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VATICAN ANNOUNCES CANONICAL INVESTIGATION OF CARDINAL PELL



The day Australian Cardinal George Pell was jailed in Melbourne after being found guilty of child sexual abuse, the Vatican announced his case would be investigated by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. "After the guilty verdict in the first instance concerning Cardinal Pell, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith will now handle the

case following the procedure and within the time established by canonical norm," Alessandro Gisotti, interim director of the Vatican press office, said Feb. 27. A court in Melbourne ordered that Pell be taken into custody Feb. 27; he is scheduled to be sentenced March 13 on five charges related to the sexual abuse of two 13-year-old boys in the late 1990s when he was archbishop of Melbourne. The cardinal continues to affirm his innocence and plans to appeal the verdict. Pell, a former archbishop of Sydney, took a leave of absence in mid-2017 from his position as prefect of the Vatican Secretariat for the Economy. The Vatican confirmed Feb. 26 that the cardinal's five-year term as prefect ended Feb. 24. The canonical investigation of Pell announced by the Vatican is not the first church investigation of allegations against him; in June 2002, Pell stepped aside as archbishop of Sydney while an independent church review board investigated a claim that he sexually abused a 12-year-old boy at a youth camp in 1961 while a seminarian. The board found insufficient evidence to corroborate the accusations. When a deacon, priest or bishop is accused of abuse, the first phase of the investigation generally is carried out by the diocese where the abuse is alleged to have occurred. For instance, in the case of Theodore McCarrick, the former cardinal dismissed from the clerical state Feb. 16, the initial investigation was carried out by the Archdiocese of New York, and once the allegations were determined to be credible, the case was handed over to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The Vatican statement Feb. 27 did not mention an archdiocesan inquiry, but apparently that is not necessary in cases where there is a criminal court conviction. According to information posted by the Vatican in conjunction with the summit Feb. 21-24 on abuse, when the doctrinal congregation opens a process, two modes of proceeding are possible: either with a trial or with a shorter administrative process. In both cases, the accused has the right and opportunity to know the evidence against him and to respond. If found guilty, the penalties can vary depending on the seriousness of the crime and, often, the age of the accused; possible penalties include removal from office, restricted ministry, "a life of prayer and penance" without any public ministry and dismissal from the clerical state.

Courtesy National Catholic Reporter

ALL OPTICS NO SUBSTANCE: SURVIVORS REACT TO VATICAN SUMMIT

Clerical child sexual abuse survivors in Ireland and abroad have reacted with disappointment to the four-day meeting at the Vatican on the protection of minors, which ended on Sunday. In his final strongly worded address to 190 Catholic Church leaders from around the world, Pope Francis called for the eradication of child abuse "from the face of the earth" and how in "the justified rage of the people, the church sees the reflection of God's wrath, betrayed and slapped by these dishonest consecrated persons". It was later announced that the Vatican is to prepare a guidebook for Catholic bishops worldwide so they "clearly understand their duties and tasks" in dealing with clerical child sexual abuse cases. "A handbook for bishops on child abuse in 2019? It should have been written 20 years ago," said Dublin abuse survivor Andrew Madden, who in 1995 was the first person in Ireland to go public about his abuse by a priest. Mr Madden, however, insisted he was not disappointed at the outcome of the Vatican meeting: "I had no expectations. No way back to the apostolic visitations [to Ireland following the 2009 Ryan and Murphy reports], Pope Benedict's letter [to the faithful in Ireland] of 2010, all that circus, all those things which were going to come about and, then, nothing." The Vatican meeting was "all optics with no substance." *Irish Times*

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 24 February 2019

Thank you for your contributions.

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Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Michael Carroll, Simon & Josie Dunne, Pauline Marshall, Paddy & May Hoare, Patrick Brennan Birthday Remembrance, Thomas Deasy.

Sun 11.30am: Margaret, James & Seamus Maguire, Thomas Doyle 10th Anniversary, Mary Doyle.



Diocesan Safeguarding Newsletter Feb 2019

is available here <https://www.francisstreetparish.ie/>

To contact the local Safeguarding Representative ring 01-4530387 and say you want to speak with the Safeguarding Representative. Leave a contact number. You do NOT need to give your name.



Women of Welcoming Hearts Retreat

Thinking about joining religious life? Come and spend few days with Presentation sisters from the 30 March in the Acorn Centre, Warrenmount, Dublin. Get to know us and our work, share your life story and explore your spirituality. Participation fee €30 - Info and registration: www.presentationistersne.ie/events



The Choir

New members always welcome for the 11.30am Mass Sunday.

Trócaire Lent 2019-Stations of the Cross

Come along for an evening of prayer on the 27 March at 7.30pm in St. Paul's Church Arran Quay, Dublin 1. All welcome.



Ewe Thina: We Walk God's Way

Join other young adults [20's & 30's] for reflective hikes every month around the Dublin Area. The next hike will be Sunday 10 March. We will be walking the Bray to Greystones Coastal Trail. Meeting point will be at Bray Dart Station at 12:30pm. Email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie and <https://www.facebook.com/wewalkgodsway>



Autism

Liberties College on Bull Alley Street is hosting AslAm's Autism Experience Exhibition on 8th March to try and create awareness of the challenges faced by individuals with Autism. All welcome!



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

13th-21 September 2019, based in Tiberias and Jerusalem, led by Fr Tom Dalzell (Ballybrack-Killiney & Loughlinstown) & Sr Consilio Rock (Meath), expert in Holy Land spirituality. Direct flights, Dublin to Tel Aviv, €1,695.00 per person sharing (half board). Bookings with MAP Travel (patricia@maptravel.ie). Deposit €250, balance due 10 weeks prior to departure. More information from Fr Tom at 01-2826404. All welcome.



EIGHT SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

A reading from the Book of Sirach

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a person appear in their talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a person is in their conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a person's words betray what they feel. Do not praise a person before they have spoken, since this is the test of people.

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

Psalm 91

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.
R/

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R/

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that

the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R/

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers and sisters, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye", when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good person draws what is good from their store of goodness in their heart; a bad person draws what is bad from their store of badness. For a person's words flow out of what fills their heart.

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



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Living is easy with eyes closed"!

John Lennon