

St. Nicholas News

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22 October 2017 Mission Sunday

“EVICTIONS ARE A RETURN TO FAMINE TIMES”



water with the tap still running. “It should be made illegal to evict people into homelessness, particularly families. That’s what we did during the famine years and we’re still doing it today in 2017,” said Fr McVerry. The homeless campaigner was asked why more action is not being taken by the Government to solve the housing crisis despite many solutions being tabled by voluntary bodies. “Basically, I think, this whole question of housing, you have to take on vested interests. You have to take on the banks. You have to take on the greedy landlords. You have to take on the vulture funds. “You have to take on big vested interests. I think that is what this conservative Government is not prepared to do,” he said.

Fr. McVerry was speaking at the launch of a report by the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice, analysing the Government’s 15- month-old Rebuilding Ireland plan. Rebuilding Ireland is described by the report as being a “flawed philosophy”. The campaigner tabled several measures that can be taken to tackle homelessness. “We need a huge expansion of the mortgage-to rent scheme. It’s been very unsuccessful so far but with 50,000 mortgages in mortgage arrears of more than two years, we have a catastrophe of homelessness coming down the road unless we address that problem because most of those houses will be repossessed,” he said. “Under current policy the occupants will be turfed out.”

Fr. McVerry also said that the 183,000 boardedup houses and apartments around the country are the “supply” side of the equation. PJ Drudy, emeritus professor of economics at Trinity College Dublin, was one of the authors of the report. He also listed immediate steps that could be taken to ease the housing crisis. “How do we increase the supply and reduce prices if the market is not resolving the problem? It’s very simple. “You can increase the supply by producing significant numbers of social housing units,” said Prof. Drudy. He estimated that 10,000 social housing units should be built per annum. “If you do this it will have the immediate effect of reducing rents in the private sector because the three sectors of owner-occupation, private rented, and social housing are interlinked,” said Prof. Drudy. He also talked about “cost-rental” homes to cater for people who do not qualify for social housing but who are unable to afford their own property. “There is a solution and that is for the Government to go for cost-rental homes. That would be a situation where the Government organises to build and own homes that would be rented out, not just to people on social housing lists but to the guard, the teacher, the professor, the journalist, and they’d pay a reasonable, regulated rent well below market rents and that would pay off the mortgage.” “That is a great possibility in my view. The money is borrowed and paid back over a long period of time at a low-interest rate. That is the route we should be travelling. It would have an immediate impact,” he added.

POPE FRANCIS TO VISIT MYANMAR



Burma. Pope John Paul II visited Bangladesh in 1986. Francis has regularly spoken out in defence of the Rohingya, a persecuted Muslim group in predominantly Buddhist Myanmar.

Pope Francis will travel to Myanmar and Bangladesh this year for a landmark visit that is likely to focus international attention on the plight of the stateless Rohingya Muslim minority. The leader of the world’s 1.2 billion Catholics will be in Myanmar from 27 to 30 November and neighbouring Bangladesh from 30 November to 2 December, the Vatican said on Monday. The visit to Myanmar will be the first by any pope to the country formerly known as

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 15 October 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p330

2nd Collection: p361

Share: p75

Family Offering: p323

St. Vincent de Paul: p485

A special word of thanks to you for your great generosity to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Joe O’Connor (2nd ann)

Sun 11.30am: Sr. Laurentia (1st ann), John & Mary Traynor, Maura O’Sullivan.



September Draw Winners

1st: No. 61, Patricia Kinsella p1,000

2nd: No. 116, Holy Faith Sisters p250

3rd; No. 112, Clare Richardson p250



St. Patrick’s Cathedral

Monday 23rd is a Road Safety Education MultiAgency Event with a Dublin Fire Brigade / Ambulance lunchtime demo of an extraction - cutting up a car and taking out passengers as well as the Road Safety Authority interactive simulators, and a roll-over shuttle throughout the day from 10am to 4pm

On Tuesday evening as part of the Swift Education Series we are commencing a Human Rights Gathering of Minds event 6.30-8.30pm. All are welcome. This is an opportunity to focus discussions on issues that are close to your heart, and create / co-create action plans, making a difference, and change possible!

Ladies Coffee Morning

Starts 4th October and then every Wednesday from 10am to 12noon. All welcome. Share story and dish at the Dublin Mosque, 163 South Circular Road, Dublin 8. For more information: 0896122893. Email: amal.hope@outlook.ie



Dublin City Council

Invites you to celebrate Dublin's Culture Connects.

The National Neighbourhood

When: 5.45pm on Monday 23 October 2017

Where: City Hall, Dame St, Dublin 2

By Lord Mayor Micheál Mac Donncha

Featuring: Special guest performance

RSVP to info@dublincultureconnects.ie

or phone 01-222 6705

Dublin's Culture Connects is a Dublin City Council initiative that aims to connect Dubliners to their city through making and taking part in culture. We are celebrating the activities of The National Neighbourhood so far - where we partnered with 86 community groups working with 53 artists and 50 cultural facilitators across 29 Dublin neighbourhoods. Over 1,000 citizens, aged 5 to 85, took part in workshops, performances, exhibitions, events, and visits to National Cultural Institutions. And many more invited us for tea. Come along to find out more about our plans for 2017 / 2018 and how you can get involved.



Getting in Touch with Dublin City Council over Halloween

Reporting of locations of stored bonfire material can be made by telephone to: -

Customer Services at Tel. 01 222 2222 or 01 222 1000 during normal office hours, i.e. 09.00 - 17.00, Monday to Friday. 1800 251500

Tel 01 6796186 for out of hours service

E-mail reports can be made to southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie



MISSION SUNDAY 22 October '17

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that people may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

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

Psalms 95 Give the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. R/

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
Praise God to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. R/

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. R/

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. R/

Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2: 15-16

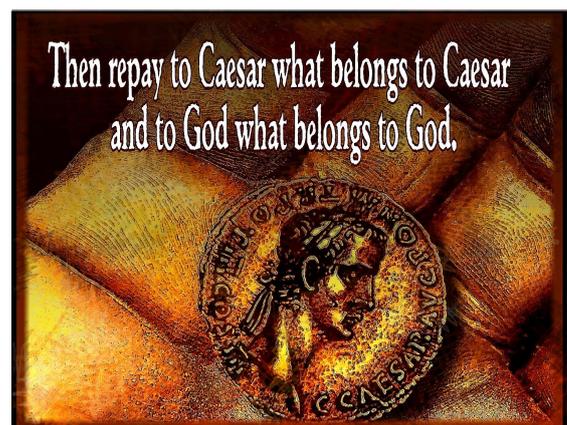
Alleluia, alleluia!
You will shine in the world like bright stars
because you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not? But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

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



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Are there ways for gauging one's spiritual strength?"
"Many", said the Master. "Give us one". "Find out how often
you become disturbed in the course of a single day.

From "One Minute Wisdom" by Anthony de Mello