

# St. Nicholas News

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## A CITY UNITED IN GRIEF AND HOPE



### A PRAYER FOR MANCHESTER

God of compassion,  
you are at the side of all who undergo  
the cruelty of human violence.

We entrust to you the victims of the terror attack  
in Manchester and their families.

Deeply disturbed by the incomprehensible sufferings  
of the innocent across the world,  
we believe that the words of Jesus, Your Son,  
words of love, mercy and hope, will never pass away.

So we implore you: send consolation and healing,  
grant us your peace, may your kingdom come.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## TRINITY COLLEGE - STUDY OF WORKING MEMORY

Participants Needed for Study of Working Memory in People Aged 55 plus. We would like to invite you to take part in a study in Trinity College, investigating brain activity associated with working memory. Participants will be asked to attend a 30-minute interview in Trinity College Dublin to take a short survey and a simple memory test. Everyone who completes this interview will receive €20 with the possibility of receiving a further €60 if you are invited back for a second, 2-hour testing session. This second session this will involve completing some simple tasks on a computer screen while brain activity is measured.

We are looking for people with all levels of working memory, so whether you have photographic memory or feel your memory might not be the best, we would love to hear from you!

Participants must:

- Be 55 or older
- Have no personal or family history of epilepsy or unexplained fainting
- Have no personal history of neurological/psychiatric illness
- Have no personal history of migraine
- Have no personal history of substance abuse/alcoholism
- Have no sensitivity to flickering light

If you are interested, please email Cian Judd (cjudd@tcd.ie) or Kevin Walsh (walshk11@tcd.ie) or telephone (01) 896 8405.

## NOTICES

### Money Matters

Sunday 21 May 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: €370  
2nd Collection: €415  
Share: €30  
Family Offering: €280



### Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Sean Mahony, John Meier, John Hennessy, James & Sally O'Leary, Lily & Hughie Holmes, and the deceased members of the Holmes, Phillips & Doyle Families.

Sun 11.30: Baby Catherine O'Neill, Rosaleen Serge 25th Anniv, Eileen, Jack & John Murphy



### Confirmation Celebration

On Thursday 01 June at 11am, 53 young people from our three primary schools will be confirmed by the Episcopal Vicar Fr. Enda Cunningham. On Tuesday evening they will gather with their parents, families and sponsors to celebrate the Ceremony of Light at 7pm here in St. Nicholas of Myra. Let us keep them and their families in our prayer.



### Concert

on Sunday 28th May at 8pm in St. Agnes' Church, Crumlin in aid of "Debra Ireland". This is a society which helps people born with a very painful genetic skin condition. Contact Tom 087 7405018 or Susan 087 2244048. All welcome.



### Old Angels Memory Garden

This special Blessing of Remembrance organised by A

Little Lifetime Foundation for the 28th May at 3.00pm is for all parents, family members and friends whose baby is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a baby who died shortly after birth. We extend a warm invitation to families whose baby is buried in other cemeteries and hope that they will find some comfort in coming together to remember their baby in a special way. If you need any further information about our Service please do not hesitate to contact us on 01 8829030.



### Egypt Coptic Christians killed in bus attack

Gunmen have attacked a bus carrying Coptic Christians in central Egypt, killing at least 28 people and wounding 25 others, officials say. The bus was travelling to the Monastery of St Samuel the Confessor, 135km (85 miles) south of Cairo, from Minya province when it came under fire. No group immediately said it was behind the attack. But Islamic State (IS) militants have targeted Copts several times in recent months, and vowed to do so again. Between eight and 10 gunmen wearing military uniforms attacked the convoy, officials cited witnesses as saying. The gunmen then fired at the vehicles with automatic weapons before fleeing in three 4x4 vehicles, they added. Minya Province Bishop Makarios said many of the victims were shot at point blank range.

## SUNDAY LITURGY - ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth'. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky

when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

### Psalm 46 Alleluia!

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. R/
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. R/
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

### Gospel Acclamation: Mt 28: 19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The Master was strolling with some of his disciples along the bank of a river.

He said, "See how the fish keep darting about wherever they please. That's what they really enjoy."

A stranger overhearing that remark said, "How do you know what fish enjoy? You're not a fish."

The disciples gasped at what they took for impudence. The Master smiled at what he recognized as a fearless spirit of enquiry.

He replied affably, "And you, my friend, how do you know I am not a fish? You are not I."

The disciples laughed taking this to be a well-deserved rebuff. Only the stranger was struck by its depth.

All day he pondered it, then came to the monastery to say, "Maybe you are not as different from the fish as I thought.

Or I from you.

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