



16th Sunday Ordinary Time – 21 July 2024

YOUNG ARCHITECT BRINGS NEGLECTED CORNER OF DUBLIN TO LIGHT



A Young architect at Ship Street has brought an historic but long neglected corner of Dublin to light. A fascinating and imaginative piece of work is currently in place along the railings around a long-derelict site at Werburgh Street and Ship Street. The site has been an eyesore for decades: a cluster of weed-strewn walled yards, used for car parking. But at the centre of the site and

continuing down Ship Street to the rear entrance of Dublin Castle runs a large section of Dublin's old city wall, one of the few remaining sections of the medieval wall left in the city. A series of storyboards, placed along the railings, tell the story of this place. Of Sheep Street (not Ship Street) and the Pole Mill; and the Poddle and the now-lost Hoey's Court. The beautiful illustrations evoke a site that has been at the heart of the city since Dublin was founded as a Viking port. A point where the water of the Poddle as it approaches the River Liffey was harnessed to power mills to serve the adjoining settlement. And images show how the area developed as the Viking settlement became an Anglo-Norman walled city. A sheep market here gave its name to Sheep Street, that in turn was corrupted to Ship Street - the name we know the street as today. Another lost placename is Hoey's Court. Developed in the 17thC by Sir James Hoey as an upmarket enclave for lawyers doing business in the nearby Castle. Hoey's Court was famously the birthplace of Jonathan Swift, the celebrated satirist and Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Finally the project makes the case for a reimagining of this historic quarter by constructing a new Pole Mill using traditional timber construction methods. The image sets the building in a bucolic landscape that merges the re-exposing the Poddle with the various historic buildings now occupying the area. It's fanciful but very original. And the site in question is set to be redeveloped in coming years. After decades of protracted arguments around ownerships and titles and neglect of the site, the area now comes fully into the ownership of the City and is proposed to be reimagined as an historic centrepiece alongside the State's premier ceremonial complex.

Mass for the Olympic Games

Pope Francis sent warm greetings and prayers for the Mass of Peace ahead of the imminent 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, France, wishing that the prestigious international sporting event work toward peace and friendship in a world much in need. "I ask the Lord to bestow His gifts upon all those who will participate in any way - whether athletes or spectators - and also to support and bless those who will host them, especially the faithful of Paris and elsewhere." The Eucharistic celebration was specifically celebrated on the day of the start of the Olympic Truce for the Paris Games, and was proposed by the French Bishops' Conference, the Archdiocese of Paris, and the Holy Games team. The Olympic truce, voted by the United Nations, begins one week before the opening ceremony of the Games on 26 July and ends one week after the end of the Paralympics on 8 September. The Holy Father said he rejoiced with them as they host the prestigious international sporting competition, especially since sport, the Pope commended, "is a universal language that transcends borders, languages, races, nationalities, and religions."

Courtesy Deborah Castellano Lubov - Vatican News

Cardinal Parolin in Ukraine

The Vatican Secretary of State is in Ukraine from 19 - 24 July. The cardinal is to preside over Mass at the Marian Shrine of Berdychiv for the concluding celebration of the pilgrimage of Ukrainian Latin Rite Catholics. He will visit the Greek-Catholic Cathedral in Kyiv. He is also scheduled to meet with the Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, Sviatoslav Shevchuk.

Reek Sunday 2024

The National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place on Sunday 28 July. Mass hourly on the summit from 8am to 2pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 7.30am to 2pm.

Remembered this Weekend

We remember all belong to us who have died and especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock

will take place on Sunday, July 28. Sacrament of the Sick at 2.30pm and Mass at 3pm in the Basilica.

National Heritage Week

will take place from 17th-25th August. This year we will celebrate the theme of "Connections, Routes & Networks". The theme of Connections, Routes and Networks invites you to explore the links between people and communities, to look at what brings us together and what connects us. We are all connected in a variety of ways to each other, to our families and to our communities. There will be plenty of Dublin 8 highlights in the programme, including special events at Saint Patrick's Cathedral and Christ Church Cathedral, Dublinia, Marsh's Library and more.

16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Penitential Rite

As we begin, let us call to mind God's goodness to us.

Your rescue us and lead us Lord have mercy

You feed us with your compassion Christ have mercy

You draw us together as the Body of Christ
Lord have mercy

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks! See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Ephesians 2:13-18

But now, in union with Christ Jesus you, who used to be far away, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For Christ himself has brought us peace by making Jews and Gentiles one people. With his own body he broke down the wall that separated them and kept them enemies. He abolished the Jewish Law with its commandments and rules, in order to create out of the two races one new people in union with himself, in this way making peace. By his death on the cross Christ destroyed their enmity; by means of the cross he united both races into one body and brought them back to God. So Christ came and preached the Good News of peace to all - to you Gentiles, who were far away from God, and to the Jews, who were near to him. It is through Christ that all of us, Jews and Gentiles, are able to come in the one Spirit into the presence of the Father.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a

boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Prayer of the Faithful

We pray in thanksgiving and praise for God's goodness to us. Lord hear us.

Lord, when I am hungry, give me someone in need of food. Lord hear us.

Lord, when I am thirsty, send me someone needing a drink. Lord hear us.

Lord, when I am cold, send me someone to warm. Lord hear us.

Lord, when I am grieved, offer me someone to console. Lord hear us.

Lord, when my cross grows heavy, let me share another's cross. Lord hear us.

Lord, when I think only of myself, draw my thoughts to another. Lord hear us

Let us be silent in the presence of God,
asking for nothing.



Reflection

In out-of-the-way places of the heart, Where your thoughts never think to wander, This beginning has been quietly forming, Waiting until you were ready to emerge. For a long time it has watched your desire, Feeling the emptiness growing inside you, Noticing how you willed yourself on, Still unable to leave what you had outgrown. It watched you play with the seduction of safety And the gray promises that sameness whispered, Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent, Wondered would you always live like this. Then the delight, when your courage kindled, And out you stepped onto new ground, Your eyes young again with energy and dream, A path of plenitude opening before you. Though your destination is not yet clear You can trust the promise of this opening; Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure; Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk; Soon you will home in a new rhythm, For your soul senses the world that awaits you.