

St. Nicholas News

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POPE UNDERSCORES NEED FOR A WORLD FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS



Pope Francis sent a tweet on Monday 1 August stressing that the world needs to move towards "real dialogue" for peace and stability rather than using nuclear weapons as a "balance of terror" that only provides a false sense of security. He stressed once again that the "use of nuclear weapons as well as their mere possession is immoral." The use of #NuclearWeapons, as well as their mere possession,

is immoral. Trying to defend and ensure stability and peace through a false sense of security and a "balance of terror" ends up poisoning relationships between peoples and obstructs real dialogue. #NPTRevCon - Pope Francis His tweet above made reference to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, or Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which is currently being reviewed in New York. The pandemic caused a delay in the review, which was previously scheduled for 2020. The Non-Proliferation Treaty features three pillars of nonproliferation, disarmament, and peaceful uses of nuclear energy and is seen as a key international instrument for promoting nuclear non-proliferation. It came into force in 1970 and today has 191 States party to the treaty. The NPT has aimed to prevent other states from acquiring nuclear weapons as well as reductions in nuclear weapons stockpiles. Every five years a review process takes place, called RevCon, to review current progress and set future goals. In June Pope Francis addressed a message read out at the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), when he renewed his call for an end to war and to the causes of conflict, and reaffirmed that the use, and even possession, of nuclear weapons is immoral. On that occasion, the Pope praised the "courageous vision" of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons saying it "appears ever more timely." The TPNW aims at achieving and maintaining a nuclearweapons-free world. It went into effect in January 2021. To date, 65 states have ratified or acceded to the Treaty, although no nuclear-armed countries have done so.

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK

National Heritage Week 2022 runs from 13th to 21st August and as ever features a packed and fascinating programme of events and activities to help you to discover and celebrate our wonderful built and natural heritage. Run by the Heritage Council, the week's event are free and open to all the family. It's a great way to get out and rediscover your beautiful capital city and its history. Among the events close to home in The Liberties and surrounds are:

18th August: The Liberties Cultural Association and members of Saint Catherine's Church will give guided tours and talks on the history of this architectural gem on Thomas Street every half an hour from 6.30 to 8.30 pm.

All week: Explore the wonderful Marsh's Library with special guided tours each morning at 11am (expect Sunday and Mondays when the Library is closed) or visit at your own pace between 9.30pm and 5pm.

15th August: Join Christ Church Research Advisor Stuart Kinsella for a lunchtime tour of Christ Church Cathedral and grounds. Explore the building's fascinating 1000 year history with the man who knows more about it than anyone else!

Notices

Remembered in Prayer

Saturday 6pm
Pauline Gray (4th A)
Debbie Finn
Margaret & Paddy Doyle
Terry McQuaid (Birthday)
Bishop James Kavanagh (20th A)

Sunday 11.30am
Tom Reilly (90th Birthday)
Fr. Con Curley (17th A)
Emma Byrne (4th A)
Margaret Francoise
Patrick Kavanagh (25th A)
Bridget Kavanagh
Liam Stynes (Birthday)
John McDonnell (5th A)
Catherine McDonnell (33rd A)
Melissa Whyte & family
William Cullen & deceased family



The Digital Hub

The future of The Digital Hub looks more secure as the agency which runs the tech cluster has announced an agreement with the Government that should allow its operations to continue until 2030. An announcement in April 2021 suggested that the Hub would be wound down and its landholding and assets would transfer to the Land Development Agency (LDA), which proposes to develop the nearly 6-acre campus for housing and other uses. The Digital Hub will host tenant companies until at least 2025.



Domestic Violence

Women's Aid: 1800341900
Male Domestic Abuse:
1800816588
Rape Crisis Centre:
1800778888

NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Penitential Rite

Our God is with us always, in each moment of our lives. Let us rejoice in that eternal presence.

You challenge us to live each moment to the full.
Lord have mercy

You challenge us to be hopeful even in moments of pain and difficulty. Christ have mercy

You challenge us to be compassionate in the face of injustice. Lord have mercy

May our loving and creative Lord, who is present to us in each moment of our lives, forgive us our sin and bring us to the joy of his love. Amen

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-12

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

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

Luke 12: 32-40

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Prayer of the Faithful

Lord God of Love and tender care, you are present to us in every moment of our lives. We praise and thank you. Lord hear us.

Lord Jesus, by the example of your own life you show us what is true and good. We praise and thank you. Lord hear us.

Holy Spirit, you guide us to live our lives creatively and generously in the present moment; to be present to ourselves and others. We praise and thank you. Lord hear us.

Give us courage Lord, to make your Kingdom a reality in the present. May our lives inspire others to seek the treasure of your Love. Lord hear us.

We remember with joy and thanksgiving those who have died and all they have contributed to our lives. May their memory inspire us to be more faithful to the gospel. Lord hear us.

In quiet, let us put aside our own needs and call to mind those who need our prayer and support..... Lord hear us

Reflection

In the eternal world, all is one. In spiritual space there is no distance. In eternal time there is no segmentation into today, yesterday or tomorrow. In eternal time all is now; time is presence. I believe that this is what eternal life means: it is a life where all that we seek, goodness, unity, beauty, truth and love, are no longer distant from us but are now completely present with us.

John O'Donohue