

# St. Nicholas News

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## POPE & HEAD OF ORTHODOX CHURCH ISSUE JOINT PLEA



Together with the head of the Orthodox Church, Pope Francis urged people to be respectful and responsible toward creation while being aware of how disrupted ecosystems impact the poor. To mark the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1, the Pope said he and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople “prepared a message together.” Although

the text was not published immediately, Pope Francis told people at his general audience on August 30 that the message would be an invitation to all people “to adopt a respectful and responsible approach toward creation.” “Furthermore,” he said, “we appeal to those who hold an influential role to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, who suffer more because of ecological imbalances.” Pope Francis instituted the world day of prayer for the Catholic Church in 2015, joining with the ecumenical patriarchate, that has observed the September 1 day of prayer since 1989. The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis said when he instituted it, is to be a time for individuals and communities to “reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.” If Christians are to make their special contribution to safeguarding creation, they must rediscover the spiritual foundations of their approach to what exists on earth, beginning with an acknowledgment that “the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature,” but lived in communion with all worldly realities, he had said.

## SEX TRAFFICKING IN IRELAND



Ruhama, the frontline service for women affected by prostitution and sex trafficking, has called on the government to use all tools at its disposal to tackle the organised crime networks that control prostitution and sex trafficking across Ireland. Releasing its annual report for 2016, the NGO revealed it supported 304 women from 37 different nationalities during 2016, including 92 victims of sex

trafficking from four continents. Some of these women experienced rape, assault and many other forms of psychological, physical and sexual violence. Intensive support from Ruhama’s casework service was required by 222 women. Most had been sexually exploited in brothels, massage parlours, hotel rooms and apartments across the country. A further 63 women in street prostitution accessed support via Ruhama’s mobile outreach van, which takes to the streets of Dublin’s ‘redlight’ areas 3 to 4 times a week. In 2016 alone, Ruhama saw 99 new victims of Ireland’s sex trade. “The bulk of prostitution in Ireland is run by organised crime gangs who profit from the sexual exploitation of women and girls, particularly in off-street locations. These unscrupulous individuals make money from human misery - moving often vulnerable migrant women in a coordinated fashion from brothel to brothel across Ireland, with a view to satisfying local sex buyers’ demands,” Sarah Benson, CEO of Ruhama, said. Ruhama has called on the government to fully resource the Garda National Protective Services Bureau and regional bureaus so that they can take down the organised crime networks that control prostitution and sex trafficking in Ireland. Ruhama has also called on the government to mount a public awareness campaign to ensure that people know that “this is now a country where no human being can be considered for sale”.

Culture Night Friday 22 September. Help welcome people to our church. 01-5611390

## NOTICES

### Money Matters

Sunday 27 August 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: €190  
2nd Collection: €210  
Share: €70  
Family Offering: €270



### Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Lily & Jimmy Noonan, Michael Long (21st Ann), Kathleen Philpott (Birthday Remembrance)

Sun 11.30am: Bernadette Byrne (Month’s Mind), David Monaghan, Paddy Kavanagh (40th Ann), Brigid Kavanagh (20th Ann), John, Margaret & Hyacinth Kinsella, Brigid, Thomas & Kathleen Carton, James Callaghan.



Jack Watson died in the early hours of Thursday 31 August 2017, sleeping rough on Suffolk Street. A 26 year old homeless mother of two died on Thursday evening 31 August 2017. May they rest in peace and may Irish Society take homelessness seriously.



### Suicide Bereavement

Living Links Suicide Bereavement Support Group -1st Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Dublin Central Mission, 9 c Abbey St. Lower, Dublin 1. Adults over the age of 18 are very welcome to attend. Facilitated by trained volunteers from Living Links Ireland. Opportunity to share and discuss all aspects of complicated grief associated with the aftermath of a suicide death. Help

is available. For more information or if you wish to attend our group,  
Tel: 026 937 1030/087 243 3738.



### Support Meeting

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 11th of September from 19:30-21:00pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not. For more information contact 01 4045378 & NI 02895213120  
Email: [c.dingle@anamcara.ie](mailto:c.dingle@anamcara.ie) - [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie)



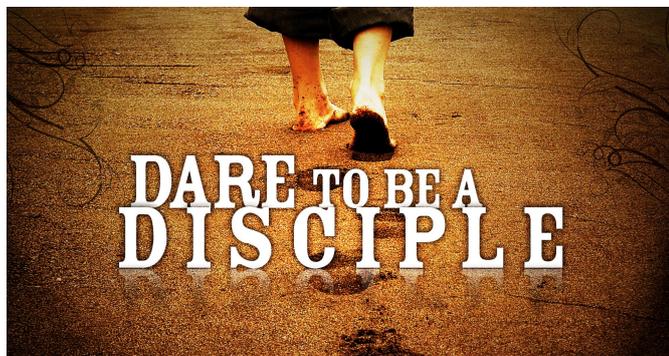
### Internet Safety and Cyberbullying

A Workshop for parents and guardians, 16 2017 - 2pm to 3.30pm. Barnardos, 4 Christchurch Square, Dublin 8. € 25.  
This workshop will offer parents/guardians an opportunity to consider how they can increase their child's online safety and respond to any instances of negative online behaviour.  
Venue:



### Dublin's Theatre Royal Remembered

At The Tivoli Theatre Francis Street on Thursday 14th Sept. This Sell Out Show, features photographs, archive footage & songs to transport you back to the glorious days of Dublin's finest theatre. Narrator: Conor Doyle, Soprano: Kathleen Noonan, Baritone: Gerry Noonan, Pianist: Pauline Cooper. Doors Open at 7pm Show commences at 7.30pm Sharp



## 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### A reading from The Prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, the Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

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

### Psalm 62 For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. R/

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. R/

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. R/

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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

### Gospel Acclamation: Eph 1: 17.18

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

### A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you'. But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.

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

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The disciples were absorbed in a discussion of Lao-Tzu's dictum: "Those who know do not say; Those who say do not know." When the Master entered, they asked him exactly what the words meant. Said the Master, "Which of you knows the fragrance of a rose? All of them knew. Then he said, "Put it into words". All of them were silent.

*From "One Minute Wisdom" by Anthony de Mello*