

St. Nicholas News

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POPE FRANCIS ON A PILGRIMAGE OF PENANCE TO CANADA



In his first public remarks in Canada, Pope Francis has asked indigenous residential school survivors for forgiveness. "I am deeply sorry," the Pope said on the grounds of a former residential school in Maskwacis, near Edmonton. He said his apology is a first step, and that a "serious investigation" into abuses must occur to foster healing.

The pontiff is in Canada to apologise for the Church's role in schools meant to assimilate indigenous children. The government-funded schools were part of a policy meant to destroy indigenous cultures and languages. The papal apology was received by applause from survivors in the audience, some of whom travelled far to hear the Pope speak. Pope Francis expressed "sorrow, indignation and shame" for the actions of many members of the Roman Catholic Church, who ran and operated majority of residential schools in Canada. The 85-year-old Pope called the schools system a "disastrous error" and asked for forgiveness "for the evil committed by so many Christians" against indigenous peoples. Bruce Allan, a survivor of one of the residential schools who was in attendance, said it was emotional to hear the Pope's apology, but many are still looking for action from the pontiff. "I think probably a lot of survivors are quite angry still," Mr Allan told the BBC. The Pope said he travelled to Canada with a small pair of moccasins gifted to him by an indigenous delegation in the Vatican earlier in the year. The moccasins, which the Pope was asked to return, serve as a symbol for the children who attended residential schools and never came home. He said the moccasins also "speak to us of a path to follow", - that of justice, healing and reconciliation. His remarks were heard by indigenous chiefs who gathered at Muskwa Park alongside First Nations, Métis and Inuit residential school survivors. Also in attendance were Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Governor General Mary Simon, the first indigenous person to hold that position. Prior to his remarks, the Pope met privately with leaders at the local church and led a silent prayer at the Ermineskin Cree Nation Cemetery, where there are marked - and likely unmarked graves - of residential school students. After his apology, the Pope wore a traditional headdress gifted to him by an indigenous leader as a Cree honour song was sung in the background. The former site of Ermineskin Residential School, one of the largest in Canada, is the Pope's first stop on his trip - one the pontiff has called "a pilgrimage of penance". BBC

Notices

Remembered in Prayer

Saturday 6pm
Bobby May (70th Birthday)
Bishop Fiachra Ó Ceallaigh (4th A)
Dinah Noonan (12th A)

Sunday 11.30am
Margaret, Michael & Hyacinth Kinsella
Fr. Seamus Moore (5th A)



Guinness Quarter Unveiled

Ballymore & Diageo reveal their plans for a major new urban quarter on the historic St James's Gate Brewery lands. The masterplan for over 12 acres of now disused brewery lands is contained in an application for planning permission submitted to Dublin City Council by Ballymore, the development partner of Diageo. The area bounded by James Street to the north and Market Street South and Belview to the south, will be transformed into Dublin's first Zero Carbon District, comprising new residential, commercial and leisure uses all set within over 2 acres of new public spaces and pedestrians streets. The masterplan introduces more than two acres of public outdoor spaces, all landscaped to create pockets of greenery to surprise and delight.



Domestic Violence

Women's Aid: 1800341900
Male Domestic Abuse: 1800816588
Rape Crisis Centre: 1800778888



New Guinness Quarter

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Penitential Rite

As we begin our celebration, rejoicing in the Lord, let us remember God's immense love and his hopes for us.

You challenge us to seek new possibilities. Lord have mercy

You challenge us to be hopeful in the face of despair. Christ have mercy

You challenge us to be creative in facing our life's journey.
Lord have mercy

May our loving and creative Lord, give us confidence in his mercy, forgive us our sin and accompany us on the journey of our life. Amen

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity. For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

You Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Alleluia, Alleluia, How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia

Luke 12: 13-21

'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied-'who appointed

me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Prayer of the Faithful

Lord God, you are Father, Son and Spirit. You bless us with so many gifts. We praise and thank you. Lord hear us

Teach us Lord, to value each moment of our lives and to appreciate and use the opportunities you give us to be kind, generous and loving. Lord hear us.

So often, we think of ourselves as insignificant. Help us to learn, that even the smallest things we do for others can change their lives for the better. Lord hear us.

Our society often marginalises people and deprives them of their right to dignity and respect. As a Christian community give us the courage to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Lord hear us.

Lord, we call to mind those who have died and their families and friends who grieve for them. We are especially mindful of those who have lost their lives through violence and war. Lord hear us.

In quiet we put aside our own needs, no matter how urgent or important and we call to mind those who need our prayer and support.....Lord hear us

Reflection

"Perhaps the art of harvesting the secret riches of our lives is best achieved when we place profound trust in the act of beginning. Risk might be our greatest ally. To live a truly creative life, we always need to cast a critical look at where we presently are, attempting always to discern where we have become stagnant and where new beginning might be ripening. There can be no growth if we do not remain open and vulnerable to what is new and different. I have never seen anyone take a risk for growth that was not rewarded a thousand times over." "May I have the courage today To live the life that I would love, To postpone my dream no longer But do at last what I came here for And waste my heart on fear no more."

John O'Donohue