

# St. Nicholas News

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## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



Pope Francis reminded pilgrims gathered in Saint Peter's Square on Sunday 11 November about the second World Day of the Poor on Sunday 18 November. He said that a First Aid station will be set up in St Peter's Square where those in need can receive medical care. He also shared his hope that the day will encourage greater attention to the needs of the least and the marginalized. In his message released for the 2nd World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis said we live in a

world "which praises, follows and imitates those who have power and riches, while at the same time marginalizing the poor and considering them an object of shame." The theme chosen for this year's message is "This poor man cried and the Lord heard him". It comes on the heels of the 1st World Day of the Poor which was established by Pope Francis at the conclusion of the extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy and fixed for the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Pointing out that the World Day of the Poor "wishes to be a small answer which the whole Church, spread throughout the world, gives to the poor of every type and in every land, the Pope pointed out that "often it is the case that cooperation with other enterprises, moved not by faith but by human solidarity, enable us to give assistance which by ourselves would have been impossible. He also spoke of the need to be humble and put aside all forms of protagonism: "Dialogue among the different forms of experience and humility in giving freely of our collaboration, without seeking the limelight, is an adequate and fully evangelical response which we can all give". In his message, the Pope also examined the roots of poverty saying it is not brought on by itself, "but is caused by selfishness, pride, greed and injustice". "These are evils, he said, as old as man himself, but also sins in which the innocents are caught up, leading to consequences on the social level which are dramatic". The Lord, the Pope affirmed, "listens to the poor", He listens to those "who are downtrodden in their dignity and yet have the strength to look up in order to receive light and comfort. He listens to those who are persecuted in the name of a false justice, oppressed by policies unworthy of the name and intimidated by violence." He commented on how so many of our brothers and sisters today find themselves on paths that lead to forms of precariousness: "The lack of basic means of subsistence, marginalization stemming from a reduced capacity to work owing to ill-health, the various forms of social slavery, notwithstanding the progress made by humankind". Pope Francis concluded his message pointing out that often it is the poor themselves who undermine our indifference and said that "the cry of the poor is also a cry of hope which manifests the certainty of being liberated".

### Prayer for the Poor

God of Justice,  
open our eyes  
to see you in the face of the poor.  
Open our ears  
to hear you in the cries of the exploited.  
Open our mouths  
to defend you in the public squares  
as well as in private deeds.  
Remind us that what we do  
to the least ones,  
we do to you. Amen



### POPE FRANCIS TO VISIT MOROCCO

He will make a two-day apostolic visit to Morocco next year. Accepting an invitation from Moroccan King Mohammed VI, the Pope will visit the cities of Rabat and Casablanca on March 30-31, the Vatican said in a statement released. The news became public earlier when Vincenzo Abbinante, Italian honorary consul to the Kingdom of Morocco, said that government authorities were coordinating preparations with the Vatican.

## NOTICES

### Money Matters

Sunday 11 November 2018

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p235  
2nd Collection: p285  
St. Vincent de Paul: p575  
Family Offering: p470



### Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Brendan Leahy (Months Mind), Patrick Tuite, Dessie, Betty & Peter Walsh & Dec Members, Alice & Peter Pringle, Margie & Nick Healy, Joe & Lena Walsh & Grandson Glen, Tommy Grendan, Frederick & Georgina & Yvonne Alford, Malcolm Dixon, William Tobin (10th Ann), Catherine Mc Cabe, Bill Meleady

Sun 11.30am: Christopher & Josephine Hughes, Christina & Michael Phillips & son Anthony, Anthony Malone (5th Ann) Margaret Malone



### A Little Lifetime Foundation

On Sunday 02 December, here in St. Nicholas of Myra, ALLF will hold an inter-faith service for all bereaved parents, starting at 7pm. Whether you have been recently bereaved or it is some time ago, you are more than welcome to attend.



### Walk of Light 2018

"Encounter- Engage - Empower"  
An ecumenical inter-church journey from St. Ann's Church, Dawson St., on to St. Teresa's, Clarendon Street and ending at Adelaide Rd. Presbyterian Church. Come and join us in pilgrimage on Sunday, 25 November from 4:00pm until 6:30pm, if even for part of the journey, welcoming Christ who enlightens our darkness.

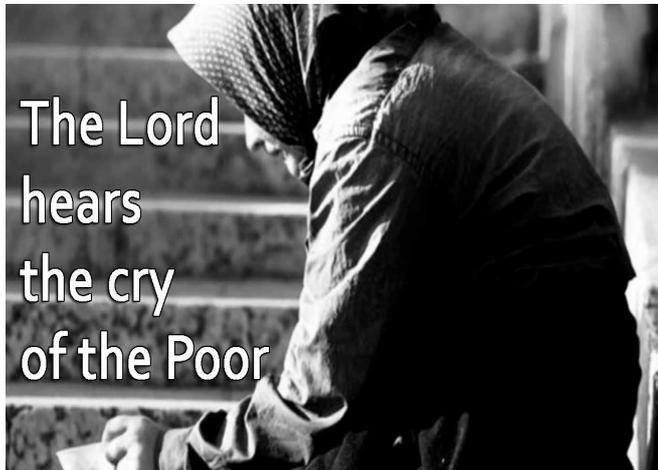
## Volunteers Needed

'Aware' is the national organisation providing support, education and information services for those affected by depression, bipolar and other mood related conditions. Aware is currently recruiting volunteers across four services - Support Line, Support Mail, Support & Self Care Groups and Life Skills Online. No prior qualifications or experience is required, as comprehensive training, ongoing support and education will be provided by the organisation. For more information on each opportunity, please visit: <https://www.aware.ie/volunteering/> or phone Emma on 01 2374926.



## Upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting Event

On Tuesday 27th November, the Cornmarket Christmas Tree will be officially lit by the Lord Mayor with carols and festive cheer. The event starts at 6pm and is followed by refreshments at nearby St Audoen's School. All are welcome!



## 33rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

### A reading from the Prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

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

### Psalm 15

**Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord  
ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall  
stand firm. R/

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. R/

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence  
at your right hand happiness for ever. R/

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews

By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Stay awake, and stand ready, because you do not know the  
hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia

### A reading from the Gospel of Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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

### A THOUGHT

God of love and forgiveness  
Save us by your tenderness  
From each deed of evilness  
From each act of sinfulness  
From each thought of carelessness  
From each idea of wickedness  
From each word of hurtfulness  
Save us by your tenderness  
God of love and forgiveness.

*From 'Women Included'*

**Church opens: 9.30am - 12noon, Mon, Tues, Weds, Friday, Sat(5pm-7pm), Thurs: 9.30am - 11am, Sun: 10am - 12.15pm**