talk; 7 p.m. Mass, talk and Eucha-



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A member of the Sisters of St. Clare from Ireland, Sister Brieghe is known worldwide for her ministry to priests and gift of healing. She traveled extensively with Vincentian Father Kevin Scallon to lead missions and clergy retreats in about 90 countries until his death in June 2018.

In a telephone interview from her offices in Tampa, Florida, Sister Brieghe said that her whole mission is to renew people's faith in what they believe.

Laypeople today "have a priestly ministry to mediate the Gospel of Jesus because we are baptized," she said. "In factories, in homes, wherever we work, it's not just because we're sent out in the sense of being a deacon or a catechist. We all have to do it."

After being healed of rheumatoid arthritis at age 24, Sister Brieghe received the ability to heal. She has seen many miracles occur, and intersperses her talks with life-changing testimonies, always magnifying Jesus and his sacraments.

"I tell the people Jesus lived, yes, 2,000 years ago, but he's alive today," Sister Brieghe said. "And for Catholics, if we knew that Jesus is really present and come to him in the sacraments, we would see miracles happen."

For information about the mission, go to the parish website at www.stlouisedemarillac.org or call 412-833-1010. To learn more about Sister Brieghe's work, go to www.sisterbrieghe.com.