

St. Nicholas News

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BISHOP FIACHRA Ó CEALLAIGH RIP



Fiachra Ó Ceallaigh, was a retired Auxiliary Bishop of the Dublin Diocese. He died last Sunday. He was in fact the area bishop for our district. He retired as Bishop in 2008. Born in Co. Clare in 1933, his First Profession in the Franciscan Order was in 1953. He was ordained priest in 1961 and ordained bishop in 1994. Above all Fiachra was a decent human being. There were no airs and graces about him. He loved people. It didn't matter who you were or where you came from. His Franciscan Spirituality rested on his decency. That Franciscan Spirituality was expressed in his genuine concern for people and what was going on in their lives. He was particularly fond of those at the margins of society and was prepared to give them his time and

whatever help he could. He lived in Rialto for many years. It suited him. He was an "ordinary" person among "ordinary" people. His openness to people and willingness to learn from them set him apart as a bishop. He had a great and genuine interest in young people and when he came to our parish for confirmation, he spoke in simple terms and directly to them. As well as being a source of great encouragement, he wasn't afraid to speak with them about the huge challenges that they faced growing up in our society.

He was a man who believed in justice, and especially for those most in need. He wasn't afraid to get directly involved in situations to help people out. He had no sense of time—that is, he was never in a hurry. If you needed to talk to him, you never felt like there was a time limit. He had a wonderful ability to give of himself without making people feel in any way obliged.

He might not have won a gold medal for organisation—but that's because he always considered people to be more important than schemes and programmes. He was a man of great hospitality and was happy to sit and eat and drink with you – much like Jesus did, in his time. He is a great loss not just to this Diocese but to the Irish Church. If there were more among the Irish Hierarchy like him, then perhaps the Irish Church wouldn't be in the miserable state it is in now. Fiachra, like Jesus, was not a man of power, but was a man filled with authority—which came very simply from his authenticity. He believed in God's love for us, and took every opportunity to make it real for those who were fortunate enough to meet him and to know him. May his spirit pervade the Irish Church.

Fr. Martin

POPE YET TO CONFIRM HE WILL MEET ABUSE SURVIVORS

The Archbishop of Dublin Dr Diarmuid Martin has said "time is very tight" for Pope Francis to meet survivors of church abuse during his visit to Ireland. The Irish Times reports, Dr Martin said he was pushing the Vatican to have the pope meet a cross-section of survivors of industrial schools, Magdalene laundries, mother and baby homes and those who suffered from clerical sex abuse.

The fact that the Archbishop is having to "push" the Vatican to meet survivors of church abuse speaks volumes about how little has actually changed in the church. The abuse of people by church members not only destroyed their lives but the lives of their families. You would imagine that as this gathering is about the "family", that the destruction of individuals and their families lives would be a priority for this gathering. The Archbishop has spoken on various occasions about much has changed in this diocese and in the church. Structures have changed, and they needed to, but structures by themselves do not transform the organisation. It is only when the culture and ethos of an organisation changes that an organisation is transformed. The culture and ethos of the church and this diocese is still that of power and fear and until that changes, the "strong forces" or "dark forces" which the Archbishop has said are at work within the church will not have been overcome.

Fr. Martin

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 29 July 2018

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p255
2nd Collection: p300
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Remembered at Mass

Recently Deceased

Yvonne Alford
Removal Mon 5.30am
Funeral Mass Tues 10am

Sat 6pm: Anne Houlihan nee Kelly (1st Ann)

Sun 11.30am: Patricia West (Months Mind), Bernadette Byrne (1st Ann) Catherine Mc Donnell, Ann Mc Donnell, Anne & Liam Carroll, Thomas & Bridget Hynes,



World Youth Day Panama 2019

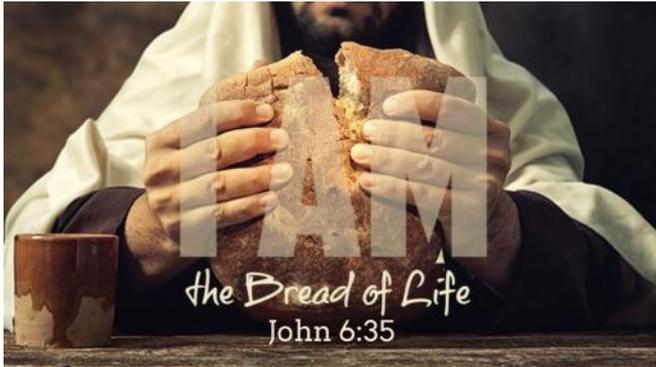
Young Dubliners are now being invited to join in a pilgrimage to Panama for World Youth Day in January 2019. World Youth Day is an international Church event, similar to the World Meeting of Families, which is focused on young people. It is held in a different country every three years and takes place in Panama for 2019. Pope Francis is expected to travel for the first time to Panama to engage with young people there, and the Office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism is inviting parishes, parish groups and deanery areas to nominate young people who might be interested in travelling on this inspirational pilgrimage. Unfortunately, due to the distance involved, places are limited to 30 pilgrims. The travel dates are 18th-30th January 2019. Deposits and bookings can be made online and the cost of the trip can be

covered by scheduled payments. All pilgrims will undergo preparation and will take part in the Diocesan young adult leadership programme. To find out more or to book, go to www.evangelisation.ie



Opera in the Open

Dublin City Council's 'Opera in the Open' returns - every Thursday lunchtime through August. Enjoy free performances of Humperdinck's Hansel & Gretel (9th), L'Heure Espagnole by Ravel (16th) & Lucia di Lammermoor by Maestro Donizetti (23rd). All in the Wood Quay Amphitheatre from 1pm. Bring a blanket, a broolly and the prosecco! Sponsored by Dublin City Arts Office & Dublin City Council Events Section.



18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

A reading from the second book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

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

Psalm 77

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. R/

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their

food, and gave them bread from heaven. R/

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. R/

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

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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

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 John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. They who comes to me will never be hungry they who believes in me will never thirst.'

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY (From 'Women Included')

Be gentle when you touch bread;
let it not lie uncared for, unwanted.
So often bread is taken for granted.
There is such beauty in bread –
beauty of sun and soil,
beauty of patient toil.
Wind and rain have caressed it.
Christ often blessed it.
So let us be gentle in touching bread.

