

St. Nicholas News

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POPE DEMANDS URGENT ACTION TO PROTECT CIVILIANS IN MOSUL



Pope Francis demanded urgent action to protect civilians in Iraq, saying forces involved in the battle for Mosul have an obligation to protect innocents following a recent spike in civilian casualties. Francis issued a special appeal for peace in Iraq at the end of his general audience. He greeted an interfaith group of Iraqis in St Peter's Square, encouraging them in helping Iraq find reconciliation

among various ethnic and religious groups. Pope Francis said that he was particularly concerned about Iraqis trapped by recent fighting to take Mosul back from ISIS militants. "In expressing profound sadness for the victims of the bloody conflict, I renew my appeal that everyone commit themselves to using all efforts to protect civilians, an imperative and urgent obligation," he said. The UN human rights office has called on the US-led coalition conducting airstrikes on Mosul to minimize civilian casualties, saying at least 300 people have been killed since mid-February including 140 from a single March 17 airstrike incident on a house. The UN says ISIS militants are using human shields and setting a trap for the coalition. Amnesty International has said the rising civilian death toll suggested the US-led coalition wasn't taking adequate precautions as it helps Iraqi forces try to retake the city, though the US has denied any loosening of the rules of combat. The Iraqi group that met privately with Francis before the audience included Shiite and Sunni Muslims as well as representatives from Iraq's Christian, Yazidi, Sabei and Mande minorities. The delegation engages in dialogue with the Vatican's office of interfaith relations.

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 27 March 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p245
2nd Collection: p265
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Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Jimmy & Lily Noonan, Violet Coughlan & Kevin Coughlan
2nd Ann, Martin Kearns Birthday remembrance, Teresa, Jimmy & George Gardner

Sun 11.30: Winifred Callan 1st Ann, John Reilly, Olive Doyle.



Peter's Passion

Musical Concert Skerries Parish invites you to attend Peters Passion this Sunday, 2 April at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Skerries. For further information, Email: eganbrennan@gmail.com



Parent Evening

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 10th of April from 19:30 to 21:00pm in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24 (please note venue). For further information Tel: 01 4045378 & NI 02895213120 or Email c.dingle@anamcara.ie - www.anamcara.ie



Venerable Matt Talbot

First Friday Novena Mass and prayers for healing on the 7th April at 7.30 pm in St. Agatha's Church, North William Street, Dublin 1. We pray especially for those suffering from any form of addiction, those in recovery, their families and the wider community

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"How shall I attain Eternal Life?" "Eternal Life is now. Come into the present." "But I am in the present now, am I not?" "No." "Why not?" "Because you haven't dropped your past." "Why should I drop my past? Not all of it is bad." "The past is to be dropped not because it is bad but because it is dead."

BACH'S SAINT JOHN PASSION IN ST. PATRICK'S



The Choir of St Patrick's Cathedral is giving a liturgical performance of Bach's Saint John Passion on Passion Sunday (April 2) at 6.00pm. All are very welcome to attend. Bach's St John Passion is one of the towering achievements of western music, and tells in music the story of the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus. Originally conceived as a liturgical piece in Lutheran Germany, it combines the narrative from St John's gospel with reflective solo arias, dramatic choruses

and chorales (hymn tunes), the latter of which are sung by the entire congregation. In this performance directed by David Leigh, the Schola (senior girls) and men of the cathedral choir are joined by an orchestra drawn from Dublin's finest professional players. All of the solos, including the evangelist, are taken by members of the choir. Tickets are free, but advance registration is recommended.

<https://stpatrickscathedral.digitickets.co.uk/event/2172911?catID=6441&ga=1.236178817.1465616136.1484133017>

affected by alcohol and drug misuse. All are Welcome. For further information please visit www.matttalbot.ie or call 01 855 4078.



GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL WORLD



All Aboard 2017 will run an information session on "Growing Up in The Digital World- For

Parents" in partnership with The Digital Hub, Dublin on Monday, 3 April 9.30am-11.00am at Digital Depot, Roe Lane, The Digital Hub, Dublin 8. Renowned digital safety expert Wayne Denner will deliver the workshop that offers useful tips on how to become "digitally wise" and bridge the so-called "digital divide" between parents and their children. Areas covered in this practical session include the latest information on the different types of technology we use, the rapidly evolving range of digital terminology, the importance of daily structure like digital sunrise and sunset for family wellbeing as well as thinking and direction on how parents go about balancing online opportunity and benefit with risk and overexposure. One of the major areas Wayne will focus on is the impact of parents' digital behaviour on their children's relationship with technology.
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/growing-up-in-the-digital-world-for-parents-tickets-33101225657>



SUNDAY LITURGY 5th SUNDAY LENT

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

"The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 129

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. R/

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. R/

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord

more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord. R/

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.
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GOSPEL: John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will not end in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he learned that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? 'Yes Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb; it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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