

# St. Nicholas News

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## “THE POPE’S LAUNDRY”



The latest Pope Francis-inspired initiative for the poor opened up in Rome - a new laundromat, with washing, drying and ironing services for those without a home or a fixed living situation.

“The Pope’s Laundry,” as it is being called, is organized by the Office of Papal Charities, in partnership with the Community of Sant’Egidio, and will be run by volunteers who will wash, dry and iron the clothes and blankets of those who otherwise can’t clean their belongings.

The initiative was born out of an invitation from Pope Francis in his apostolic letter *Misericordia et misera*, “to give a ‘concrete’ experience of the grace of the Jubilee Year of Mercy,” an April 10 communique from the Vatican stated. As Francis wrote at the end of the Year of Mercy, the announcement said, “To want to be close to Christ demands to be near to our brothers, because nothing is more pleasing to the Father than a concrete sign of mercy. By its very nature, mercy is made visible and tangible in concrete and dynamic action.”

The service, located in an old hospital in Rome’s Trastevere neighborhood, now called the “People of Peace Center,” includes six brand-new washers and dryers, donated by Whirlpool. Irons, detergent and other products needed for the service have also been donated.

The laundromat joins services to welcome and assist the poor already in place at the location for more than 10 years.

In the next few months, they plan to also add a barber, free clothing, medical clinics, and the distribution of necessities to the Center.

The laundry service follows a string of special initiatives by Pope Francis to serve the homeless in Rome.

In 2015, Francis established showers, bathrooms and a barber shop inside the Vatican to serve the homeless population.

Later in the same year, he opened up a new homeless shelter for men, just around the corner from the Vatican in Via dei Penitenzieri, furnished by the Papal Office of Charities and donations, and run by sisters from Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity.

With enough space to house 34 men, the shelter brought the Vatican’s total capacity for housing the homeless up to 84.

Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has also invited homeless men and women to the Vatican, whether to see the Sistine Chapel, to dine with him, or for special events, showing his continued commitment to put into practice his charge to the Church to go out to the “peripheries.”

## NOTICES

### Money Matters

Sunday 09 April 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: €245

2nd Collection: €295

Share: €545

Family Offering: €553



### Remembered at Mass

Sat 7pm: Teresa O’Connell, Michael & Mary Fahy, Ray Rattigan 5th Anniv, Catherine & Timothy O’Hare.

Sun 11.30: John Dolan, Timmy & Mimi Swift



### Winners March Raffle

Joint First: (€1,000)

Winnie Holmes and Ann Marie Keating

Second: (€250)

Rita Heffernan

Joint Third: (€250)

Philip & Pat Holmes

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all who supported us.



### Synod on Young People

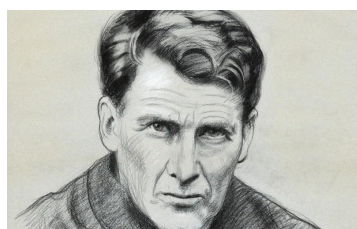
The Faith and Vocational Discernment Pope Francis would like to hear the views of young people around the world. To engage the youth of the Dublin Diocese (16-30yrs) we are arranging a facilitated listening process to the questions the Pope has put forward, in three locations around the diocese. Those in and out of their faith are welcome: we would like to hear from all and get a real sense of where people are at. (If you are in your 30’s and would like to contribute, you are more than welcome to join). When: Tuesday 27th of April, at 7.00pm Where: St. Paul’s Church,

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.

*Mahatma Gandhi*

## IRELAND’S FIRST BEATIFICATION CEREMONY



The date for the beatification ceremony of Blessed John Sullivan elect has been confirmed for Saturday 13 May in St Francis Xavier’s Church, Gardiner St, Dublin at 11am. The beatification will be the first ever ceremony of its kind to take place in Ireland. John Sullivan was born in Dublin in 1861 to a wealthy Protestant 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.

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## SUNDAY LITURGY - EASTER SUNDAY



Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God



Psalm Sung

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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Gospel Acclamation Sung

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ