

# St. Nicholas News

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23 July 2017

## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF EAST AFRICA

## NOTICES

### Money Matters

Sunday 16 July 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: €330

2nd Collection: €368

Share: €20

Family Offering: €390

St. Vincent de Paul: €710



### Remembered at Mass

Recently deceased: Mary Rice

Sat 6pm: John, Josephine and Mary Hannon, Denis Furlong.

Sun 11.30am: Marie Whelan, Margaret Taylor.



### Rade Art Exhibition

Entitled "Cathedral View" the exhibition will take place in the Atrium, Dublin Civic Offices, Wood Quay. The opening, on Monday 24 July at 1pm will be performed by the Lord Mayor Micheal MacDonncha. The exhibition will run until August 11 2017. Ph 4548733, [Infor@rade.ie](mailto:Infor@rade.ie) [www.rade.ie](http://www.rade.ie)



### Faith for Life

is an Adult Faith Course designed to help you to discover more energising and empowering ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world: through relationships, family, home, workplaces and the events of daily life. It aims to help you to be more active, open, faithful, confident, trusting and willing to work for change. Faith for Life takes place over four weekends in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Rd, Dublin 3. Called to Become (21st /22nd October), Church in and for the World (2nd/3rd December), The Word of God (20th/21st January) and Living Faithfully (3rd/4th March). The course will benefit everyone who wants to make a deeper connection between faith



### The Second Collection at Mass today will be for the people of East Africa.

With severe drought gripping many parts of East Africa, millions of people are facing starvation in the coming months. The severity and scale of the crisis is unprecedented in recent decades. Combined conflict and drought has left almost 25 million people in East

Africa requiring immediate emergency food aid. The two worst affected countries in the region are Somalia and South Sudan, but parts of Ethiopia and Kenya are also badly hit. Ongoing conflict in South Sudan and Somalia has displaced millions of people and severely disrupted the food system.

Climate change is also a huge factor. The region is experiencing a prolonged drought due to the multiple failures of rain over two years. Without the rain, crops have not grown and animals have died. This is causing huge suffering to the people.

Trócaire has teams working in all four affected countries - South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. We are bringing emergency food aid into the worst-hit communities and helping people to survive the current crisis.

Working with local church groups, we will do what we can, with the funds available to us to reach thousands of families over the coming months. We must respond and every cent makes a massive difference. We will provide emergency food baskets to struggling families in the weeks and months to come, provide schools, health units and communities with water, whilst also distributing drought-tolerant seeds and tools for people to plant crops. Without these interventions, the cycle of hunger will simply continue and deepen.

An Emergency Collection in aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa will take place in our Parish on the weekend 22nd- 23rd July. Nearly 25 million people in Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia are currently in urgent need of food and water due to drought. Trócaire is reaching over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation. Needs are enormous - please support our appeal and help us reach more people with life-saving aid.

**PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN. OUR RESPONSE CAN SAVE MILLIONS OF LIVES.**

**Culture Night 2017 takes place on 22 September. Our church will be open from 5pm to 10pm. If you'd like to help welcome visitors contact us on 4530387 or 5611390**

## FAMILY CARERS IRELAND



Family Carers Ireland is a national voluntary organisation representing Ireland's Family Carers in the home. They are currently seeking Home Care Workers for the delivery of quality in home care services in Dublin. Must hold a 2 QQI Healthcare modules - Care Skills & Care of the Older Person, Patient Moving & Handling training. Excellent communication & interpersonal skills required. We are looking for reliable,

trustworthy individuals committed to providing quality person centred care in a home environment. Garda Clearance necessary. If you meet the criteria, we are interested in hearing from you to fill upcoming vacancies for day, evening and weekend work. Please forward CV to Mary Fitzsimons, Family Carers Ireland, Unit 1, Hibernia Building, Heuston South Quarter, Dublin 8 - Tel: (01) 6705976.

and life. Further details and application forms are available by emailing Rosemary: [rlavelle@abhouse.org](mailto:rlavelle@abhouse.org) or [evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie) or by telephone 8373732 ext. 247/239.



## Volunteers

Aware is a National Organisation supporting individuals, families and communities concerned about depression. They provide a range of support services such as support groups, telephone and email service and a Life Skills Online programme. All of which are free. Demand for services is continuing to grow and they are now recruiting volunteers to meet this demand. Our volunteers receive full training and ongoing support. People with depression need Aware and Aware needs volunteers today. Please contact Dr Emma Barnes on 01 6617211 or email: [emma.barnes@aware.ie](mailto:emma.barnes@aware.ie) or [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)



## Pope Francis and the Mafia

On the 25th anniversary of the murders of two Italian judges killed by the mafia, Pope Francis insisted on the Vatican's commitment in the fight against corruption and organized crime. The latest papal tweet falls in line with Francis's determination to transform words into concrete actions against all mafia, including those within the Church.



## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:43-47

Many miracles and wonders were being done through the apostles, and everyone was filled with awe. All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another. They would sell their property and possessions, and distribute the money among all, according to what each one needed. Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people. And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.

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

### Psalm 146

Blessed are they who execute justice for the oppressed.

How blessed are they whose help is  
the God of Jacob,  
Whose hope is in the Lord their God. R/

How blessed are they who execute  
justice for the oppressed;  
Who give food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets the prisoners free. R/

The Lord protects the strangers;  
He supports the fatherless and the widow,  
But He thwarts the way of the wicked. R/

### A reading from the letter of St. James 2:14-17

My friends, what good is it for one of you to say that you have faith if your actions do not prove it? Can that faith save you? Suppose there are brothers or sisters who need clothes and don't have enough to eat. What good is there in your saying to them, "God bless you! Keep warm and eat well!"—if you don't give them the necessities of life? So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead.

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

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
When you did this for the least of these, you did it for me.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

### A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 25:31-40

"When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at his left. Then the King will say to the people on his right, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.' The righteous will then answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me!'

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



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I wish to become a teacher of the Truth." "Are you prepared to be ridiculed, ignored and starving till you are forty-five?" "I am. But tell me. What will happen after I am forty-five?"  
"You will have grown accustomed to it".

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