

# St. Nicholas News

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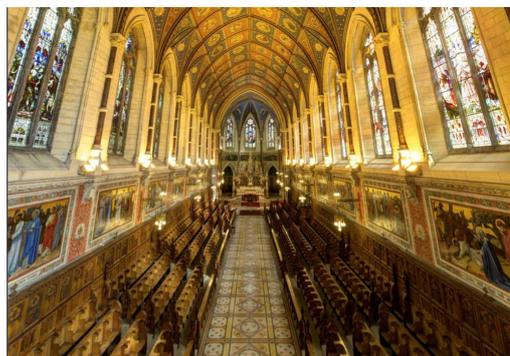
## JOINT STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP AND PRESIDENT MCI



The Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev Dr Michael Jackson, and the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Rev Dr Laurence Graham, have issued the following joint statement on the homelessness crisis: 'We welcome the Government's decision to convene an emergency housing summit this week to address the escalating homelessness

crisis. Our hopes and prayers are that all who are involved in these talks will devote their energy and efforts to finding an innovative, well thought out, structured resolution for all those who are most deeply affected by homelessness. 'While accepting that homelessness has many causes and there is no "one size fits all solution", we believe it is imperative that the Government takes the brave decisions needed to tackle the crisis that has been an increasing scandal for our country. The flow of families and individuals into homelessness must be addressed urgently. 'We express our sorrow at the recent deaths of people who have become homeless. We also continue to pray for all who are affected by homelessness and those who seek to serve them. We appeal for constructive compassion as a matter of extreme urgency.'

## LOWEST NUMBER OF TRAINEE PRIEST IN 222 YEARS OF MAYNOOTH



The number of trainees for the priesthood at Maynooth has dropped to a record low this year. Just six first year seminarians are expected to be enrolled when classes resume later this month, according to figures obtained by The Irish Catholic. The publication believes it is the lowest number on record in Maynooth's 222-year history. Responses from 25 of Ireland's 26 dioceses show that while 15 men have begun studying for Irish dioceses this year, many will be doing a so-called propaedeutic or

preparatory year before in anticipation of starting in the seminary in 2018. The drop in numbers at the national seminary follows the Archbishop of Dublin Diarmuid Martin's decision to send its apprentice priests to the Irish College in Rome. While the archbishop said he had "his own reasons" for the move it came amid growing unease over accusations of inappropriate behaviour among seminarians in Maynooth and claims some had been using the gay dating app Grindr. A spokesperson told The Irish Catholic it expects to have new seminarians and will confirm numbers this week. However, 15 dioceses have no new students either entering seminary or participating in the preparatory year. Last year a member of the Association of Catholic Priests warned Archbishop Martin's decision to transfer three seminarians to Rome could be extremely damaging to Maynooth. Fr. Brendan Hoban said it was "unfair" and said amid "consistent criticism" of St Patrick's College for being unorthodox or not traditional enough, the real issue of vocations was not being addressed. Founded in 1795, Maynooth College was once the largest seminary in the world. It was built to train 500 Catholic priests every year but numbers have plummeted to around 60 in recent years. Vocations had been expected to receive a boost following the ordination of former Manchester United footballer Philip Mulryne last year. Fr Mulryne, who is reported to have once earned £600,000 a year as a professional footballer, returned to St Oliver Plunkett in Lenadoon in west Belfast for a special Mass just two days after he was ordained into the Dominican Order in Dublin. He went to the Pontifical Irish College, in Rome to study theology for one year at the Gregorian University before entering the Dominican Novitiate House in Cork in 2012.

## NOTICES

### Money Matters

Sunday 03 September 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p195  
2nd Collection: p205  
Share: p45  
Family Offering: p496



### Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Rita O'Hanlon (1st ann), Frank & Annette O'Hanlon, Christina & Jimmy Caren

Sun 11.30am: John McDonnell (Month's Mind), Jane & Jimmy Tynan, James Ryder.



### St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the local St. Vincent de Paul Society takes place after masses this weekend. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your continued support for those in our parish who are struggling to get by.



### Manresa Retreat Centre

Movies that Matter's Autumn Series presents 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. The Film for September "Sully". The story of Captain Sullenberger's emergency landing of a US Airways flight in January 2009 on the Hudson River also explores the subsequent publicity and investigation 7:30 pm Wednesday 6 Sept 2017.

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, 426 Clontarf Road, Dollymount, Dublin 3. Telephone 01 833 1352 www.manresa.ie

*Culture Night Friday 22 September. Help welcome people to our church. (5pm - 10pm) 01-5611390*

## Iveagh Market

The iconic Iveagh Market has lain idle and dilapidated for over 20 years as a proposed redevelopment of the historic market hall and adjoining sites has failed to materialise. A motion at the September meeting of Dublin City Council called for the Council to begin proceedings to take back ownership of the market so that alternative plans for the site can be devised. The Iveagh Market dates from 1906 when it was built by Lord Iveagh to accommodate street traders from Patrick Street, who had been affected by the development of the Iveagh Trust housing and St Patrick's Park. The indoor market hall included a 'wet hall' for food and a 'dry hall' for household goods and clothes. The building was designed by Fredrick Hicks in a neo-classical style and its best known for its decorative keystone heads along the front colonnade. The market was transferred to the then Dublin Corporation on a 99 year lease. In the 1990s, with the market in decline and the building requiring significant investment, the Iveagh Market closed and a redevelopment was sought.



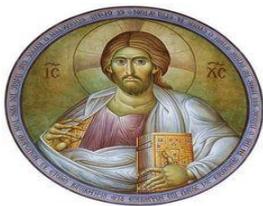
## Plant Me!

Dublin City Council's latest community allotment is ready to go. The new site is located off South Earl Street and includes 17 raised bed allotments. The site is part of the known extent of the Abbey of St Thomas, which is the genesis of The Liberties we know today.



## Lough Derg

A Day of Friendship & Prayer: Come along on Wednesday 13th September and experience a day of friendship & prayer - Arrival 10:30am / Departure 3:00pm. This ecumenical day of friendship & prayer is an opportunity to gather as a Christian pilgrim family. Guest Speaker - Revd Dr Isaac Thompson, Minister Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church, Cookstown, Co Tyrone. Keynote address 12.00 noon followed by Prayer Service and a light lunch. Advance booking is essential. Tel. 071 9861518 (0035371 9861518) Email info@loughderg.org



## 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### A reading from The Prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

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

## Psalm 94 O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

O Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. R/

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. R/

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R/

### Gospel Acclamation: Jn 17: 17.

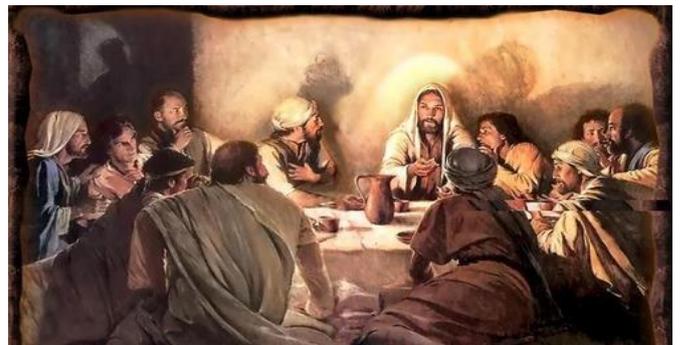
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

### A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, is between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To the disciples who were always asking for words of wisdom the Master said, "Wisdom is not expressed in words. It reveals itself in action." But when he saw them plunge headlong into activity, he laughed aloud and said, "That isn't action. That's motion."

*From "One Minute Wisdom" by Anthony de Mello*