



Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time – 09 February 2025

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO CLG. INFORMATION DAY EVENT



Saturday, 1 March 2025 in St. James's Church, Saint James, Dublin 8, D08 X799. Volunteers from the Camino Society Ireland clg. will come together in Dublin again to offer pilgrims - past, present and future - information about the Camino de Santiago. The Camino Society Ireland clg. looks forward to hosting its annual Dublin Information Day to provide information to all pilgrims: from those who might have only just heard about the Camino and want to learn what it's all about, to those who have walked it more than once and are looking for a new route, and everyone in between. We will start with a presentation to give background on the Camino, highlight any recent updates on routes and procedures, and carry on again with our popular packing demonstration. After the presentations we'll have a short Q&A session, followed by giving everyone the chance to visit each table to chat with volunteers about the different routes there are to walk, and learn more about different aspects of the Camino and how to give something back. There will be tables for purchasing and renewing membership (it's time to renew if you've not purchased it yet for 2025!), as well as purchase passports and a selection of guidebooks. Membership: €20 for adults, €10 for students; free passport for every membership purchased/renewed. 11:45: Doors open, 12:00: Informative presentations, including packing demonstration and Q&A, 13:00: Tables open for chats with volunteers about specific routes. For further information check our the website: <https://www.caminosociety.ie>

Former Canadian PM's view on claims by US President

Former Canadian PM Stephen Harper: "There is no migrant flow happening from Canada to the United States of any significant numbers... And I'm going to tell you right now, drugs, guns, crime—most of those things flow north, not south." If there is a problem with border security between the States and Canada, it's not on our side. Between Oct. 2023 and September 2024, roughly 43 lbs of fentanyl was seized passing from Canada to the States (compared to 21,100 lbs at the Mexico border). That's the equivalent of a single suitcase. ...but just two weeks ago, 1,840 LBS of cocaine was seized by the Toronto Police, coming from the States INTO Canada. The Toronto Police have also found that 85% of crime guns they recover have entered Canada from the States. What does President Trump intend to do to resolve this? Move the goalposts some more, apparently. First it was "drugs and illegal migrants are pouring in over the Canadian border!" (they aren't); then it was "we're subsidizing Canada by \$200B/year!" (they aren't), then it was "Canada has been treating us unfairly!" (referring to the trade deals that HE signed last time he was in office), and now it's "they don't allow U.S. banks into their country!" First, this is false; as of right now, there are 13 American banks that have branches inside Canada. Second, here's the true part: it HAS been challenging for American banks to make much headway in Canada, but this is for a significant reason: Canada's tighter financial regulations mean that the way those American banks would LIKE to do business (and do south of the border) are illegal in Canada. Remember during the financial crisis of 2008, when the American government had to bail out their largest banks or they wouldn't survive? ...Yep, because that's what happened. Remember during the financial crisis of 2008 when the Canadian government had to bail out OUR banks? ...Nope, because that never happened. There have been 534 bank failures in the States since 2001. The number of Canadian bank failures in that same time is 0.

Remembered this Weekend

Eileen Mahony (2nd A)
Terry Murtagh (3rd A)
Gertie Kiersey (11th A)
Mary Deasy (5th A)
Pat Dolan (22nd A)
Tom Reilly (5th A)
Mark Ashton



Recently Deceased

Ettena Kinch (7th Feb)
Betty McCormack (10th Feb)



Songs of Praise

Come join us for Songs of praise Dominican Convent Chapel Cabra, D07 NX47 Mon 17th Februar 8:00pm. The music will be led by Fr. Pat O'Donoghue and members of the Dublin Diocesan Music and will feature a selection from Laudate 25 and Emmanuel 25 (The 2 Music Programmes for Primary and Second level schools). Ciaran Donegan - Violin Teresa O'Donnell - Concert harp. Choir and Music Group Rehearsal at 7:30pm



Accord

The Annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 15 & 16 February 2025.



World Day of the Sick

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate the 33rd World Day of the Sick on or around 11 February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Pope's Message this Jubilee Year focuses on hope and leads with the quotation 'hope does not disappoint' from Romans 5:5. This is supported by a phrase 'but strengthens us in times of trial'. This quality of hope reaches out to those who are ill and those who care for them.

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Penitential Rite

Our God is a God of openness and generosity. As we begin our celebration let us call to mind that openness and generosity.

You make us poor in spirit. Lord have mercy

You make us mindful of all in need. Christ have mercy

You make us bearers of your vision for the world.
Lord have mercy

May the God of generosity and openness fill us with compassion, forgive us our sin and bring us to life everlasting. Amen

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Alleluia, alleluia
Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of people. Alleluia!

Luke 15:1-11

When Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats-it was Simon's-and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay

out your nets for a catch'. 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets for a catch.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will catch'. Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Prayer of the Faithful

Father, Son and Spirit, you are a community of active love. May we too be such a community. Lord hear us

Lord, in a world where so much is uncertain we look to you to guide us on our journey. Lord hear us

The Spirit of God is challenging our church to change direction; to become a church where there is room for everyone's gifts and abilities. Help us Lord, to face the challenge. Lord hear us

We are mindful of all who have gone before us to the heart of God. We mourn their loss but in a spirit of hope, looking to the day when we will be united again.
Lord hear us

As Jesus rejected violence, so may we choose the path of peace and reconciliation. Lord hear us

In quiet we put aside our own needs and remember those who need our prayer and support
.....Lord hear us



Reflection

Our world desperately needs to come in from the lost islands of desiccated individualism and learn to stand again on the fertile earth where vibrant and vital interaction can happen between people. Our world is facing so many crises ecologically, economically, and spiritually. These cannot be overcome by isolated individuals. We need to come together. There is incredible power in a community of people who are together because they care, and who are motivated by the ideals of compassion and creativity. When such a community develops and maintains its own vision, it will not fall into the trap of being prisoners of reaction and beginning to resemble more and more the opposition. It will not play power games, but maintain its care and critical focus. When such a prophetic community is nourished by prayer and animated by Divine Longing, the harvest of creativity and belonging which it can bring is unlimited.

John O'Donohue