

St. Nicholas News

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INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY — CELEBRATED 08 MARCH



Clara Zetkin and
Rosa Luxemburg in 1910

The earliest Women's Day observance, called "National Woman's Day," was held on February 28, 1909 in New York, organized by the Socialist Party of America at the suggestion of Theresa Malkiel. Though there have been claims that the day was commemorating a protest by women garment workers in New York on March 8, 1857, researchers have described this as a myth. In August 1910, an International Socialist Women's Conference was organized to precede the general meeting of the Socialist Second International in Copenhagen, Denmark. Inspired in part by the American socialists, German Socialist Luise Zietz proposed the establishment of an annual Women's Day and was seconded by fellow socialist and later communist leader Clara Zetkin, supported by Käthe Duncker, although no date was specified at that conference. Delegates (100 women from 17 countries) agreed with the idea as a strategy to promote equal rights including suffrage for women. The following year on March 19, 1911,

IWD was marked for the first time, by over a million people in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. In the Austro-Hungarian Empire alone, there were 300 demonstrations. In Vienna, women paraded on the Ringstrasse and carried banners honouring the martyrs of the Paris Commune. Women demanded that they be given the right to vote and to hold public office. They also protested against employment sex discrimination. The Americans continued to celebrate National Women's Day on the last Sunday in February. Female members of the Australian Builders Labourers Federation march on International Women's Day 1975 in Sydney. In 1913 Russian women observed their first International Women's Day on the last Saturday in February (by the Julian calendar then used in Russia). In 1914 International Women's Day was held on March 8 in Germany, possibly because that day was a Sunday, and now it is always held on March 8 in all countries. The 1914 observance of the Day in Germany was dedicated to women's right to vote, which German women did not win until 1918. In London there was a march from Bow to Trafalgar Square in support of women's suffrage on March 8, 1914. Sylvia Pankhurst was arrested in front of Charing Cross station on her way to speak in Trafalgar Square. On March 8, 1917, on the Gregorian calendar, in the capital of the Russian Empire, Petrograd, women textile workers began a demonstration, covering the whole city. This marked the beginning of the February Revolution, which alongside the October Revolution made up the Russian Revolution. Women in Saint Petersburg went on strike that day for "Bread and Peace" - demanding the end of World War I, an end to Russian food shortages, and the end of czarism. Leon Trotsky wrote, "23 February (8th March) was International Woman's Day and meetings and actions were foreseen. But we did not imagine that this 'Women's Day' would inaugurate the revolution. Revolutionary actions were foreseen but without date. But in the morning, despite the orders to the contrary, textile workers left their work in several factories and sent delegates to ask for support of the strike... which led to mass strike... all went out into the streets." Seven days later, the Emperor of Russia, Nicholas II abdicated and the provisional Government granted women the right to vote. Following the October Revolution, the Bolshevik Alexandra Kollontai and Vladimir Lenin made it an official holiday in the Soviet Union, but it was a working day until 1965. On May 8, 1965 by the decree of the USSR Presidium of the Supreme Soviet International Women's Day was declared a non-working day in the USSR "in commemoration of the outstanding merits of Soviet women in communistic construction, in the defense of their Fatherland during the Great Patriotic War, in their heroism and selflessness at the front and in the rear, and also marking the great contribution of women to strengthening friendship between peoples, and the struggle for peace. But still, women's day must be celebrated as are other holidays." From its official adoption in Soviet Russia following the Revolution in 1917, the holiday was predominantly celebrated in communist countries and by the communist movement worldwide. It was celebrated by the communists in China from 1922. After the founding of the People's

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Money Matters

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this weekend. Thank you.**



Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Carmel Kent Months Mind, Henry Doherty First Ann, Austin, Peggy & Kevin Douglas, Jimmy Walsh, Margaret & Terence Doyle, Sean, Florrie, Annie, Joe, Kay, Tony & Kathleen Doyle, Harry Nolan, John Edge, Madge Nutley, Patty Kirkwood (Birth Remem), Kenneth Kirkwood 7th Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance.

Sun 11.30am: Roman Laussermayer (Recently Deceased), Mick Byrne, Dec Members O'Sullivan Family, Bernie Richardson (4th A), Bob Richardson (7th A)

Republic of China on October 1, 1949 the State Council proclaimed on December 23 that March 8 would be made an official holiday with women in China given a half-day off. Communist leader Dolores Ibárruri led a women's march in Madrid in 1936 on the eve of the Spanish Civil War. The United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day in the International Women's Year, 1975. In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly invited member states to proclaim March 8 as the UN Day for women's rights and world peace.



Life to Full Book Club

is now a monthly event. Join other young adults (20's and 30's) on April 4th 7 - 8:30pm in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay. We will be reflecting on Bear Gryll's



Meath Street Revamp

A public realm improvement scheme is planned for Meath Street. Businesses on the street and local residents attended the first consultation sessions in October. A draft plan for the street has now been prepared and Dublin City Council would like to invite interested parties to a follow-up consultation on Tuesday 12th March at 6pm in The Little Flower, 11 Meath Street. All welcome. This will be ahead of a formal Part VIII planning application for the scheme later in the spring.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall then take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me." 'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

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

Psalm 90

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'
R/

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. R/

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike

your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. R/

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. R/

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
Humankind does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: "He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you," and again, "They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone."' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Liberty is not the power of doing what we like, but the right to do what we ought.

Lord Acton