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SPECULATION ABOUT ARCHBISHOP'S RETIREMENT



Speculation that the Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin is about to step down has intensified following a recent interview, which observers felt reflected his growing tiredness in the role. Asked about his future on RTÉ's This Week programme, he said, "It would be good, not just that I retire, but that there would be a different leadership in the church, a younger one, because we are facing very

different challenges". But he said it was up to Pope Francis to decide when change would happen. Many have remarked on Archbishop Martin's visible tiredness these days. "He has aged five years in the last two," said a source. It is hardly surprising. His 15 years as archbishop have been among the most stormy in Dublin's history, due mainly to the traumatic issue of clerical child sex. And this year is opportune for change as both Auxiliary Bishops of Dublin Ray Field and Eamonn Walsh will be 75 in 2019 and facing retirement. The question is whether Rome will allow Archbishop Martin go. With 1.16 million Catholics, 197 parishes, and 238 churches, the Catholic archdiocese of Dublin is by far the biggest Catholic diocese on the island of Ireland. It is why its Archbishop tends to be the most powerful prelate in the church. And why Diarmuid Martin's departure and replacement could be so important for the Catholic Church in Ireland. He will be 74 in April and, regardless, must submit his letter of resignation to Pope Francis by April 2020 when he is 75, as required by canon law. However, as a well-informed source put it, "It's as clear as day he wants out." Back in 2001, then Archbishop Desmond Connell wanted to stand down as he approached 75 in March that year. Rome made him a cardinal in February 2001. He hung on, reluctantly, for another three years as Rome searched desperately for a successor. That was Archbishop Martin, who Pope John Paul had to ask twice to accept the post before he finally agreed. Being Archbishop of Dublin is not a coveted position. As of now there are no indications that Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will get a red hat. But Ireland's only cardinal, Cardinal Seán Brady, will be 80 next August and will then lose his (and Ireland's) right to vote in a papal election. Rome might be tempted to wave a red hat in Archbishop Martin's direction, and not least as there is no obvious successor-in-waiting. As of now, however, 2019 presents an opportunity in Dublin for the appointment of an entire cadre of new leadership and the energy that would bring at a time when a fresh start there and in the Irish Catholic Church generally is so much needed.

Courtesy Irish Times

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 27 January 2019

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Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Paul Handibode, Alan Mooney, Tony Egan

Sun 11.30am: Thomas Grogan Sr, John Gibson, Maurice Reidy



Results January Raffle

1st: No. 65, €400
Rita Heffernan
2nd: No. 100 €150
Mary Fitzsimons
€10 each to
Lorraine Croft, Fran McKeown,
Jackie Burke, Henry Kelly,
Catherine McFarlane



World day of the Sick

will take place on 9 February 2019 in All Hallows, Drumcondra (9:30am to 1.00pm) on the topic Community struggle with addiction - A Pastoral response. Mass for World Day of the Sick will be held on 10 February 2019 in Corpus Christi 3.00pm.



Support Meeting

Anam Cara South Dublin the organisation that supports bereaved parents' is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Monday 11 February at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to: info@anamcara.ie before Friday 8 February or call 085 2888 888.

'IN COURSE OF REARRANGEMENT' by Marielle MacLeman



running until 10th March at LAB Gallery, Foley Street, Dublin 1. The LAB Gallery in association with Galway Arts Centre presents this exhibition by Marielle MacLeman directly responding to histories of enterprise, labour and land use in Dublin's Liberties. 200 years after the Earl of Meath was told a greater return could be made growing grass than collecting weaver's rents, Dublin City Council was developing green spaces for the Buddleja-infested sites, as the title borrowed from museology suggests, in course of rearrangement. Early in her research, Weaver Park, Dublin's newest public park following extensive public consultation, was bordered by construction mesh and the National Museum of Ireland, home to the remnants of The Liberties weaving industry

and another site for research, was itself shrouded in blue netting. MacLeman articulates the interrelationship of inner city built and natural environments through materials inspired by or directly sourced in the area. Buddleja davidii, introduced from China in the late 1800s, is harvested from waste ground to dye a rug made of Irish wool, a by-product largely considered of little value and exported to China for use in the carpet industry. Upstairs at The LAB, MacLeman gilds and 'prints' with the first cut of grass from the now open Weavers Park, the handmade paper commemorating a new era in the site's history.

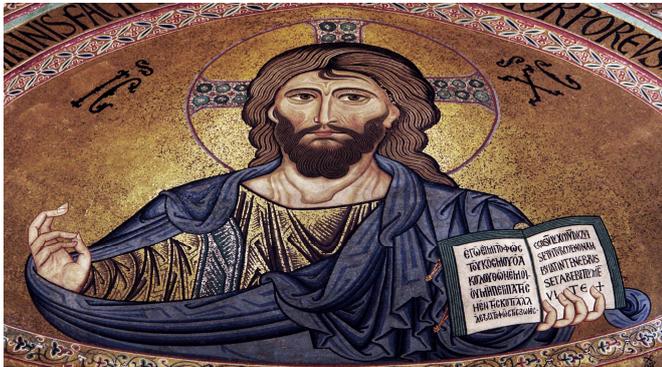
Sanctuary

DCU is the first Irish university to receive this designation, awarded by Places of Sanctuary Ireland, an organisation that supports efforts in Ireland to build a culture of hospitality for people seeking sanctuary. Among a range of initiatives announced by the university, DCU provided fifteen academic scholarships to applicants who are currently in Ireland in Direct Provision either as asylum seekers or refugees.



Seeking Volunteers

for Healthy Ageing Research at Trinity College Dublin: Researchers in Trinity College Dublin Institute of Neuroscience are looking for volunteers to take part in an exciting new study examining how grip strength training programmes influence various types of learning and could provide benefits for the brain as we age. We are looking for 50 healthy adults over the age of 66 who are right-handed. Participation involves approximately 8 hours commitment over the course of 4 weeks, with a short follow-up one month later. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Eimile Holton, School of Psychology Trinity College Dublin at eholton@tcd.ie or call 085 8245898.



FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Psalm 70

My lips will tell of your help.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. R/

Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. R/

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. R/

A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing, If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all it's fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it but am without love, it will do me no good whatever Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'. And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside"'. And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Church opens: 9.30am - 12noon, Mon, Tues, Weds, Friday, Sat(5pm-7pm), Thurs: 9.30am - 11am, Sun: 10am - 12.15pm
