

St. Nicholas News

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POPE FRANCIS ADMITS SERIOUS ERRORS HANDLING CHILEAN SEX ABUSE



In what has the appearance of the beginning of an earthquake in the Chilean church, Pope Francis has sent a strong letter to the Chilean bishops in which he speaks of his “pain and shame” on receiving the report on the abuse scandal in Chile from Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta. He had sent Archbishop Scicluna to listen to the victims of abuse last February. In the three-page letter, he admits his own “serious mistakes” in dealing with this scandal and asks for forgiveness and goes on

to take two dramatic steps: He summons the entire Chilean hierarchy to meet him in the Vatican and invites the three main accusers of Bishop Barros to meet him there too at a different time. The pope admitted that he had badly misjudged the situation, or as he put it: “I fell into serious errors in the evaluation and perception of the situation, due especially to the lack of true and balanced information.” He said, “From here on, I ask pardon of all those that I have offended, and I hope to do so personally in the coming weeks, in the meetings that I will have with representatives of the persons interviewed” by his envoys—Archbishop Scicluna and Father Jordi Bertomeu Farnos. Pope Francis said that when his envoys gave him their 2,300 page report, they told him that they “were overwhelmed with the sorrow of so many victims of grave abuses of conscience and power and, in particular, of sexual abuse committed by several consecrated persons against minors” who were denied an audience “and robbed of their innocence.” The report was based on their meetings with 64 witnesses, together with “their juridical and pastoral evaluation of the information received” during a inquiry conducted from February 17 to March 1. Pope Francis said all this “has caused me pain and shame.” In response he has summoned the entire Chilean hierarchy to the Vatican “to dialogue” with them about “the conclusions” of Archbishop Scicluna’s mission and “to humbly ask” their collaboration and assistance “in discerning what measures need to be taken in the short, medium and long term so as to re-establish ecclesial communion in Chile, with the aim of repairing so far as possible for the scandal, and re-establishing justice.” The bishops said they will come in the third week of May. Pope Francis has also invited persons from Chile to come to the Vatican to meet him, including the three main accusers of Bishop Barros, sources in Chile said. The three men, Juan Carlos Cruz, Jose Andres Murillo and James Hamilton, have accused Bishop Barros of being present when they were abused by Father Fernando Karadima. They accuse the bishop of being part of a coverup for these acts. The men have confirmed that they had received and accepted the pope’s invitation and will come to the Vatican at the end of April. In 2011, Father Karadima was sentenced to a life of prayer and penance by the Vatican after he was found guilty of sexually abusing boys. Father Karadima denied the charges; he was not prosecuted civilly because the statute of limitations had run out. In the letter, released to the press in Chile and in Rome, the pope warmly thanked the victims and other people for their “honesty, courage and sense of church” in coming forward and baring their souls to Archbishop Scicluna and Father Bertomeu, “who listened from the heart and with humility” to them. He also thanked these envoys for their work and news media that had acted “professionally in dealing with this so delicate case, respecting the right of the citizens to information and the good name of those that testified.” He called on the Chilean bishops to join him in prayer and told them that his meeting with them “would be an occasion to restore confidence in the church, a confidence broken by our errors and sins, and to heal the wounds that continue to bleed in the actual situation of Chilean society.”

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 08 April 2018

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p290
2nd Collection: p317
Share: p45
Family Offering: p475



Remembered at Mass

Recently Deceased:
Ellen Roche, Patrick Mc Loughlan

Sat 6pm: Marie & John
Meier, John, Josephine & Mary
Hannon, Ray Rattigan 6th (A)
Teresa O’Connell

Sun 11.30am: Martin Moore Months
Mind, Alessandro Manselli



First Holy Communion

Next Sunday 22 April the three schools from our parish will celebrate First Holy Communion. Seats will be reserved for the children and their parents/guardians. There will be plenty of seating for everyone else. This is the only First Communion Celebration we have in the parish this year. The following Sunday the 11.30am mass will be as usual.



SVP Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local St. Vincent de Paul takes place after mass **this weekend**. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.



Emmanuel ‘18 Rescheduled Dates

1st and 2nd May at 7.30 pm 30 schools comprising 1200 students (600 students per night) from different parts of the Diocese are participating in a massed choir accompanied by a full orchestra. Tickets p12.00 www.helix.ie Tel:

01 700 7000. Please support your local schools - full list of participating schools on www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie



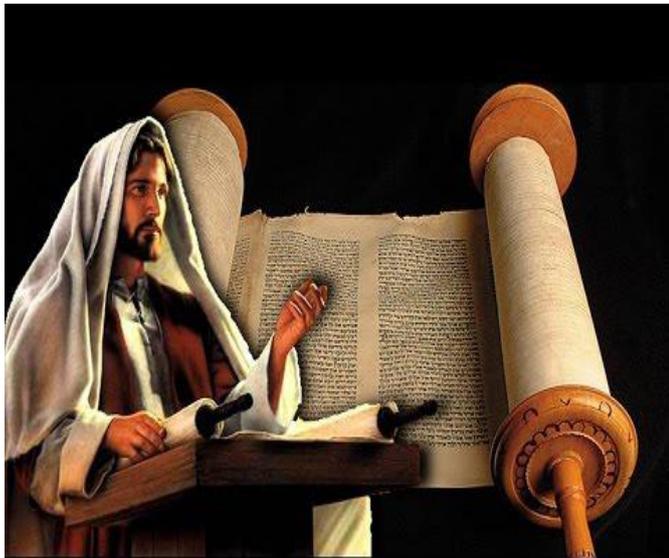
Resting Under the Tree

An evening of reflection and music on The Hospitality of Abraham (Genesis 18:1-14) and Rublev's Icon of the Trinity in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra on Monday 16th April at 8.00 pm. Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.



All are Welcome Mass

Third Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm at Avila Carmelite Centre, Bloomfield Avenue (off Morehampton Road), Donnybrook, Dublin 4. All are welcome, and we particularly welcome LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) people, their parents, family members and friends. We would like you to feel that you belong in a Praying Community, and we hope you experience full participation when celebrating the Eucharist. Next Mass will take place on Sunday 15th April 2018. Feel free to drop in.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

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

Psalm 4

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! R/

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. R/

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. R/

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. R/

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord Jesus, Explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us

Alleluia

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Master never ceased to attack the notions about God that people entertain. "If your God comes to your rescue and gets you out of trouble," he would say, "it is time you started searching for the true God". When asked to elaborate, this is the story he told:

"A man left a brand new bicycle unattended at the marketplace while he went about his shopping. He only remembered the bicycle the following day—and rushed to the marketplace, expecting it would have been stolen. The bicycle was exactly where he had left it. Overwhelmed with joy, he rushed to a nearby temple to thank God for having kept his bicycle safe—only to find, when he got out of the temple, that the bicycle was gone!"

From 'One Minute Wisdom' by Anthony de Mello

Church opens: 9.30am - 12noon, Mon, Tues, Weds, Friday, Sat(5pm-7pm), Thurs: 9.30am - 11am, Sun: 10am - 12.15pm