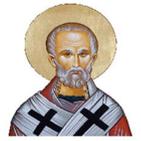


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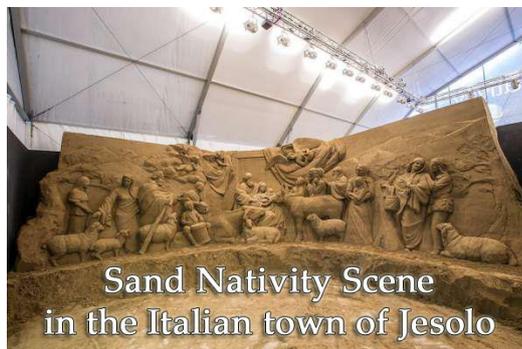
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VATICAN CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SCENE TO BE MADE OUT OF SAND



Pope The Vatican's nativity scene will be a little bit different this year. In a departure from the traditional Neapolitan or Maltese figures of recent years, the scene of Christ's birth will be entirely sculpted from sand. Beginning Nov. 17, four artists are beginning their work in St. Peter's Square, crafting nearly 46,000 cubic feet of sand, equal to around 700 tons, into a grand

"Sand Nativity." The creators, who have been sculpting sand nativities in the Italian town of Jesolo for years, say on their website that the Goal is "to build the largest sand nativity in Christendom in the centre of Rome in order to provide moments of authentic and joyful contemplation to all those who love Christmas." A partnership between the mayor of Jesolo and Patriarch Francesco Moraglia of Venice is what brought the famous sand sculptures to the Vatican for Christmas 2018. The Jesolo sand, as it is called, was brought to the square from the Dolomites, a mountain range in northeastern Italy near Jesolo. The four sculptors who will transform the shapeless mounds into the traditional figures of Jesus' birth hail from Holland, Russia, the Czech Republic, and the United States. Phase one of construction will begin with a large pyramid of sand; spaces will then be dug into the sides and the sand compacted. A few days later, a protective structure will be built around the sand. The true sculpting phase will begin Nov. 21 and go until the first week of December. In the final 48 hours, which will be Dec. 5-6, the final touches will be placed, before the big reveal Dec. 7, the same day as the annual lighting ceremony of the St. Peter's Square Christmas tree. The tradition to have a tree in St. Peter's Square was begun by Pope St. John Paul II in 1982. This year's tree comes from the Forest of Cansiglio in northern Italy, which is near the Dolomites.



Sand Nativity Scene
in the Italian town of Jesolo

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 18 November 2018

Thank you for your contributions.

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Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Mary Deasy Celebrating 96th Birthday, Mary & James & Billy Murphy, Patrick Brennan, Annie & Leo Mahony & Family, James & Jane Tynan (Birth Remembrance), Mary O'Donnell, Harry & Sandra Nolan, Mary McCarthy

Sun 11.30am: Patricia & Frederick Kinsella, Henry & Elizabeth Connell, Esther Boland, Letitia Maguire, Tommy O'Neill (10th Ann) Phyllis Colohan (9th Ann)
Recently Deceased: Bridie Whelan



Annual Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul will take place on the weekend of the 09-10th December. This collection will be taken up in the church. This is a really important collection for our St. Vincent de Paul as it provides a great deal of their annual income. Please keep it in mind, as preparations for Christmas get under way.



Annual Crosscare Food Appeal

will take place next weekend. The following items are particularly welcome: Toiletries and cleaning products, Non-perishable food, Festive foods. When you're doing your shopping for next weekend please buy a few extra items to donate. All these items will be distributed by Crosscare to families in need around the Dublin Diocese.

CHURCH LEADERS CALL FOR RESPECT IN THE BREXIT DEBATE

The leaders of the main churches in Ireland have urged public representatives to "weigh their words carefully" and respect the views of people on both sides of the Brexit debate. British Prime Minister Theresa May is to hold further Brexit talks in Brussels on Saturday, hours before a special summit is scheduled to sign off on the European Union withdrawal agreement. The political declaration is expected to include language on Northern Ireland and the Border that will reflect Mrs May's promise to explore technological solutions as an alternative to the backstop. Taoiseach Leo Varadkar expressed the hope in the Dáil on Wednesday that European Union leaders will sign off on the agreement. In a joint statement issued by the main churches on Wednesday night, leaders said "relationships between the people of this island, both North and South, and between the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom, have improved and deepened immeasurably over the past thirty or so years". "This atmosphere of mutual respect, understanding and growing friendship has been the positive background against which many significant developments have taken place – ceasefires, political accommodation, increased connectedness and rising prosperity for many. "It is important that we acknowledge the legitimate aspirations of those who voted to leave the European Union and those who voted to remain."

Courtesy Irish Times



Christmas Reconciliation Service

The main Christmas Reconciliation Service takes place on Tuesday 18th December at 7.30pm here in St. Nicholas of Myra. Please mark it in your 'diary'. For those who may not wish to come out at night there will be a Reconciliation Service on Monday 17th December at 3pm.



November Draw Results

1st	€400	No. 64 Karen c/o M Malone
2nd	€150	No. 89 A Hogan
3rd	€10	No. 47 Anthony Monaghan
4th	€10	No. 73 Gerard Dean
5th	€10	No. 11 Dermot Whelan
6th	€10	No. 12 Pauline Fields
7th	€10	No. 37 Margaret Bradley



'New Look' At the Beauty Salon

One Word 'WOW' - David McCarthy Hair and Beauty Salon has completed the rebranding, interior and exterior decoration



and is looking superb. The Liberties most beautiful Hair Salon is famed as one of Dublin's best and now has to rank as one of the prettiest in Dublin. In Picture - R to L Jane Hogan, Abbie Grogan, Cathy Hogan, Gerri Wade, Arti (beautician), Catherine Farrington and David McCarthy (proprietor). Congratulations to all on a job well done.

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34th SUNDAY: CHRIST THE KING

A reading from the Prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men and women of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

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

Psalm 92

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has

robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. R/

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. R/

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. R/

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

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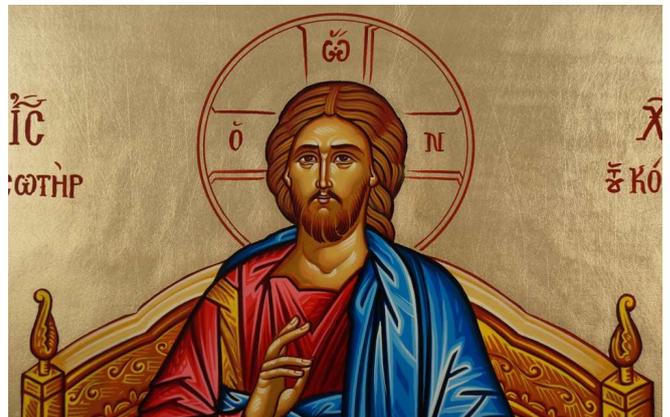
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia

A reading from the Gospel of John

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then? said Pilate. 'It is you who say it,' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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



"To Serve and not to be Served"