

St. Nicholas News

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Adeego Adan Hussein is assisted by hospital staff in feeding her daughter, Deega Ibrahim, with Plumpy Sup.

Last week we had An Emergency Collection in aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa, especially for the people of Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia. In spite of the fact that we have just two weekend masses and the numbers in attendance last week were relatively small, you contributed a total of

€1865.00.

This is amazingly generous. It means everyone who came

to mass last weekend. not only contributed, but did so with gusto. On behalf of the people of East Africa I thank you once again for such amazing generosity. The money has already been lodged with the Diocese who will pass it on directly to Trócaire.

REMEMBERING PÈRE JACQUES HAMEL



Commemorations took place Wednesday 26 July to mark the one year anniversary of the murder of Father Jacques Hamel in a church near Rouen in France. The 85 year old was killed by two Islamist armed gunmen who entered the church in Saint Etienne-du-Rouvray

in Normandy. Father Hamel was holding Mass for a small gathering of people when the two assailants entered and took four people hostage. Local police reported that the priest's throat was slit in the attack. At the time, Pope Francis issued a statement condemning the "absurd violence" and said during a Mass in September that Father Hamel "is blessed now". Since his death on July 26th 2016, Islamic leaders throughout France encouraged Muslims to attend mass as a sign of solidarity. The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack, saying that the two

gunmen who were shot dead by the police were "soldiers" retaliating against a US led coalition fighting the group in Iraq and Syria.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Diocese of Rouen held a special Mass at the church of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, at the same hour as the Mass he was celebrating when killed. Afterwards, the community erected a stone in memory of Father Hamel to promote peace and fraternity.

The event was celebrated by Archbishop Dominique Lebrun, attended by French President Emmanuel Macron, and broadcast throughout the country.

ONE YEAR TO WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018



You and all your family to come along to the launch of the one-year programme of preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018, which will take place at the Knock Shrine, County Mayo, on Monday 21st August 2017, the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady. This day of celebration will include the celebration of the Eucharist, workshops and faith and fun activities for all the family. The WMOF2018 Icon will be presented at Mass in the Basilica at 3pm and

then begin its journey around the Dioceses of Ireland. Registration for the World Meeting of families in 2018 is now open. Visit the Tickets Section on www.worldmeeting2018.ie to access information on the different type of tickets and registration available. Accommodation booking is also available online at time of registration through the same booking form on the website.

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 23 July 2017

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: p196

Collection for East Africa: p1,865

Family Offering: p468



Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Mary Lancaster Months Mind, Margaret & Patrick Doyle, Mary & James Kent, Carmel Grogan

Sun 11.30am: Chrissie De Vesey, Joe Molloy, Johnny Hand, John & Elizabeth Goulding, Margaret & Michael Kinsella



National Novena at Knock

From 14th -22nd August speakers, workshops, Mass and a Witness Walk at the National Novena. Among those taking part are Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Dr. Mary Healy, Fr. Seamus Enright, CSsR, Fr. Michael Cussack, CSsR, Marty Morrissey, Rev. Kevin O'Gorman, Bernadette McNeive, Darren Cawley, Rt Rev. Patrick Rooke, Prof. Salvador Ryan, Most Rev. Philip Boyce, Fr. Daniel O'Leary, Bishop Kevin Doran, as well as Dr. Aoife McGrath, Fr. Timothy Bartlett, Secretary General for the WMOF2018, Maria Steen and Cora Sherlock. Talks and workshops will be held every day. For more information email: mariahunt@knockshrine.ie - see www.knockshrine.ie



New stage of Camino Santiago de Compostela launched in Waterford

Under new Camino rules, the Waterford stage is added to the 75 km walk from A Coruña to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, and pilgrims can get the Camino certificate of completion

(Compostela) for a full 100 km. A group of 40 walkers completed the first leg of their Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Ireland thanks to a new rule. The group completed a 25 km walk from Dungarvan to Kilmacthomas on the newly opened Waterford Greenway, and had their Camino passports stamped.



Vatican Cardinal Pell faces Australian court on sex charges

Silent but defiant, Cardinal George Pell made his first court appearance in Australia on Wednesday (July 26) on charges of sexual abuse, vowing through his lawyer to fight the allegations that have rocked Rome and threatened the pope's image as a crusader against abusive clergy. Pell, Australia's highest-ranking Catholic and Pope Francis' top financial adviser, is accused of sexually abusing multiple people years ago in his Australian home state of Victoria, making him the most senior Vatican official ever charged in the Catholic Church sex abuse crisis. Details of the charges have yet to be released to the public, though police have described them as "historical" sexual assault offenses – meaning crimes that occurred years ago.



Pope Francis creates fourth pathway to becoming a saint

Candidates for beatification, which was previously limited to those involved in miracles, can now include Christians who lay down their lives to save others.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A reading from the First Book of Kings 3:5. 7-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared in a dream to Solomon during the night. God said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you'. Now, the Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.

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

Psalm 118

Lord how I love your law!

For my part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means
more to me. than silver and gold. R/

Let your love be ready to console me

by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. R/

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. R/

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. R/

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 13:44-52

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

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



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"How would spirituality help a man of the world like me?" said the businessman. "It will help you to have more", said the Master. "How?" "By teaching you to desire less."

From "One Minute Wisdom" by Anthony de Mello