

St. Nicholas News

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NEW HOME FOR THE HEART OF ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE



The heart of St Laurence O'Toole goes on permanent public display in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, from November 14, 2018. This occasion will be marked by free entry to the cathedral from 9:30am to 2:30pm, welcoming the people of Dublin to view the heart of the city's patron saint. A special ecumenical service of dedication and thanksgiving marking this historic occasion will be held that evening at 5:45 pm. The Archbishop of Dublin, The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, will first bless and dedicate the redesigned grounds incorporating the new stone labyrinth. Following this the Archbishop will preside at a service of Festal Choral Evensong, sung by the Cathedral Choirs, during which he will bless and dedicate the new

resting place of the heart of St Laurence O'Toole. This service will be open to the public and all are most welcome to attend. St Laurence's heart will be housed in a specially designed art piece, crafted by the renowned Cork-based artist Eoin Turner. Commenting on this upcoming special day of celebration, the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, The Very Revd Dermot Dunne, stated, 'I am delighted that we have two such tremendous reasons for celebration at this time. We are deeply grateful for the grant funding from Dublin City Council and Fáilte Ireland that has enabled the redesign and landscaping of our grounds. Further it is my great privilege and joy at this time to be able to return the heart of St Laurence to the people of Dublin. The heart relic was stolen from the cathedral in March 2012 from the iron-barred cage on the wall of the Chapel of St Laud, which had been its resting place for many years. Following a long-running investigation, the heart was recovered, undamaged, by An Garda Síochána. After a six year absence, it was officially handed over by Assistant Commissioner Pat Leahy to the Archbishop of Dublin at a service of Choral Evensong on April 26 this year.

MARRIED MEN AND THE PRIESTHOOD



The Vatican is preparing to open formal debate on opening up the priesthood to married men. Pope Francis has convened a meeting of South American bishops next year focusing on the plight of the church in the Amazon. During that synod, the question of ordaining married men of proven virtue - so-called "viri probati" - is expected to figure on the agenda. This week, a two-hour documentary on Italian television is likely to contribute to the conversation. The documentary, entitled Choice: Priests And Love profiles more than a dozen men in four European countries who are either living secretly with women, have created their own unsanctioned church communities where married priests preside

at Mass, or left the Catholic priesthood altogether to marry. The documentary makes the case that many of these men would gladly return to the priesthood and offer their pastoral services. Their plight has found a sympathetic ear in Francis, who has long expressed a willingness to consider "viri probati" to address pastoral needs in the Amazon. He has also expressed sympathy for priests who have made the anguished choice to leave. Vocatio, an Italian association of these "married priests", wrote to Francis earlier this month pledging their solidarity as he copes with the global fallout of the sex abuse scandal, and once again offering their services in ministry. "We would like you to take into consideration – without prejudice or pretence - the opportunity of allowing us an active presence in diocesan activity, given our experience and competence in the sacraments we have lived: ministry and matrimony," the group wrote. The head of Vocatio, former priest Rosario Mocciaro who married civilly in 1977, estimates there are about 5,000 men in Italy alone who have left the priesthood, a third of whom would seek a return to married ministry if allowed. He said he was hopeful for progress under Francis and some sympathetic Italian bishops, saying they brought "a new air and atmosphere" to a long-standing problem. "The possibility of having 'viri probati' would be a great opening, a great step forward," he told AP, adding it would begin to sensitise the church and public opinion to the prospect of both a married and a celibate priesthood.

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Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Stephen, Rose & Catherine Grogan, Ann Nugent (4th A) & Jemmy Nugent, Jenny Nugent (6th A), Deceased Members Joy of Israel Presidium and Legion of Mary World Wide.

Sun 11.30am: Gerard & Mary Martin, Carmel Menella Birthday Remembrance, Donal Heffernan

Mon 10am: John, Paul & Matt Fortune



RADE Art Exhibition

RADE would like to cordially invite you to the opening of our latest art exhibition in the OLV Building, Cathedral View Court (off New Street) at 1:00pm on Monday 5th November. This exhibition is called one wish and will feature the first showing of our fantastic new sculpture from 6000 year old bog oak called "Moving Family". There will also be many of the sculptures created under the supervision of Eoghan O'Neill RIP, through the RADE years. Contemporary Paintings and drawings from our current programme participants will also be on show.



Movies That Matter

Movies that Matter returns with a new selection of films. Each month, a film will be preceded by a brief introduction and afterwards there will be an

opportunity to reflect both personally and as a group on the issues and values illustrated. 7:30pm on Wednesday 7 November and 5 December 2018. Darkest Hour UK, 2017, 125 mins, Cert PG-13 An account of the early days of Winston Churchill in his position as the newly appointed Prime Minister; Britain faces its darkest hour as the threat of invasion by Nazi Germany's Armed Forces becomes a real possibility.

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Walk of Light 2018

"Encounter- Engage - Empower" An ecumenical inter-church journey from St. Ann's Church, Dawson St., on to St. Teresa's, Clarendon Street and ending at Adelaide Rd. Presbyterian Church. Come and join us in pilgrimage on Sunday, 25 November from 4:00pm until 6:30pm, if even for part of the journey, welcoming Christ who enlightens our darkness.



Anam Cara South Dublin

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Monday 12 of November at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. For more information see anamcara.ie or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.



Beginning Experience

is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through death, separation or divorce. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge - not weakness. This is a healing ministry which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. Next residential weekend will be held 16 - 18 November in Dominican Retreat House, Tallaght, Dublin 24. For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com www.beginningexperience.ie

31st SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

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

Psalm 17

I love you, Lord, my strength

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. R/

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. R/

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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



A THOUGHT

We are bound to each other and with all people regardless of sex, race or class. And in this we are bound to Jesus.

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