

# St. Nicholas News

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## NUMBER OF PEOPLE HOMELESS HITS NEW RECORD OF 10,805



The number of people who are homeless in the State and relying on emergency accommodation has increased to a record 10,805 people, including more than 3,000 children. Latest Department of Housing figures show there has been a 237-person increase in the number of people who were homeless last month. The

number of people being counted as homeless has increased from a previous record high of 10,568 in July. The figures for the month of August show there are 1,483 families relying on emergency accommodation, with 3,220 children. The vast majority of homeless adults are in Dublin, accounting for 5,326 of the 7,585 adults in the latest figures. Slightly more than two thirds of homeless adults are men. More than 1,200 adults who are homeless were aged between 18 and 24 years old. Homeless numbers fell significantly below the 10,000 watermark during the Covid-19 pandemic, in part due to a temporary ban on rental evictions, which opposition politicians and housing charities have called to be reinstated. Wayne Stanley, head of policy at Simon Communities of Ireland, said the new record level of homelessness was “devastating”. He said the number of men, women and children now living in emergency accommodation was “shocking”. “The trajectory of the homelessness crisis heading into the winter months is deeply concerning,” he said. The rates of the Housing Assistance Payment (Hap) for homeless families, to help pay rent in the private market, must be increased, he said. “We need to look at every opportunity and the Government need to take Covid-19 crisis type actions if we are to reduce the homelessness numbers,” he said. Pat Dennigan, Focus Ireland chief executive, said it was “unforgivable” that the budget this week had “failed to offer a single measure” to help prevent people falling into homelessness. As the numbers keep going up, there is a risk that Government comes to treat homelessness as inevitable, but it is the result of bad political choices and can be solved by the right policies,” he said. Sam McGuinness, head of the Dublin Simon Community, said the charity was “exasperated” by the continued increase in the numbers who were in emergency accommodation. “This news comes at a time when single homelessness is at an all-time high and exits from homelessness are at an all-time low as the availability of rental properties, as a social housing supply, continues to dwindle,” he said. Cian O’Callaghan, Social Democrats housing spokesman, said child homelessness had increased by 47 per cent in the last year. The Dublin Bay North TD criticised the lack of any emergency plan from the Government to tackle the crisis. “There are reports from around the country that emergency accommodation is full, with people being turned away. As a result, there will be a rise in people sleeping on the streets, in tents and in cars this winter,” he said. Senator Rebecca Moynihan, Labour Party spokeswoman for housing, said Minister for Housing Darragh O’Brien was “lacking any motivation to address the housing disaster in Irish society”. Ms Moynihan said there had been an “abject failure” to control rising rents, and to provide sufficient levels of affordable housing.

Courtesy Jack Power The Irish Times

## Notices

### Remembered in Prayer

Frances Curran  
(Recently Deceased)

### Saturday 6pm Mass

Eddie McElroy  
(Month's Mind)  
Mary Daly (5th A)  
John Cully (Rec dec)  
Sheila Cully  
Yvonne Alford  
Peggy Douglas (25th A)  
Austin & Kevin Douglas

### Sunday 11.30am Mass

Clare Stassen (1st A)  
Pat Rice (Month's Mind)  
Seamus & Yvonne Flynn  
Bernard Darcy (Birthday)  
Bernie Darcy  
Fr. Paul Handibode



## Help Lines

Women's Aid: 1800341900

Male Domestic Abuse:  
1800816588

Rape Crisis Centre:  
1800778888

Age Action: 014756989



## Collectors

If you would be willing to help take up the collections at 6.00pm and 11.30am masses, call 015157512



## Dublin City Council

Is offering Work Spaces for Artists at Merchants Quay. Open day will be held on the 14th November 2022. See the video [here](#)

## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

### Penitential Rite

The Lord God is our faithful One. As we begin our celebration, let us remember his steadfast love.

Gracious God, you are the faithful one. Lord have mercy

Holy Lord, your mercy and forgiveness are ours.  
Christ have mercy

Faithful Lord, you lead us in your ways. Lord have mercy

May the God of who is with us in every moment of our lives,  
forgive us our sin and bring us to life everlasting. Amen

### Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. 'See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

### 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

That is why I am reminding you now to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in you.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The word of the Lord remains for ever:  
What is this word? It is the Good News that has been brought to you.  
Alleluia!

### Luke 16:19-31

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith'. The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal

immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told?

So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty".'

### Prayer of the Faithful

God our Father and Mother, we thank for your love and your trust in us. It bestows on us a value and dignity that can never be taken from us. We thank you.  
Lord hear us

Lord, by the power of your word, help us to reshape our lives, our church and our world, to reflect your love and compassion. Lord hear us

Our faith must always find expression in concern for others. For those who are struggling to manage their lives, may we be for them, the strength and comfort of God. Lord hear us

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

May we have the courage to live prophetically, challenging the vicious destruction of war. Lord hear us

In silence, we put aside our own needs as we remember those who need our prayer and support.....Lord hear us



### Reflection

God to enfold me,  
God to surround me,  
God in my speaking,  
God in my thinking.

God in my sleeping,  
God in my waking,  
God in my watching,  
God in my hoping.

God in my life,  
God in my lips,  
God in my soul,  
God in my heart.

God in my sufficing,  
God in my slumber,  
God in mine ever-living  
soul,  
God in mine eternity.