

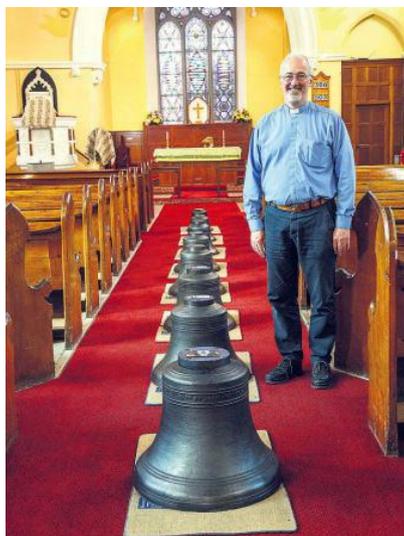
St. Nicholas News

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SAM MAGUIRE TO RING OUT IN HIS HOMETOWN OF DUNMANWAY



Plans to honour the memory of Sam Maguire in his hometown of Dunmanway are gathering pace with a unique community bells project. Sam Maguire was a member of the Church of Ireland and one of the heroes in the fight for Irish independence, having played a central role in the Irish Republican Brotherhood in London. But when he returned to Ireland, after the Treaty was signed, he ended up at Malabracka, the family home, and it was here in 1927, at the age of 49, that he died in sickness and in poverty. Standing at his graveside in the churchyard of St Mary's in Dunmanway, Rev Cliff Jeffers described how Sam Maguire was, at that time, considered by some to be a divisive figure, a traitor. Rev Jeffers said there were not enough men in his community willing to stand up for him and shoulder his coffin out of the house and that women were called on to help. But, after his death, friends raised £300 and erected a Celtic cross at his grave at St Mary's

Churchyard in Dunmanway. With the balance of the money, they commissioned a cup in the style of the Ardagh Chalice - a cup that has been awarded to the winners of the All-Ireland Senior Football final every year since 1928. There is a small commemoration ceremony in Dunmanway, every year on the Sunday before the All-Ireland Football final, in memory of Sam Maguire, but it was at the 1916 celebrations at Boland's Mill in Dublin, last year, that Rev Jeffers was struck by the fact that the Church hadn't done anything to remember him during the centenary celebrations. Rev Jeffers resolved to remedy the situation and show how Sam Maguire is now, through the passage of time, a unifying figure - a man with whom everyone has a connection. 'Sam Maguire did go against the traditions of the place he came from, but a hundred years have passed,' said Rev Jeffers, 'it is time to move on and celebrate Sam Maguire's contribution towards the struggle for Irish freedom.' Rev Jeffers came up with the idea for the Sam Maguire Community Bells project and with the support of the parish approached the GAA in Dublin. The GAA was happy to support the project and has, so far, contributed almost half of the €60,000 cost of Phase One. Rev Jeffers said six of the eight bells that were installed in the bell tower of St Mary's on Monday, July 17th last, came out of a church in Wales, but two of the new bells that have been installed by Martin Hough of Drinagh have Sam Maguire's name, his date of his birth, and the date of his death, inscribed on them so every time they ring out over Dunmanway his story will be remembered. 'Initially,' Rev Jeffers said, 'we were going to give each of the eight bells a name after historic figures, but we decided to give each bell a theme instead and through them tell the story of Sam Maguire and Dunmanway town.' Phase One of this project involves the installing and the naming of the bells on the following topics: sport, wars and revolution, agriculture, the people of Dunmanway, migration, religious traditions, education and arts, and industry and commerce. Phase Two will involve the publication of a booklet and the creation of storyboards that will be put on public display. In this respect, the local historical association is lending its assistance, as is Kieran Connolly, a former DIT lecturer from Dunmanway, whose book about Sam Maguire will be published on September 22nd next. Phase Three will, in time, see the development of a visitor's centre because, as Rev Jeffers believes, the home of Sam Maguire could become a major tourism destination, particularly for school tours and history groups. Local primary school students have already visited the churchyard and engaged in a bellringing session using a small set of eight bells that are on loan and are being used for practice every Wednesday night. 'I want the bells at St Mary's to be a place where people can come together to learn a new skill because when people learn together they get to know one another that is why we have called it the Sam Maguire Community Bells project. 'I am hoping more people will share the vision and develop more ideas and aspects of the Sam Maguire story. 'I am also hoping that everyone will feel free to come to our open day from 2pm to 8pm on Sunday, September 3rd next when the church and the tower will be open to the public and they can see how the bells are rung.' The following weekend - at 2pm on Saturday, September 9th - the Sam Maguire Community Bells project will be officially opened by the President of the GAA, Páraic Duffy.

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 20 August 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p245

2nd Collection: p265

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Family Offering: p493



Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Fr. Kevin Kennedy

Sun 11.30am: Mildred & Christy Honer, Annie Adams & Family.

Mon 10am: John & Bridget Hynes, also Patrick Hynes



Computers for the Terrified!

1 to 1 training for the over 55's. Are you frustrated by your lack of computer skills? Do you feel that the digital age has passed you by? Are you confused by well meaning family instruction (i.e. no patience with you!) Learn how to Search the Internet Send & receive emails, Shop and book flights. Use your own device or use computers available at some venues. Age Action runs beginner courses in Computers, iPads and Tablets for older people who have little or no experience or for the absolutely terrified! Courses run once a week for 5 or 6. ALL COURSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE. Classes are run in City Centre, Ballyfermot, Ballyroan, Dundrum, Inchicore, Leixlip, Ranelagh, Rathfarnham, Stillorgan and Tallaght. If you wish to become a volunteer or to book a course TEL: (01) 475 6989



Beginning Experience

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you

need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge - not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you. Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 13th September 2017 for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St., Dublin 2 (No need to book) For further information phone 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com www.beginningexperience.ie



Weaver Park



After 6 months of work, Weaver Park on Cork Street is almost complete. Its 'finishing touches' time to the new amenity, with construction over the past weekend of a new gazebo entrance to the site. Planting has been largely completed and the palisade fencing that currently bounds the site will come down shortly, opening the space to the street. The new amenity is the first purpose-built park in the area since St Patrick's Park was constructed in the 1900s. The park is an action of Dublin City Council's Greening Strategy for The Liberties. A second park at Bridgefoot Street is currently the subject of a planning application.



Pearse Lyons Distillery at St James's to Open

Saturday 26th August sees the opening of the Pearse Lyons Distillery on James Street. The new visitor attraction is housed in the beautifully restored former St James's Church of Ireland. The multi-million euro project also includes a modern new entrance pavilion, conservation and reuse of Nos 116 - 120 James Street as a new cafe, offices and McCann's Public House, and improved access and circulation of the historic graveyard to the rear of the church.



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A reading from The Prophet Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah, invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

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

Psalm 137

Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. /R

I thank you for your faithfulness
and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. R/

The Lord is high though he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. R/

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 16:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets'. 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God'. Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Master's expansive mood emboldened his disciples to say, "Tell us what you got from Enlightenment. Did you become divine?" "No." "Did you become a saint?" "No." "Then what did you become?" "Awake".

From "One Minute Wisdom" by Anthony de Mello