

St. Nicholas News

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JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH BEHIND BARS



A church in the US has voiced its opposition to an immigration policy introduced during the Trump administration by placing figurines of baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph "in detention". Leaders erected fencing around the statues on a lawn outside the Episcopal Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis to remind people the family was "homeless" when they

escaped King Herod's murderous plot by fleeing to Egypt. Dean and rector, Rev Stephen Carlsen said: "We will not stand by while children are being taken from their parents, and families are being taken from our communities and congregations. "People of good will and faith must not allow this to continue. "We must not be divided by race, language or culture, but reach out to care for our neighbours-because every family is sacred." Described as a "zero tolerance" approach, the policy was criticised for resulting in thousands of migrant children being separated from their parents at the United States' border with Mexico. Last month, President Donald Trump issued an executive order trying to ensure incoming families were not forcibly split up. Rev Lee Curtis, who had the idea for the demonstration, told NBC News: "Families, all families, every family, is holy, and we hope and pray that families who are seeking out a better life for their kids are afforded that opportunity."

NORTHERN IRELAND BANS GAY CONVERSION THERAPY



GPs in Northern Ireland have welcomed a Government move to ban "gay conversion" therapy. The controversial practice is to be banned under a new £4.5 million LGBT action plan outlined by the UK Government. It states: "We will consider all legislative and non-legislative options to prohibit promoting, offering or conducting conversion therapy." The Northern Ireland branch of The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) welcomed the move. RCGP chairwoman

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard said Northern Ireland GPs have been at the forefront of condemning conversion therapy. "GPs are highly trained experts in the whole body and mind, and the GP consultation is a safe space where our patients—regardless of their sexual orientation - are guaranteed a non-judgmental conversation during which the GP, working with the patient, will advise on the best care, tailored to them as an individual," she said. "The RCGP has been at the forefront in condemning conversion therapy. Indeed, we were the only medical Royal College to have co-signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2015, which was updated last year. "Our College in Northern Ireland has also won widespread acclaim for its pioneering guidelines on the care of LGBT patients. "Being LGBT is not a disease, it is not a mental illness and it doesn't need a 'cure'. Any proclamations to the contrary risk causing harm to our gay and trans patients' physical and mental health and well-being, as well as perpetuating discrimination in society."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly collection for the Local St. Vincent de Paul takes place next weekend 14/15 July.

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 01 July 2018

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p215
2nd Collection: p235
Pope's Charities: p65
Family Offering: p325



Remembered at Mass

Recently deceased

Ann Simpson, Fr. Eoin McCrystal

Sat 6pm: John Carroll,
Bridie Neville 11th ann,
Monsignor Dermot Clarke

Sun 11.30am: James Ellen &
Catherine O'Neill, Lisa Byrne,
Gertie Kiersey (birthday
remembrance)



GDPR

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation, was introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. We will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. On the website see the "Privacy Notice".



Ordination

Congratulations to Robert Smyth from the Parish of Knocklyon and his family and friends. Archbishop Martin ordained Robert a deacon in April of 2017. He was ordained a priest for service in the Archdiocese of Dublin on Friday

29th June (Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul) at 3pm in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral.



Faith for Life

Faith for Life is an adult faith course designed to help you to discover more energising and empowering ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world through relationships, family, home, workplaces and the events of daily life. It aims to help you to be more active, open, faithful, confident, trusting and willing to work for change. The Faith for Life course is experienced as a journey of four 'Movements' inviting you to explore the call you received in Baptism. The process for each weekend includes teaching, personal and group reflection, prayer and liturgy. The course is run over four weekends: 6/7 October 2018, 17/18 November 2018, 12/13 January 2019 and 23/24 February 2019. To apply, please contact the Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism at evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie. This course has been designed and is delivered through a partnership agreement between the Archdioceses of Dublin and Liverpool. Upon completion, participants will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement.



Liberties Festival

The Liberties Festival is back for its 48th year running from 18th to 22nd July at locations across the area. From modest beginnings in 1970, the Festival has grown to become a highlight of the summer in Dublin with a series of family-friendly, sporting and community events, and an exciting multi-cultural and arts programme encompassing visual art, film, dance, comedy, literature and music. The festival is run by SICCCA - the South Inner City Community Development Association - and sponsored by Dublin City Council and Diageo. !

14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

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

Psalm 122

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. R/

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy. R/

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. R/

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

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

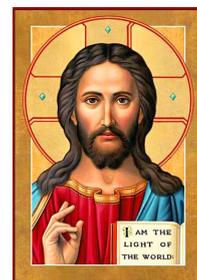
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia
The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.
Alleluia

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised- in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Even though it was the Master's Day of Silence a traveller begged for a word of wisdom that would guide him through life's journey. The Master nodded affably, took a sheet of paper and wrote a single word on it: "Awareness." The visitor was perplexed. "That's too brief. Would you please expand on it a bit?" The Master took the paper back and wrote: "Awareness, awareness, awareness." "But what do these words mean?" said the stranger helplessly. The Master reached out for the paper and wrote: "Awareness, awareness, awareness means AWARENESS"

'One Minute Wisdom' by Anthony de Mello