

St. Nicholas News

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WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



This Sunday, November 19th marks the first World Day of the Poor, which Pope Francis called for at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. On Sunday morning in St Peter's Basilica, some four thousand poor and needy people, accompanied by volunteers from Italy, France, Spain, Brussels, Luxembourg and Poland will take part in a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. Following the

Eucharist, 1.500 of the visitors will be invited to lunch in the adjacent Paul VI Hall, while the other 2.500 guests will be taken to lunch in some of the Catholic colleges, seminaries and charitable organisations in the vicinity of the Vatican. Those dining in the Paul VI Hall will be served a meal of gnocchi with tomato sauce and veal stew with vegetables, plus tiramisu and coffee for desert, all prepared by papal chef Sergio Dussin from Bassano del Grappa in Italy's northern Veneto region. The Vatican police band and a children's choir will provide background music for the festive lunch, which has been organised in collaboration with a number of local charity organisations and parishes.

Here in Dublin Archbishop Martin is seeking practical support for a Parish Food Appeal on December 2nd and 3rd for the Crosscare Foodbanks. Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items. This year we are asking that collections be held on one weekend only. This will allow us to distribute hampers in good time for Christmas to hundreds of families. We have identified items that are most needed at this time: These include

- ◆ Shampoo & Hygiene Products
- ◆ Soups
- ◆ Tinned meats
- ◆ Seasonal Biscuits
- ◆ Cleaning Products

On the weekend of 2nd and 3rd December, please remember those who are struggling, when you're doing your weekly shop. Buy some of the above items and bring them along to the church. We will arrange with Crosscare to have the goods collected and distributed to those most in need.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



The Christmas Tree Festival will be launched on Friday December 1 at a ticketed event. The Festival which will run throughout December and until the end of the first week in January. Christmas Festival Family Nights will be held on the evenings of December 20 to 22 after Evensong with the Cathedral open to the public from 18.15 -

21.00 free of charge on these nights. The trees and wreaths will be displayed throughout the building.

AN COSÁN VCC OPEN DAY IN DUBLIN 8

Local community education provider An Cosan VCC is holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 21st November from 3-6pm. Local community and organisations are invited to pop in to find out more about its programmes. You will be able to see how an online class works and get further details on our full range of programmes. Click on the link below to view its 2017/2018 programme prospectus. More details at www.ancosanvcc.com

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm here in St. Nicholas of Myra - stick it in your Diary! All are welcome. Spread the word.

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 12 November 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

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2nd Collection: p270
Mission Sunday: p60
Family Offering: p605



Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Lena & Joe Walsh & Grandson Glen Walsh, Dessie & Betty Walsh & Peter Walsh, Alice & Peter Pringle, Tom Grendan (14th ann), Margie & Mick Healy, Frederick Alford.

Sun 11.30am: Josephine & Christopher Hughes, Christina & Michael Phillips & son Anthony, Anthony Malone (4th ann), Deceased members of Legion of Mary World wide and the Ancilla Domini Curia.

A Little Lifetime Foundation (ALLF)

Archbishop Diarmuid Main will celebrate the ALLF Annual Christmas Service of Remembrance in St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Francis Street, Dublin 8 on Sunday 3rd December at 7.00pm. The Garda Male Voice Choir will also attend. We will remember in a special way at a time of the year all who are facing their first Christmas without their baby. Please come along and feel the unique presence of companionship, support, and love.



St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the VdP will take place after masses this weekend 18/19 November.



Rialto Football Club

The annual mass in memory of the deceased members of the Rialto

Football Club takes place in the Oblates, Mary Immaculate Church Inchicore, on Sat 25th November at 7pm.



Community Employment Coffee Morning

Wednesday November 22nd, The Wisdom Centre Sophia Housing 25 Cork St., 11:00 - 13:00.



Dublin Gallery Weekend

23rd to 26th November. Participating galleries in Dublin 8 include the Irish Museum of Modern Art, the National College of Art and Design Gallery, Kevin Kavanagh Gallery, Cross Gallery/NAG. Pallas Projects + Studio and Mother's Tankstation on Watling Street. You can also join a curated walking tour of galleries in the area on Saturday 25th November. www.dublinalgallerymap.ie.

33rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

A reading from the book of Proverbs 31:

A perfect wife—who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

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

Psalm 127 O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. R/

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. R/

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R/

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a

thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you,
says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, with me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 25:1-13

The Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third is one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness". Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness". Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Master sat through the complaints a man had about his wife. Finally he said, "Your marriage would be a happier one, if you were a better husband. "And how can I be that". "By giving up your efforts to make her a better wife".

From One Minute Wisdom by Anthony de Mello