

St. Nicholas News

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CHURCH TO BE DEMOLISHED



One of the largest Catholic churches in Dublin is to be demolished to make way for a much smaller building accommodating 350 worshippers instead of 3,500.

The scaled-back building on the site of the Church of the Annunciation in Finglas West on the city's north side will also allow social housing to be built alongside it.

The current church opened in 1967 when John Charles McQuaid was archbishop of

Dublin and there was a vogue for building very large churches.

However, the fall-off in regular Mass attendances in recent years have left such churches underused and parishes have also struggled with high maintenance and running costs.

Parish priest Fr Éamann Cahill said Finglas West parish had struggled for many years with extensive building problems in their church.

He said the proposal had been discussed at a public meeting at which there was a clear majority in favour of building a new church.

The Dublin archdiocese had agreed with the plan and given the parish great support.

The new church building will include pastoral facilities, such as meeting rooms, a coffee/tea dock and offices.

In a posting on the parish website Fr Cahill said "preparations are well under way but it will take time. We will need lots of support, planning permission and a budget to see us through."

Coda Architects has been asked to examine a replacement for the current church building.

Fr Cahill said many of the priests in Finglas West would reach retirement age in a few years and it was likely the number of priests serving the area would be halved."

Courtesy Irish Times

TOO MANY CHURCHES IN THE CITY CENTRE

In an interview with RTE Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has said "there are too many churches in the city centre." It would be difficult to argue with that. So hopefully, in looking to the future, there will be discussion with parish communities in the city centre as to how we shape our future. Sound bites to the media are hardly sufficient. *Fr. Martin*

MANREASA JESUIT CENTRE OF SPIRITUALITY

The popular **Movies that Matter** series continues with a new selection of films this year. Each film will be preceded by a brief introduction. Afterwards there will be the opportunity to reflect both personally and as a group on the issues and values illustrated. The Film for February: *The Intouchables*. 7:30 pm Wednesday 8 February 2017 Each evening begins at 7:30 pm and involves watching a film and participating in reflective discussion guided by Eileen O'Brien.

Spirituality in Poetry and Song

Every month offers an opportunity to join an evening workshop which will involve prayer, silence and sharing, offering participants opportunities to consider favourite poems and music and to reflect on them prayerfully.

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Monday 6 February 2017

Book a place now on **February's Oasis Day** - Saturday 11 February 2017 - an ideal opportunity to consider how 2017 is unfolding by taking some time of quiet and making space for prayer and reflection. The days begin with registration at 9:30 am and conclude by 6:00 pm. They take place in an atmosphere of quiet where you can decide which of the elements on offer are most helpful to you, choosing from reflections, guided prayer and an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. Mass is celebrated as part of the day.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"How would spirituality help a man of the world like me?" said the businessman. "It will help you to have more", said the Master. "How?" "By teaching you to desire less".

From "One Minute Wisdom" by Anthony de Mello

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 29 January 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

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Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: John & Marie Meier

Sun 11.30: Kay O'Brien Months Mind, John Dolan, Gertie Kiersey 3rd Ann.



The Sanctuary - Upcoming Events

Riana Walsh kick starts a Six Week Mindful Yoga Friday Class 10am - 11.20am on Friday 17/02/2017 at 10:00 am. This morning yoga course introduces participants to breath awareness practices and the experience of stillness.

Also, have you heard of the mindfulness module at Grangegorman DIT? The Sanctuary is delighted to announce a new course is being provided by the DIT School of Languages, Law and Social Sciences in cooperation with the DIT Chaplaincy Service. Commencing Tuesday 14th February 2017 the course will take place over a 3-hour session every Tuesday from 18:00 - 21:00 until the 2nd May. This course was designed and developed under the supervision of the Sanctuary.

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The Catholic Church & Schools

There's been a lot of talk about access to schools and the need for the Catholic Church to hand over schools to other patrons. The responsibility for handing on faith is not that of the Irish State, but of Parents and the Religious Communities they belong to. The teaching of religion in school, has from a Catholic point of view, been disastrous. That's not a reflection on teachers. Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, have to a large extent, become nothing more than social events. If teaching religion in school is such a bright idea then where are all the children and young people who have been through that process? It's time Catholic Parents and Communities took responsibility for handing on their faith. Only then is there a possibility that it will be something our young people will cherish. *Fr. Martin*

We are always looking for help. Give us a buzz on 01-5611390 at any time.

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