

St. Nicholas News

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FR. SHAY CULLEN RECEIVES MARTIN BUBER AWARD



Irish Columban missionary, Fr. Shay Cullen SSC, was in Kerkrade in the Netherlands at the weekend to receive the 2017 Martin Buber Award in recognition of his internationally acclaimed work on human rights in the Philippines since 1969. The award was presented during the annual International Festival of Dialogue - EURIADE. Professor Martin Buber was a Jewish philosopher who advocated peace dialogue, mutual recognition of human rights and dignity, and a united Jewish and Arab Palestine. He became well known internationally for his “dialogical principle”. He died in 1965, and the prestigious award in his memory was initiated in 2002 with German Foreign Minister, HansDietrich Genscher as the inaugural recipient. Since then, recipients have included Queen Silvia of Sweden, President Klaus Johannis of Romania, Soviet

President Mikhail Gorbachev, Prince Irene of the Netherlands, and Karl-Heinz Böhm, founder of the Austrian Menschen für Menschen Foundation for Ethiopia. Accepting the award, Fr. Shay said the award recognises the work of bringing peace and reconciliation to the abused, exploited, abandoned, and jailed children of the world. “This prestigious award for our work” he said “is in the true spirit of Martin Buber’s writings and his stand on making peace in the individual by direct contact with people to address human rights issues”. “Martin Buber’s advocacy of peacemaking is based on compassionate listening, understanding the person, affirming each other, and engaging in dialogue directly with people who have or are suffering abuse and human rights violations. It is a philosophy to create the possibility and the chance of peace and reconciliation through full personal relationship between individuals and in society. It is a process of human interaction that brings healing and recovery, individually and in community”, he said. Referring to his human rights work, Fr. Shay stated: “The work of freeing children from abusers, illegal imprisonment and abusive situations and bring them healing from trauma and bring them to a peaceful existence with society is what I have been doing for the past 43 years in the Philippines through the Preda Foundation with the help of dedicated co-workers. “I am deeply honoured to be given this award but it is the resilient and courageous children who are survivors and victors who are the true recipients. I accept it on their behalf and I congratulate the awarding committee in their wise and timely decision in choosing the resilient recovering children as the recipients of this award in my person. “I speak for the many who struggle to overcome adversity and remain without a voice and a representative. The Martin Buber Award is a forum for them to be heard. They are here centre stage. This occasion highlights the suffering and the struggle of abused children and youth to overcome abuse and live again”. Concluding he warned that without intervention to be heard, listened to and engaged in personal dialogue in the spirit of Martin Buber many child survivors bury the pain and grow up to survive without inner peace and a happy childhood. “Some will be deeply affected all their lives, some will turn to vent their anger and pain on society through violence, but those who receive essential support and care through personal relationship in the community will recover and become strong and resilient members of society. Some become valuable advocates themselves.” Fr. Shay has received numerous international awards that recognise his work in human rights. His recent proposal to restrict the passports of paedophiles to curtail their travel to the sex tourism trade in the Philippines and other Asian countries has received widespread attention internationally. Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan has indicated that she is examining how this could be done legally in Ireland.

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm here in St. Nicholas of Myra - we have our main Reconciliation Service. A Reconciliation Service will also be held on Monday 18th December at 3pm in the afternoon for those who do not wish to come out at night. This year Christmas Eve falls on Sunday. **There will be no 11.30am Mass that morning.** There will be mass at 6pm and 8pm that evening. Full list of Christmas Services at the back of the church. Please take one home.

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 19 November 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p250
2nd Collection: p273
Share: p55
Family Offering: p297
St. Vincent de Paul p890



Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Sandra & Harry Nolan, Jane Tynan Birthday Remembrance, James Tynan Ann, Patrick Brennan, Mary O’Donnell (nee May)

Sun 11.30am: Joe Long, Patrick & Patricia Kinsella, Dorothy Larkin, Henry & Elizabeth O Connell, Esther Boland, Phyllis Colohan 8th Ann



A Little Lifetime Foundation (ALLF)

Archbishop Diarmuid Main will celebrate the ALLF Annual Christmas Service of Remembrance in St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Francis Street, Dublin 8 on Sunday 3rd December at 7.00pm. The Garda Male Voice Choir will also attend. We will remember in a special way at a time of the year all who are facing their first Christmas without their baby. Please come along and feel the unique presence of companionship, support, and love.



Crosscare Food Appeal

Archbishop Martin is seeking practical support for a Parish Food Appeal on December 2nd and 3rd for the Crosscare Foodbanks. Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household

items. This year we are asking that collections be held on one weekend only. This will allow us to distribute hampers in good time for Christmas to hundreds of families. We have identified items that are most needed at this time: These include

- ◆ Shampoo & Hygiene Products
- ◆ Soups
- ◆ Tinned meats
- ◆ Seasonal Biscuits
- ◆ Cleaning Products

On the weekend of 2nd and 3rd December, please remember those who are struggling, when you're doing your weekly shop. Buy some of the above items and bring them along to the church. Ewe will arrange with Crosscare to have the goods collected and distributed to those most in need.



Richmond Barracks

On Monday 4th December 2017 at 11am Richmond Barracks are hosting a Screening of "Barracks Square Estate: Three Ages of a Place", a documentary by independent filmmaker Joe Lee about Richmond Barracks and the Communities of Keogh Square, St Michael's Estate and Inchicore, followed by a panel discussion. Tickets cost €5.00 which includes tea/coffee & scone and can be purchased at the door.



Up on the Roof

One of the largest ongoing projects on Thomas Street is the redevelopment of 30, 32-36 Thomas Street and the large site to the rear as a new student housing development called 'Highlight'. The new 257 bedroom complex is set to open in September 2018, and the building will also include new retail units on Thomas Street.

34th SUNDAY CHRIST THE KING

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. R/

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. R/

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R/

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. R/

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Master, while being gracious to all his disciples, could not conceal his preference for those who live in the "world" - the married, the merchants, the farmers - over those who lived in the monastery. When he was confronted about this, he said, "Spirituality practiced in the state of activity is incomparably superior to that practiced in the state of withdrawal.

From One Minute Wisdom by Anthony de Mello