



Feast of the Trinity – 26 May 2024

HOSPITALITY RATHER THAN HOSTILITY



Eugene Quinn, National Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service in Ireland, and Fr Niall Leahy SJ have been speaking publicly about the current immigration crisis in Ireland. Their overall message is that immigrants need to be treated with hospitality not hostility. Dublin's Grand Canal became home to an encampment of almost 100 tents. They were moved on and some had pitched up in Ringsend but were asked to leave by locals and did so.

Speaking on the Breakfast News programme on Newstalk that morning Eugene Quinn said » the problems for asylum seekers had been exacerbated by the relatively recent government policy of not offering accommodation to new arrivals. He said the tent crisis would continue until this policy was addressed. He called for a sustained and realistic policy plan that would see the provision of other types of accommodation for migrants such as pre-fabs and cabins on state land. Acknowledging that Irish people had been extraordinarily generous in their welcoming of migrants and asylum seekers he said that there were genuine fears among some people that had to be addressed and that good communication with local communities was imperative. Speaking to The Irish Catholic, Niall Leahy SJ, Parish Priest of Gardiner St Church, commented on the kindness and enthusiasm he has seen with migrants in Ireland "One thing I have noticed recently is that we have migrants coming here [to the church] volunteering. It's one thing I've noticed with migrants coming to Ireland, they will come up and say 'Father, how can I help?' Niall added they are willing to clean the church or do whatever. he needs them to. "We've had migrants here helping, living in temporary accommodation, coming here and singing in our choir, helping in our garden, sweep up the place after a Mass, so there's been a real generosity there and that is genuine. They bring energy, they bring generosity and a real fervent faith." Also speaking to The Irish Catholic Eugene Quinn, says that the tented encampments problem will not go away unless the accommodation issue is addressed comprehensively by government. "We need to find a durable solution, which is not only the right and moral thing to do but actually is the only sound thing you can do to avoid other risks that come up by not responding in that way. The government is struggling, it's making statements and not following through on the ground on implementation". Eugene highlighted the current housing crisis in Ireland and its impact on how some people view migrants in the country. He notes "There are challenges for our own people who are in difficult situations, difficult housing situations, so there needs to be a choreography in responding to those needs. We have record numbers of homeless people in Ireland so there are huge needs on both sides and I suppose the fear is that this becomes a polarising issue." Eugene emphasized that the Christian call is clear and that Pope Francis, speaking in the European context, refers to 'the cry of the migrant', and is concerned about what he calls the 'globalisation of indifference'. Eugene noted that the Pope is also very concerned about polarisation "which maybe we're starting to see in Ireland but has been seen in other countries where migrants have been set up as a scapegoat for all the ills in society and a kind of a lightning rod for other concerns and that has led to a lot of hostility. The Christian response is hospitality rather than hostility," he concluded.

Courtesy: Jesuits In Ireland

Remembered this Weekend

Fr, Barry Murphy (11th A)
Baby Catherine O'Neill
Pat, Clare & Brian Cushen

Summer Fair

Richmond Barracks Summer Fair: 25th & 26th May. Enjoy a day filled with creativity, community and connection at the Richmond Barracks Summer Fair on Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th May, from 11am to 5pm.

Eucharistic Service

Every Tuesday at 10am in our parish church. Join the community and help make sure our church is not just a tourist attraction.

River Puddle

Join Historian Catherine Scuffil for a journey along the Puddle river as she highlights the elements of the river's history hiding in plain sight. Inchicore Library at Richmond Barracks Thurs 30 May at 11.30am
To book: T. 01 222 8444
E. inchicorelibrary@dublincity.ie

Ordination

This Sunday, the Ordination of Father Donal Roche as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin and the welcoming of Bishop Paul Dempsey as he begins his ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin will take place in Saint Andrew's, Westland Row. The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed at 3pm on the day at www.dublindiocese.ie and at www.facebook.com/dublindioces/e/



Donal Roche Paul Dempsey

FEAST OF THE TRINITY

Penitential Rite

As we begin our celebration, rejoicing in the Father, Son and Spirit, let us remember that God is one.

In your mercy you call us to be your people.
Lord have mercy

From your goodness, we are made into the body of Christ. Christ have mercy

By your love you defeat everything that divides and separates us. Lord have mercy

May our great and gracious God, who is a family of love, have mercy on us, forgive us our sin and bring us to life everlasting. Amen

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question, then, to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons and daughters, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, The God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia

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.'

Prayer of the Faithful

Father, Son and Spirit, you are the source of all true intimacy. For this we praise you and thank you.
Lord hear us

That our families will be like the Trinity, a place of intimacy and safety where all feel accepted.
Lord hear us.

That our Church will truly be a community of love, where the face of God will be seen to be compassion, love, forgiveness - a face without condemnation or judgement. Lord hear us.

For all in our local community and our country who are suffering distress and hardship, that they may find in us support and practical help. Lord hear us.

For our friends and family who have died, especially those who have lost their lives to violence, hunger and war. Lord hear us.

In silence we remember all who need our prayer and support.....Lord hear us



Reflection

Ancient Irish Prayer to the Trinity

Three folds of the cloth, yet only one cloth is there,
Three joints in the finger, but only one finger fair.
Three leaves of the shamrock, yet no more than one shamrock to wear.
Frost, snow-flakes and ice, all in water their origin share.
Three Persons in God; to one God alone we make prayer.