

# St. Nicholas News

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## BULLIES AMONG CLERGY BROUGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH DOWN



The bullying of the people by some clergy played a greater role in Catholic church decline in Ireland than clerical child sexual abuse, a leading Dominican priest has said. "They had little or no respect for individual people - and not just for minors," said Fr Tom Jordan, editor of Spirituality magazine. Referring in the current issue to a remark by an unnamed "acute observer of the church in Ireland," he said "the failure of the church in recent times was due not so much to the abysmal behaviour by some clergy in sexually abusing minors but

that some clergy were bullies." One of the glaring deficiencies of church practice in recent times was the failure of leadership to respect the individual. "Consider the number of priests silenced or removed from office because of their expressed views, and without being afforded an opportunity of defending themselves." This is understood to be a reference to the five Irish priests disciplined over recent years by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome. He said there were also members of religious orders, who professed obedience to a fraternal and democratic way of living, who were ignored and disrespected by those elected to lead. "Failure to respect the individual undermines the whole organisation and leads to paralysis of mission, and weakens the mandate and witness of the church." Respect was "due to all because all are made in the image of God," he said. Recent events worldwide focused attention "on the reality and quality of leadership," he said. In the West one could be forgiven for asking "where has it all gone wrong?" he said. An exception was Pope Francis, widely recognised as "a good man driven by the basic insights of the gospel of Jesus Christ - mercy, justice, peace, love, reconciliation," he said.

Article Courtesy Patsy McGarry, Irish Times

## FINDING FAITH IN IRELAND

St. Paul's Church will host an ecumenical study event on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Smithfield, Dublin 7 on Finding Faith in Ireland. This study, commissioned by Christ in Youth and carried out by Barna Group is one of the most detailed research projects to examine Irish teenagers and young adults, with a specific emphasis on their faith, worries and perceptions of Christianity. Anchored in unique qualitative and quantitative studies, *Finding Faith in Ireland* reveals new data about the beliefs, concerns and ambitions of Irish youth. There is fascinating results in regard to how young Irish people see and relate to the Church; along with revelations from in-depth interviews and surveys which unearth the importance of how spiritual mentors and Christian events play a significant role in the development of faith in Irish young people and young adults. RSVP to [jasper.rutherford@ciy.com](mailto:jasper.rutherford@ciy.com) to confirm your place.

## NOVEMBER MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The November Mass of Remembrance will take place on Thursday 02 November at 7.30pm here in St. Nicholas of Myra. This is an opportunity to remember all those belong to our parish, who have died in the last year. Families who have been bereaved will receive a special invitation. Of course everyone is welcome to attend, to commemorate those belong to you who have died whether recently or in the past.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

World Meeting of Families are seeking to hire for the following roles: Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Programme, Administrative Assistant to Speaker Programm, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, Finance Assistant, Exhibition Sales Coordinator, Event Services and Logistics Coordinator. The job descriptions and information are available on our website: <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs/>

Monthly Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul this Weekend

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## NOTICES

### Money Matters

Sunday 08 October 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p260  
2nd Collection: p280  
Share: p50  
Family Offering: p350



### Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Sr. Dympna (Month's Mind), Teresa Barden (1st Ann), Albert Barden, Tommy Butler, Veronica Devey (40th Ann), Peter Byrne.

Sun 11.30am: Esther Lyons (16th Ann), Teresa Ebbs, Geoff O'Rourke, Michael, Alice O'Rourke, John & Carmel McDonald, Michael Edmonds,, Eileen, Jack & John Murphy, Brendan Gorman (14th Ann)



### South West Inner City Local Policing Forum

the next meeting of the South West Inner City Local Policing Forum has been agreed. Details are: Date: Thursday 19 October at 7.30p.m. in St. Catherine's Church, Thomas Street.



### Mission Sunday

On Sunday, 22 October, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special Mission Sunday collection. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas missions. Mass to mark the day will be televised on RTE 1 on 22nd October 11.00am.



### Sal Solo

'We Can Change the World, Dublin, 15-17 October' As lead singer for British band *Classix Nouveaux* in the 1980s, Sal Solo toured the world, giving concerts in numerous countries.

After Classix Nouveaux he had a UK Top 20 Hit with *San Damiano*. In 1991, he began to release specifically Christian music. Sal has previously performed and visited many parishes in Dublin. He is an inspiring performer and someone who can reflect on the message of the Gospel for today. Sal Solo will be visiting:

St. Michan's in Halston Street on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon Mass where he will give a presentation *We Can Change the World*.

Knockmitten Church on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for an evening of music and inspiration

Holy Rosary Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for an evening of music and inspiration presenting *We Can Change the World*. All events are free.



## It's An Open House

A great weekend of events is fast approaching with the annual Open House Dublin jamboree of architecture taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> October. The Liberties is well represented in this year's programme and there are exciting treats such as the newly restored 10 Mill Street and Warrenmount House to visit, while a number of walking tours take place in the area including Stages for Salvation and Coombe Housing. More info see:

<http://libertiesdublin.ie/open-house-dublin-2017-13th-15th-october/>



## 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; The Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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

### Psalm 22

#### Remember your mercy, Lord

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me  
repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my  
drooping spirit. R/

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of  
darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. R/

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed  
with oil; my cup is overflowing. R/

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life In the Lord's own house shall I  
dwell for ever and ever. R/

### A reading from the letter to the Philippians

4:12-14. 19-20

If I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

### Gospel Acclamation: Ephesians 1:17.18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

#### A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding". So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth". For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To a man who hesitated to embark on the spiritual quest for fear of the effort and renunciation the Master said: "How much effort and renunciation does it take to open one's eyes and see.

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