

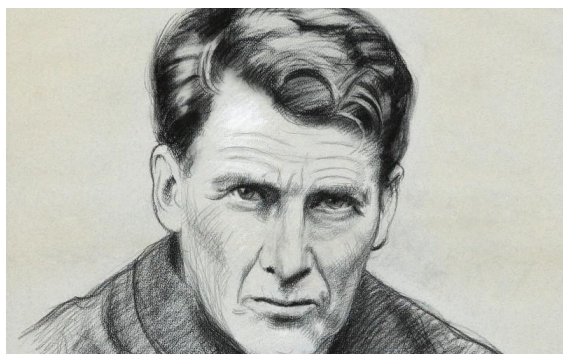
# St. Nicholas News

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## THE BEATIFICATION OF FR. JOHN SULLIVAN



Catholic and Church of Ireland archbishops are to play an historic joint role in Ireland's first beatification. The beatification of Fr John Sullivan, a Jesuit famed for the power of his prayers, will take place in Dublin later this month. The first beatification ceremony to be held in Ireland will take place in Dublin on May 13. Fr John Sullivan, a Jesuit famed for his devotion to the poor and sick and for the efficacy of his prayers, will be

beatified at the Jesuit Gardiner Street church where he is buried. In an unprecedented gesture, the formal request for beatification will be made by Anglican as well as Catholic archbishops. This is because Fr. Sullivan was raised Anglican before converting to Catholicism. During the Mass, a large portrait of Fr. Sullivan will be unveiled and a relic of his hair, which was kept by his barber, Charlie Barrett, will be brought to the altar. The Ave Maria and Panis Angelicus will be sung by one of Ireland's leading sopranos, Celine Byrne. A large number of pilgrims from all over Ireland are expected in Dublin for the ceremony on May 13. The beatification Mass will be broadcast live online and it will also be shown in two marquees set up in the garden of the Gardiner Street church as well as in the nearby Jesuit Belvedere College, a private boys' secondary school. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. He will be assisted by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin. The miracle that paved the way for Fr Sullivan's beatification was formally recognised by the Vatican last year.

A Dubliner, Delia Farnham, had made a miraculous recovery from a neck tumour in 1954 after praying for his intercession. Among the other healings attributed to him is one of Michael Collins, nephew of his namesake Michael Collins, founder of the Irish Free State in 1922, who was paralysed as a young boy but suddenly walked after Fr. Sullivan touched his leg and prayed over him.

John Sullivan was born in Dublin in 1861 to a wealthy Anglican father and Catholic mother. At the turn of the century, while working as a barrister in London, he converted to Catholicism. His reception into the Church was at Farm Street, the centre of London's Jesuit community, and he entered the Jesuit novitiate in 1900. He worked as a teacher in County Kildare and later as a rector on the outskirts of Dublin. He is associated with a number of apparent miracles throughout his lifetime and his reputation attracted hundreds of ill people who came to him in the hope of a cure. He was fiercely devoted to the sick, and would travel long distances to make a sick call, often on a battered bicycle. He died on February 19, 1933, at St Vincent's Nursing Home, Dublin. His Cause was opened in 1944, 11 years after his death. It was only in 2014, however, that Pope Francis declared him Venerable and acknowledged that he had lived a life of heroic virtue. Fr. Conor Harper, vice postulator of the Cause, said last year that it was remarkable that Fr. Sullivan was revered by two Christian traditions. Anglican Archbishop Michael Jackson of Dublin and Glendalough said: "We rejoice in the fact that, as well as living a life that honoured God and the Jesuit order, he spent half of his life as a member of the Church of Ireland."

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This year, First Holy Communion for the children of our three parish schools will take place on Sunday 21st May at the 11.30am Mass. This means there will only be one Sunday this month when First Communions will take place. The mass will not be any longer than usual. However, because we have the three schools together, it will mean that the seats that people sit in, who normally come to the 11.30am mass, may not be available. We will be using the gallery and the seats at the right and left of the altar for the families and relatives of the children. There will be plenty of room for everyone, as only the child and their 2 parents will sit in the seat with them. This means, we won't have to use all of the seats in the body of the church for First Communion children. Please do come along and show your support for the children and their families.

## NOTICES

### Money Matters

Sunday 30 April 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p205  
2nd Collection: p220  
Share: p50  
Family Offering: p333  
Trócaire: p875



### Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Elizabeth Murphy (1st anv), Catherine & Edward Walsh, Kathleen Philpott.

Sun 11.30: John & Sarah Martin, William Carton (28th anv), Paddy Delaney, Joe Morrin.



### Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality

### Wake up to Life: de Mello Meditation Evenings

Remembering Anthony de Mello SJ, this series of evenings will be based on some of de Mello's basic principles for wholesome living, using guided meditations and fantasy exercises. These evenings will be guided by John Callanan SJ, who has been a retreat-giver, writer, student adviser and chaplain for the past ten years prior to the parish ministry in which he is now engaged.

Tuesdays 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm  
Tuesday 9 May 2017  
Tuesday 16 May 2017  
No booking needed

### Oasis Day

The next Oasis Day will take place on Saturday 27 May 2017 - some time of quiet and making space for prayer and reflection. The day begins with registration at 9:30 am and conclude by 6:00 pm. They take place in an atmosphere of quiet where you can decide which of the elements on offer are most helpful to you, choosing from reflections, guided prayer and an

opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. Mass is celebrated as part of the day.

Please use our Contact form, email [reception@manresa.ie](mailto:reception@manresa.ie) or phone (01) 833 1352 for more information or to make a booking.



### Organ Recital Series

Whitefriar Street Parish will host a series of Organ Recitals each Sunday at 8.00pm beginning May 7th and continuing until 28th May. Performing works by Bach and Chaumont and many more will be Gerard Gillen, Peter McBride, Peter Thompson and Simon Harden in the Carmelite Church, Whitrefriar Street, Dublin 8.



### Monastic Choir Concert

The sisters of St Elizabeth's Convent in Belarus are performing in concert in St James Church, Dublin 8 on May 13th at 7.30pm. Please support this worthy concert and experience some of the richness of the orthodox singing and the faith of these women work and pastoral care in orphanages and addiction centres in Belarus is making a difference in so many lives. Please spread the word to family and friends. Bus: 13; 40; 123 - Luas: red line "James" stop - This concert is free, donations welcome.



### Culture Date with Dublin 8

Culture Date with Dublin 8 is a new neighbourhood initiative taking place for the first time on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 2017. The weekend will see a series of special events and activities taking place in the historical and cultural landmarks of Richmond Barracks, Goldenbridge Cemetery, Kilmainham Gaol, the Irish National War Memorial Gardens, the Magazine Fort in the Phoenix Park and IMMA - Irish Museum of Modern Art. Visit the website [www.culturedatewithdublin8.ie](http://www.culturedatewithdublin8.ie) to find out more information and to book your tickets.



## **SUNDAY LITURGY - 4th SUNDAY EASTER**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed them in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation'. They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

### **Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. R/
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. R/
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. R/
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. R/

### **Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10: 14**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own and my own know me  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: they will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.

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



### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

To a preacher who kept saying, "We must put God in our lives," the Master said, "He is already there. Our business is to recognize this"

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