

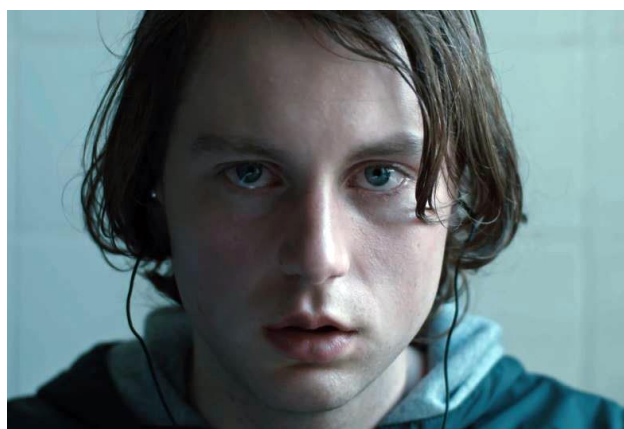
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'UNSEEN' - A FILM ABOUT SUICIDE AMONG THE YOUNG



Dublin City University Chaplaincy will host a special Premiere screening of Unseen on Monday March 5 at 7.30pm. This short film is a powerful tool to help open up conversations about mental health and suicide amongst young people and young adults. In 2014, The Irish Times reported that Ireland had the second highest suicide rate in Europe. A more recent report confirms that suicide is the leading cause of death in young men between the ages

of 15-34 across Ireland. Christ in Youth have made this film as a powerful free resource to help the church and society tackle such statistics. Unseen is a short film narrative about the relationship of a 17-year-old boy with his Grandfather who discovers him trying to take his own life by suicide. It later unfolds that the Grandfather's wife, the boy's Grandmother, had also died by suicide 17 years earlier, however, no one ever talks about it. Hence the boy and his Grandfather's mental health has gone Unseen. Unseen is a moving and hard hitting piece and the whole idea of the film is to set up a natural and safe conversation about mental health. The film was a nominated finalist at the 2017 Galway Film festival and recently won the Best Irish Short-Film at the Richard Harris Film Festival in October 2017. To have such a resource being made and filmed in Ireland, with Irish actors and crew, is an incredible gift for the wider Church. The screening will take place in The Helix Theatre at Dublin City University. To confirm your FREE place please book a ticket here at www.unseenfilm.org To watch a trailer of Unseen click here <https://vimeo.com/219902386> After each showing there will be contributions from practitioners explaining how this film can be used in different settings (Schools, Youth Groups, Universities etc). CIY want this film to be used in the best way possible and the evenings will explain how the free resources can be utilised. There will also be some free refreshments on the night. These Premiere screenings are tailored for youth workers, teachers, health practitioners, youth volunteers, church leaders, parents and anyone involved in pastoral care. The theatre will book up fast and places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Please only book if you are fully committed to attend as people will miss out if your booking is not honoured.

RELIGION CLASSES 'OPT OUT' RULE KICKS OFF IN SECOND LEVEL SCHOOLS



Irish secondary school students who opt out of religion classes will be offered alternative subject choices. The new regulation, which comes into effect immediately, will affect pupils who previously were required to remain physically in the classroom even if they did not want to be there. A statement sent to state schools by the Department

of Education acknowledged that the past practice of assuming pupils are predominantly Catholic and arranging the teaching of religious studies accordingly was inappropriate. Minister for Education Richard Bruton said: "It is important that Education and Training Board (ETB) and Community Post Primary schools, as multi-denominational schools, fully implement this circular as it presents an important opportunity to meet the expectations of parents and students in a changing society. "This can only be achieved by consulting with parents, and including their wishes as part of the normal planning process of any school." The new rules means parents and guardians will no longer be required to request a withdrawal from the subject for their child and children will be allowed to opt out of religious ceremonies such as masses held during school time.

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 18 February 2018

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p320
2nd Collection: p355
Accord: p40
Family Offering: p510



Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Thomas, Kiera & Mary Carol, Patrick & Clothilda O'Donnell & Deceased Members, Ida Delaney 3rd Anniv, Eric Mc Clean, 10th Anniv, Geraldine & Austin O'Leary, Stephen Devlin, Barbara Reck,

Sun 11.30am: Kevin John, Kathleen & Marie Dolan, Kitty Blackwell 20th Anniv & Jim Blackwell, Dermot Lancaster Birthday Remembrance, Jerry & Patricia Lancaster, Tommy O'Brien



Trócaire Campaign



Featured on this year's Trócaire box is seven-year-old Kumba, from Sierra Leone (above). This week marks the six month anniversary of the devastating mudslide that destroyed her home and killed over 1,000 people in the area of Freetown where she lives. Only one fifth of Kumba's community survived the mudslide. Launching the Lenten campaign, Eamonn Meehan, Trócaire's executive Director warned that growing

The choir for 11.30am Sunday are looking for new members—01-4530387 or 01-5611390

numbers of people are being trapped in humanitarian crises. “At the age of just seven, Kumba has already survived an Ebola outbreak that killed 4,000 people and a mudslide that killed 1,000 people,” he said. “Her young life has been spent in an almost constant state of crisis. Tragically, she is far from alone. A seven year-old in Syria has never known peace; a seven-year-old in Gaza has survived two separate wars; a seven-year old in South Sudan has experienced both famine and civil war in their short life. “The Lenten campaign comes at a time when conflict in many parts of the world has left millions of people at risk of famine and disease.” “The work Trócaire does promoting human rights, women’s empowerment and access to resources such as land and water is key to building strong and peaceful societies. That work is powered by our annual Lenten appeal. We will use donations to our campaign to support over two million of the poorest and most vulnerable people around the world this year.” “We are incredibly grateful for the support we receive from parishes, schools and families all over Ireland, without whom this work would not be possible” said Eamonn Meehan. For more information about Trócaire’s 2018 Lenten campaign, please visit www.trocaire.org



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’ When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’

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

Psalm 115

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Lord, I trusted, even when I said:
‘I am sorely afflicted.’

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. R/

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord’s name. R/

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. R/

A reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us-he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory! From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Rabbi’, he said it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To a disciple who was forever complaining about others the Master said, “If it is peace you want, seek to change yourself, not other people. It is easier to protect your feet with slippers than to carpet the whole of the earth.”

From “One Minute Wisdom” by Anthony de Mello