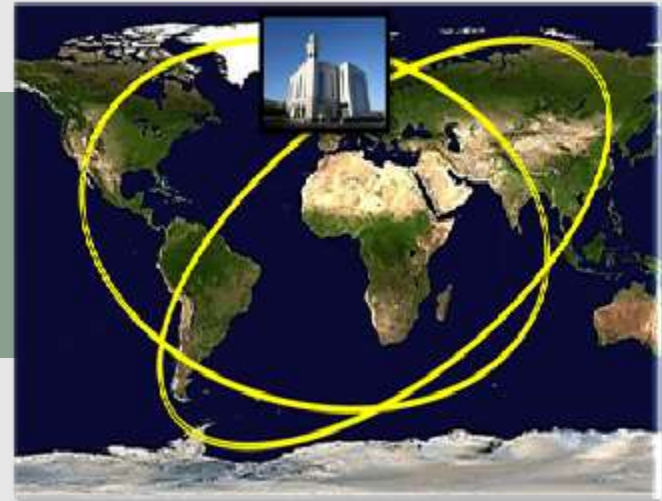


FIRST IRELAND MOSQUE: ABODE OF PEACE AND WORSHIP FOR ALL



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Summary




With the grace of God Muslim Jama'at Ahmadiyyat was enabled to inaugurate its first mosque in Ireland today; Maryam Mosque.



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‘Verily, he alone is worthy of maintaining the Mosques of Allah who believes in Allah, and the Last Day, and observes Prayer, and pays the Zakat, and fears none but Allah; so these it is who are far more likely to *counted* among the guided.’ (9:18)

The sermon was delivered from Maryam Mosque, Galway, Ireland on the occasion of its inauguration.

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With the grace of God Muslim Jama'at Ahmadiyyat was enabled to inaugurate its first mosque in Ireland today.



May God bless the building and establishment of this mosque in every way!



Although the mosque is small in size, yet it announces that here followers of the Muhammadan Messiah will worship five times a day and put teachings of Islam in practice.



Islam is the biggest standard-bearer of religious freedom and for this purpose doors of our mosques are always open.

Every Ahmadi who comes to our mosques announces that according to the teaching of the Holy Qur'an it is the responsibility of every true Muslim to protect places of worship of all religions!

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Muslims are enjoined in the Holy Qur'an to fulfilled rights of God and rights of mankind and present themselves as blessed models.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) repeatedly reminded us about this.

This is the real teaching of Islam which the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) taught to implement in this age.

The Imam of the age said that wherever you will build mosques with this point of view you will open new avenues of introduction of Islam and Tabligh. He said people will be inclined to Islam and its beautiful teaching will enamour them and you will grow in numbers!

And this is the objective with which we should build mosques as indeed we do.

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Huzoor said that he had the opportunity to meet some Irish Parliamentarians day before yesterday.

One of them said to Huzoor that the efforts of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at for establishing human values and peace cannot be seen among other Muslims.

He said that he had found this information by looking in great detail and he wished that the Jama'at also builds a mosque in Dublin so the love and the high values also spread in Dublin which is his city!

Thus God leads people to look at the other side of the picture; which is the true and real picture of Islam as presented by the Jama'at of the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

Allah the Exalted states that believers love God:

‘...But those who believe are stronger in *their* love for Allah...’
(2:166)

No worldly love can control them and they continue to spend their lives in order to attain love of God.

One should stop and reflect whether one’s love of God is more than one’s love of worldly benefits.

If the desires and allure of this world are making us ignore the commandments of God, then we should worry that the love of this world is taking precedence over love of God.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'It should be known that the sense of honour of God Almighty does not want a believer's love for Him to have love of another associated with it. Belief is very dear to us and it can only be safeguarded if we do not associate anyone else in our love of God.'



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When believers are reminded of the commandments of God and His Messenger command, they say: **we hear and we obey.**

We need to self-reflect about this matter.

We will find this quite enlightening about the state of our faith.

The Holy Qur'an has given almost 700 commandments; The Promised Messiah (as) says that who does not abide by these, pulls himself away from the Promised Messiah.

Our faith will be complete when we will abide by all these commandments.

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Believers have an absolute faith in the Hereafter.



If belief in the Hereafter is real one tries to avoid all sorts of wrong doings.



We stop doing so many things that worldly law prohibits us to do...



... but we go against the commandment of Allah at times, because we do not think about the Hereafter.

Those who have faith go to mosque for the sake of God and make financial sacrifices to attain pleasure of God and do not fear anyone except God.

It is a favour of God on Jama'at Ahmadiyya that He has granted its believers who have strong faith; their objective is pleasure of God.

This is the secret of the progress of the Jama'at

It is imperative that not a single Ahmadi is deprived of attaining such a blessed status, therefore each one of us needs to self-reflect at all times.

Our worries must not focus on this world alone, but we should love God and our aspiration should be not to displease Him.

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Now that this mosque is built the eyes of the world will be on us.

New avenues of Tabligh will open.

The responsibility of those who live here has increased.

The beautiful building of this mosque and its high minaret is introducing the Jama'at to the world every day.

Thus it is the responsibility of Ahmadis living in Ireland to improve their knowledge and present themselves as true models of Islamic teachings.

We should aspire to bring our practices in line with the expectations the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had of us, which are based on the commandments of the Holy Quran.

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We should establish such models that the world is drawn to us.



This is a religious country and it is our duty to bring this to their attention the truth about Jesus (as).



According to our teaching Jesus (on whom be peace) was a true Prophet of God who accomplished what God entrusted him in an excellent manner and then departed from this world.



The One and Only God is the source of real power and He is the Lord of all the worlds and it was Him that Jesus (on whom be peace) worshipped along with his pure chaste mother.

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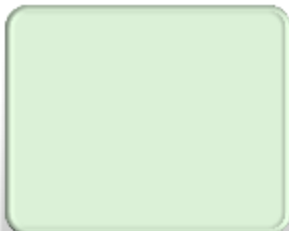
Then, in accordance with the prophecies of earlier Prophets the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) came with the complete and last Shariah.



This complete Shariah is the source of salvation and reform one's worldly life as well as the Hereafter.



Islam as a living religion; in subservience of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) the Promised Messiah's advent has taken place.



He has connected us to God; the God Who listens and accepts our prayers and a living connection with God can only be made through the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)!

To invite others to our beautiful religion, our practice should reflect the beauty of our teachings.

We would be able to show them the righteous changes that our teachings have made in our conduct and practices.

We need to self reflect

- Do we have a strong enough bond with God and if asked to take on the challenge of acceptance of prayers, we will be able to take this on?
 - Are we spending our lives in His fear and love and in accordance with His commandments?
- Does our life style reflect that worship is the objective of our life?
 - Do we offer Salat in congregation?
 - Do we fulfil the dues and rights of mankind?
 - Do we practice what we preach?
 - Do we have good interactions with relative, friends and families?
 - Do we honour our trust and fulfil our promises?
- Are we honest, do we always tell the truth, are all our actions in line with the teachings of Islam?

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When we introduce ourselves as Ahmadis, our responsibilities increase greatly. We become a representative of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and this is why the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) once said that

once you are associated with us, do not bring us into disrepute.



We have named this mosque after Hazrat Maryam who is very dear to us as the mother of Jesus (on whom be peace), her piety and righteousness is mentioned in the Holy Quran.

Hazrat Maryam safeguarded her chastity out of fear and love of God, she was perfectly obedient to God and was a truthful person.

God commanded believers to attain the qualities of Hazrat Maryam, which are the quality of a true believer.

Addressing girls and women Huzoor said that the people of Ireland respected Hazrat Maryam but fail to follow her role model.

True Muslim men and women should try to become as truly obedient as Hazrat Maryam was and abide by commandments of God.

One of these commandments is that of modesty in attire and purdah as mentioned in the Holy Qur'an.

May God enable everyone to live their life in accordance with His pleasure and enable us to pay the dues of worship of God and each other's dues.



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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said:

‘I say truthfully that this advent has been brought about by Allah the Exalted for the fortunate. Blessed are those who avail of it. Those of you who have forged a connection with me should never be proud and feel that you have attained whatever you needed to attain.’

‘.. However, the truth is that you have come to the water spring which God Almighty has created for eternal life at this time, however, you are yet to drink the spring water. Seek enablement from the grace and blessings of God Almighty to be satiated because nothing can happen without God Almighty.’



'I know for certain that whoever will drink from this spring will not be ruined because its water is life-giving and it saves from ruination and protects against satanic attacks. What is the way to satiate from this spring? Indeed, to restore the two obligations given to you by God Almighty and to fulfil them. One of them is the right of God and the other of His creation.'

Huzoor prayed that may God always enable us to fully seek the beneficence of this water spring and then in turn also give its beneficence to the world.



Key facts about Maryam Mosque

- Land was purchased in 2009 at a cost of €515,000
- Foundation stone was laid by Huzoor in September 2010.
 - Building cost €110,000
- The capacity to hold 200 worshippers
 - Parking facilities.
 - Office block, accommodation apartments



May God bless this complex in every way and may people of Ireland be enabled to fulfil the obligations of the mosque.