

St. Nicholas News

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4th Sunday of Easter 08 May 2022

NOT SO GOOD NEWS



As you can see part of the ceiling in the left stairwell leading to the Gallery has come away. We reported it to the Insurance Company. They asked for an examination of the roof to be done as the wood in the ceiling was rotten. A problem with a piece of flashing on the roof was discovered. This means water has been leaking in. To do the examination of the roof a "cherry picker", had to be hired. According to the terms of our insurance policy the parish had to pay for this. The next phase of the operation is to remove more of the ceiling on either side of the above gap, to see if more of the wood in the ceiling has been damaged. To do this a wide scaffolding has to be erected in the stairwell. The cost of this and initial work will be in the region of €5,000. There is no guarantee this will be covered by our insurance, as they have in the past put similar damage down to the age of the building. Until this is resolved the Gallery cannot be used. I am hoping that the damage doesn't extend much further than that already discovered. As soon as I have more information I will let you know.

Fr. Martin

MEMORIAL MASS

The Liberties Cultural Association are assisting the Mallin Family in a series of Commemorative Events, starting this Sunday with the inaugural Michael Mallin Commemoration on May 8th, the date of his execution in Kilmainham Gaol in 1916.

A memorial Mass to celebrate the life of Michael Mallin, leader of the Stephen's Green Garrison during the 1916 Rising, will be held in John's Lane Church, Thomas Street, on Sunday next, 8th May 2022 at 11.30 a.m. Michael's beloved wife, Agnes, will also be remembered at this Mass, which can be viewed on the John's Lane webcam for those who cannot attend the church. <https://johnslane.ie/watch-live>



CULTURE DATE WITH DUBLIN 8

runs on 14th & 15th May 2022 with a host of cultural, arts & heritage events.

NOTICES

1st Communion & Confirmation

Monday 09 May St. Brigid's The Coombe 1st Communion at 11am. No 10am Mass that day.

Thursday 12 May St. Brigid's The Coombe Confirmation at 11am. No 10am Mass that day.

Monday 16 May Warrenmount Primary 1st Communion at 11am. No 10am Mass that day.

These Celebrations are not open to the public but limited to the children, their families and guests.



Remembered in Prayer

Recently Deceased
Miriam Mulhall
Bill O'Connell

Saturday 6pm Mass
Bobby May (2nd Ann)
George Breadon (2nd Ann)

Sunday 11.30am Mass
Teresa Duffy
Lorretta Nugent
May Irvine (5th Ann)



Bridgefoot St. Park Opens

4th May was a memorable day for the community in The Liberties as the new Bridgefoot Street Park was officially opened. We finally got a chance to experience this amazing new amenity. The park has been developed by Dublin City Council Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services to designs by Dermot Foley Landscape Architects.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Penitential Rite

As we begin our celebration, let us remember God's tenderness and compassion.

In your mercy you call us to belong to you.
Lord have mercy

From your goodness, we are made into one family.
Christ have mercy

By your love you defeat everything that would rob us of our dignity. Lord have mercy

May our great and gracious Lord, have mercy on us,
forgive us our sin and bring us to life everlasting.
Amen

Acts of the Apostles 13:14,43-5

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Book of Revelation 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or

thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Alleluia, Alleluia
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia

John 10:27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

Prayer of the Faithful

God our Father and Mother, you draw us into the community of your love. We are grateful. Lord hear us

Lord, we are sometime overwhelmed by the world. Help us to remember you are near, and that you hold us in the palm of your hand. Lord hear us

We remember, with joy and thanksgiving, all those who have died and those who have died needlessly through violence and war. May we be united again in the kingdom of God's love. Lord hear us

For all who are living under intolerant regimes, that they may not lose hope and that we may not forget them. Lord hear us

We pray for an end to all violence and war which denies our human dignity, and robs us of true freedom and peace.
Lord hear us

In silence, we put aside our own needs, not matter how urgent or important and we call to mind all who need our prayer and support.....Lord hear us



Reflection

"Anam is the Irish word for "soul" and Āra is the word for "friend." In the Anam-Āra friendship, you were joined in an ancient way with the friend of your soul. This was a bond that neither space nor time could damage. The friendship awakened an eternal echo in the hearts of the friends; they entered into a circle of intimate belonging with each other. The Anam-Āra friendship afforded a spiritual space to all the other longings of the human heart."

John O'Donohue