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**Image of the day – Down Cathedral**

# People and places

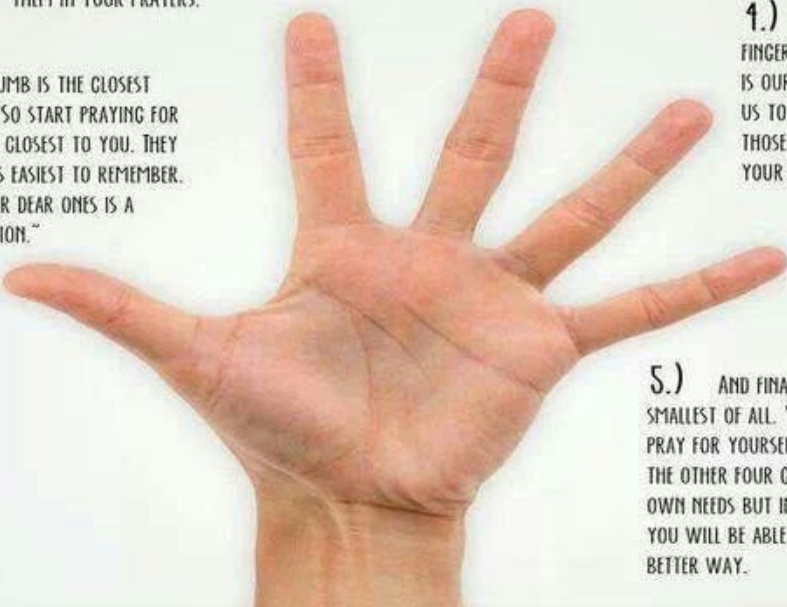
## Rector's boots were made for walking

**The Rector of Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary, the Revd Ross Styles, has once again put on his walking boots to raise funds.**

Ross set out yesterday (Thursday July 14) to walk from Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, to the Monastic City of Glendalough.

He is undertaking the 60 kilometre walk over three days to raise to raise funds for the repair of St Matthew's Church, Newtownmountkennedy and to support the Diocesan

## POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER



1.) THE THUMB IS THE CLOSEST FINGER TO YOU. SO START PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO YOU. THEY ARE THE PERSONS EASIEST TO REMEMBER. TO PRAY FOR OUR DEAR ONES IS A "SWEET OBLIGATION."

2.) THE NEXT FINGER IS THE INDEX. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEACH YOU, INSTRUCT YOU AND HEAL YOU. THEY NEED THE SUPPORT AND WISDOM TO SHOW DIRECTION TO OTHERS. ALWAYS KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

3.) THE FOLLOWING FINGER IS THE TALLEST. IT REMINDS US OF OUR LEADERS, THE GOVERNORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE AUTHORITY. THEY NEED GOD'S GUIDANCE.

4.) THE FOURTH FINGER IS THE RING FINGER. EVEN THAT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU, IT IS OUR WEAKEST FINGER. IT SHOULD REMIND US TO PRAY FOR THE WEAKEST, THE SICK OR THOSE PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS. THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS.

5.) AND FINALLY WE HAVE OUR SMALLEST FINGER, THE SMALLEST OF ALL. YOUR PINKIE SHOULD REMIND YOU TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF. WHEN YOU ARE DONE PRAYING FOR THE OTHER FOUR GROUPS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR OWN NEEDS BUT IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE, AND ALSO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY FOR YOUR OWN NEEDS IN A BETTER WAY.



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Rev Ross Styles

Ukraine Fund.

All are welcome to join Ross along the way – updates are on the parish Facebook page and Instagram. He also welcomes sponsorship for his endeavours. To sponsor him please contact Ross on 087–9892941 or the parish office [nandnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:nandnparishoffice@gmail.com).

Alternatively you can undertake your own 60km walk and raise sponsorship that way. Sponsorship forms are available from the parish office.

## **New Operations Executive post for Church's Ministry of Healing**

**The Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland has appointed Dr Catherine Smith as Operations Executive.**



This is a new position created with a view to implementing the strategies prioritised in a strategic development plan commissioned just prior to Covid restrictions.

The new Operations Executive will be responsible for the overall operational running of the charity, meeting charity and company regulations and leading implementation of the Board's strategy and initiatives. She will be working closely with CMH:I's Ministry Facilitator, Dr Iva Beranek to deliver the aims and objectives of the company which is a registered charity dedicated to bringing Christ's healing and wholeness to all.



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This year marks the 90th anniversary of the start of this ministry in Ireland, and the Archbishop of Dublin, The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, recently preached at the annual Service of Thanksgiving which was held in Clontarf. One of the Board's stated priorities going forward is increasing the presence of CMH:I outside of Dublin and it is hoped that the new role of Operations Executive will help bring this aspiration to fruition,

especially as Dr Smith is based in Limerick and will be operating a hybrid model of working from home combined with working from the Dublin office situated in Egan House, at St Michan's Church, Dublin 7.

Catherine said she is delighted to join the work of the Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland, and is greatly looking forward to taking on her new role. She brings seven years of experience in working for the Church of Ireland with her, having previously held the post of Synod Officer with the Representative Church Body. At a recent meeting of the Standing Committee of the General Synod, the Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Reverend John McDowell, thanked Dr Smith, for her tremendous grace and efficiency in the role of Synod Officer over the last seven years, and the Honorary Secretaries also expressed their gratitude on behalf of the Standing Committee.

Catherine has a doctorate in English Literature, and an MA in Irish Writing, as well as a post-graduation qualification in Mediation (Theory and Practice). Catherine is married to the Revd Dr Leonard Madden, who is curate-assistant in Limerick City Parish, where they have been living since September 2021. She will be taking up her new position with CMH:I in mid-August.

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More information on the Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland can be found on its website [ministryofhealing.ie](http://ministryofhealing.ie) and on Facebook.



## Ould Lammas Fair makes a welcome return

**The Ould Lammas Fair makes a welcome return to Ballycastle this year from Saturday 27th August – Tuesday 30th August.**

Celebrated in song and drawing people to the seaside town since the 17th century, the main event is traditionally held on the last Monday and Tuesday of August when the town is transformed by hundreds of stalls lining the streets, and visitors as far as the eye can see.





Building up to the fair days, there is a busy weekend to look forward to with the heavy horse show, horse races on the beach (Saturday 27th) and an outdoor concert and fireworks display on Sunday night (August 28th).

You will find the traders from Naturally North Coast and Glens Artisan Market at the seafront, bringing together an array of fresh food, local produce, tasty treats, and handmade arts and crafts – enjoy a browse and meet the makers behind this inspiring artisan collective.

Looking ahead to the event the Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Councillor Ivor Wallace, said: “The absence of the Ould Lamma Fair has been felt by many, and I am very pleased to see its return. Regarded as Ireland’s oldest fair, this event has been a feature of



Ballycastle for centuries – it is engrained in the town’s history and continues to be a focal point of the summer season for so many people who come from near and far to be a part of it.

“The social side of it is very important to people, and for generations it has brought families, friends, and communities together. Thankfully these connections can be rekindled this year, and it will be a welcome sight to see thousands of visitors in Ballycastle once again, enjoying dulse, yellowman and everything else it has to offer.”

At Fairhill Street, the old tradition of horse trading continues as a reminder of the Fair’s historic origins, and here you can also enjoy pony rides with Riding for the Disabled and a petting farm featuring lots of furry friends and more.



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Other attractions will include the popular family fun fair at Quay Road, children's entertainment, and singing and music through the streets.

As the summer draws to a close, make sure you are there to enjoy this special spectacle for yourself.

For the latest updates follow Causeway Coast and Glens Events on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram or go to [www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com](http://www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com).

## News briefs

### **Last day as Rector of St. Paul's, Lisburn**

Rev Arthur Young's last day as Rector of St. Paul's will be Sunday 7th August 2022. Arthur will be at the 6.30pm service on that date to say his farewell to the parishioners and friends of St Paul's.

### **Worship Academy at The Hub**

Spaces for The Hub's Worship Academy, starting in September, are limited and are beginning to fill up. Head on over to the Hub's website to get signed up... [www.thehubbelfast.org/worshipacademy](http://www.thehubbelfast.org/worshipacademy)

### **Chaplain at the Royal Group of Hospitals and Musgrave Park Hospital**

Heather McCracken (Presbyterian deaconess, Belfast Trust Hospitals)



Pray for wisdom and guidance for Heather as she serves in the Royal Group of Hospitals and Musgrave Park Hospital providing pastoral care to patients, relatives and staff. Pray too for continued strength and energy for Heather as hospitals continue to be very busy.

### **Evensong using Scottish music**

Evensong was sung in Scotland in the seventeenth centuries under James VI and Charles I in the University chapels and Chapel Royal. At Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains, in Edinburgh, the occasional choir Cantores Sanctae Crucis directed by David Coney, will be singing Evensong using Scottish music from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, largely from the Wode part-books, on Saturday 23 July at 5pm. A rare and unusual aspect of the history of the



# Scottish Evensong

Saturday 23 July, 5pm

at Holy Cross Church, Davidson's Mains

Evensong from the Scottish Book of Common Prayer sung by the *Cantores Sanctae Crucis*, directed by David Coney, using Scottish music of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries



*followed by a short talk:*

## **'Dúthchas: the Scottish Christian Tradition'**

by the Revd Dr Emsley Nimmo, Rector of St Margaret's in the Gallowgate, Aberdeen, & President of the Scottish Episcopal Gaelic Society.

All welcome - for more information contact the Revd Dr Stephen Holmes:  
[rector.hce@gmail.com](mailto:rector.hce@gmail.com) - Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh EH4 5BS

service. All welcome if you are in striking distance of Scotland's capital city.

# World News

## Appointment of Dean of York

**The Queen has approved the nomination of The Very Reverend Dominic Matthew Jesse Barrington, Dean of St James Cathedral, Chicago, for election as Dean of York.**

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street  
Published 13 July 2022

The Queen has approved the nomination of The Very Reverend Dominic Matthew Jesse Barrington, Dean of St James Cathedral, Chicago, for election as Dean of York, in succession to The Right Reverend Dr Jonathan Frost following his appointment as Bishop of Portsmouth.

### Background

Dominic was educated at Hatfield College, Durham, and trained for ministry at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. He served his title in the Mortlake with East Sheen Team Ministry, in the Diocese of Southwark, and was ordained Priest in 1996.

In 1998, Dominic was appointed Chaplain of St Chad's College, Durham. In 2003, he became Priest-in-Charge of St Peter and St Paul with St Michael, Kettering, in the Diocese of Peterborough, before being appointed Rector of the benefice in 2010.



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In 2015, Dominic moved to his current role as Dean of St James Cathedral, Chicago, in The Episcopal Church in the United States.

## **Pope Francis names three women to the Vatican's Dicastery for Bishops**

**The Holy Father alluded to the nominations to the Vatican department responsible for identifying future bishops globally in an interview with Reuters' correspondent Philip Pullella last week.**

The Pope's appointments as members of the Vatican Dicastery were published in a statement from the Holy See Press Office.

The female members are Sister Raffaella Petrini, F.S.E., Secretary General of the Governorate of the Vatican City State; Sister Yvonne Reungoat , F.M.A, former Superior General of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians; and Dr. Maria Lia Zervino , President of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations. The nomination of Ms. Zervino marks the first appointment ever of a laywoman to the Vatican's Dicastery for Bishops.

Dublin born Bishop Paul Tighe has also been appointed to the dicastery.

[The full list of the Pope's appointments as Dicastery members is as follows:](#)

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Cardinal Anders Arborelius , OCD, Bishop of Stockholm  
(Sweden)

Cardinal Jose F. Advincula , Archbishop of Manila  
(Philippines)

Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça , Archivist and  
Librarian of the Holy Roman Church

Cardinal Mario Grech , Secretary General of the Synod of  
Bishops

Cardinal Arthur Roche , Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine  
Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

Cardinal-elect Lazzaro You Heung-sik , Prefect of the  
Dicastery for the Clergy

Cardinal-elect Jean-Marc Aveline , Archbishop of Marseille  
(France)

Cardinal-elect Oscar Cantoni, Bishop of Como (Italy)

Archbishop Dražen Kutleša , Archbishop of Split-Makarska  
(Croatia)

Bishop Paul Desmond Tighe , Secretary of the former  
Pontifical Council for Culture

Father Dom Donato Ogliari , OSB, Abbot of the Abbey of  
San Paolo fuori le Mura and Apostolic Administrator of the  
Territorial Abbey of Montecassino (Italy)

Sister Raffaella Petrini , FSE, Secretary General of the  
Governorate of the Vatican City State

Sister Yvonne Reungoat , FMA, former Superior General of  
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# Vacancies

## **Internship - Kids and Youth - at St Patrick's, Drumbeg**

“Come and join a Bible teaching church that is passionate about sharing the gospel with the lost and equipping believers. The St Patrick's Church family has a real heart to bring Jesus to people of all ages in the community of Drumbeg and to see Him work powerfully in their lives.

“We are looking for a person who is passionate about sharing Jesus with our children and their families; working with youth in the community; and growing in their own faith. Someone who desires to be discipled and serve with humility and obedience, while further discovering the gifts that God has given them.

Internship: Kids and Youth

Are you someone who is aged 18+ years old who want to be challenged in their Christian faith and see God move in and through them as we reach out into the local community?

Start date: 1 September 2022

Contract: 2–3 years for 8 hours per week

The aim is to:

Equip you for LIFE – through a bible–based internship programme

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Equip you for WORK & MINISTRY – through practical experience working with the church and in the community through a range of outreach ministries

Equip you for LEADERSHIP – through opportunities to discover and develop your leadership skills, style, and vision.

For further information please contact:  
[jobs@drumbegparish.com](mailto:jobs@drumbegparish.com)

Application deadline: 4.00 pm on Tuesday 19 July.

Late applications welcome as other positions may become available.

(St Patrick's Drumbeg is a Church of Ireland parish in Dunmurry, Belfast).

## **Kiltarnan Parish is seeking to appoint a Youth Ministry Coordinator.**

This post is for 20 hours per week.

Closing date for applications: 12 August 2022

How to apply:

You can access a job description on the Dublin diocesan web site

If you have additional questions please email  
[david.webb@protestantaid.org](mailto:david.webb@protestantaid.org)





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### **C o I Vacancies: Clerical - Opportunities for ministry in the United Dioceses of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe:**

A range of opportunities for fruitful ministry in this newly-configured diocese of the West and mid-West of Ireland.

### **NENAGH UNION OF PARISHES**

This full-time incumbency is now vacant and a Board of Nomination will meet in late August. This is an attractive Union of three churches, adjacent to Lough Derg, based on the busy town of Nenagh where parish church and rectory co-exist in delightful grounds in the heart of the town. A Church of Ireland primary school is nearby.



Bishop Michael Burrows visiting in Kerry

## CLOGHJORDAN and BORRISOKANE GROUP OF PARISHES

This full-time incumbency in Co Tipperary will shortly become vacant and a Board of Nomination will meet in late August. A rural cure of five churches with good community spirit; the parish is in good heart and awaits a priest with a zeal for rural ministry. There is a Church of Ireland primary school in the parish

## SHINRONE GROUP OF PARISHES

An opportunity for part-time ministry (approx 40 per cent stipend plus house and generous expenses) based on Shinrone, Co Offaly. This is a parish where sound pastoral care and ordered worship will be valued by the approximately 100 households who live in a beautiful area of the Irish midlands



## RATHKEALE and KILNAUGHTIN GROUP

An attractive opportunity for approximately half-time ministry with generous expenses on the border of Limerick and Kerry, along the south bank of the Shannon Estuary. A glebe is available in Askeaton, Co Limerick. The area includes a large stretch of the wild Atlantic way, ministry to visitors is important and there is a widely dispersed and diverse body of parishioners, mostly in a rural setting. There is a Church of Ireland primary school in Rathkeale.

## AUGHAVAL (WESTPORT) GROUP & KILLALA GROUP

These two full-time incumbencies on the stunning Co Mayo coast will become vacant towards the end of the year.

Westport Union includes a rectory and Church of Ireland school in the elegant town of Westport, and four churches. The parish is rich in variety ranging from the major town of Castlebar, to Achill Island where an OLM priest is based.

Killala group is based in Ballina where there is a rectory and a Church of Ireland school. The parish includes the historic cathedral at Killala and much gorgeous coastline. The incumbent is assisted in their ministry by a motivated team including three priests in ordained local ministry.

Enquiries concerning all these possibilities in ministry should be addressed to Bishop Michael Burrows, Kilbane House, Golf Links Rd, Castletroy, Limerick

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([tlkbishop22@gmail.com](mailto:tlkbishop22@gmail.com)), with whom an exploratory informal conversation can also be arranged.

## In the media

### **Brendan Hoban: This was the day I thought I'd never witness - Western People**



**The gathering in the Sheraton Hotel in Athlone on June 18 of bishops, priests, religious as well as delegates and representatives of varied Catholic associations –**

**162 in all –was, as we say, something else altogether. It's even difficult to find words that exaggerate its importance.**

The word 'historic' is not out of place in that it never happened before in the long history of the Catholic Church in Ireland, not since the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century, not since St Patrick came to Ireland, not ever. We had expected that, after the Second Vatican Council (1962-5), the focus on becoming a People's Church would have led to a multiplicity of such gatherings when, to implement the vision of the council, such gatherings seemed both necessary and inevitable.

But it was not to be. It was a devastating failure to trust the voice of the highest teaching authority in the church – the bishops of the world gathered in general council, mapping out the future of the Church. It needed nerve to overturn centuries of tradition, to learn from 'the signs of the times', to hold in appropriate esteem and focus the vision of a People's Church. It was too a supreme failure in leadership, looking back instead of looking forward, listening to those in love with the past rather than trusting those able and ready to live in the present and to shape the future.

So, 60 years after the Second Vatican Council, the reforms intended by that council were truly launched when, as part of Pope Francis' challenge to become a People's Church, a representative gathering of the Irish Catholic Church met in Athlone recently.

As expected on the day – a day longed for and yearned for by so many for so long – there was a huge sense of



expectancy, even nervousness, that the occasion would not deliver or that, after being used to being told what to do, the spirit of openness that Francis was encouraging would not be translated into this first, crucial test. If for so long we had become used to thin gruel, would we be able for more satisfying food?

We shouldn't have worried. I met Fr Tony Flannery on the way in. There was a delicious irony in the fact that Tony had been 'silenced' and his ministry as a priest taken from him because he had written about most if not all of the issues now on the Athlone agenda.

When Tony entered the room, Archbishop Eamon Martin rushed over to welcome him. The gesture set the tone for the day. Everyone was welcome and everyone seemed happy that everyone was welcome. We were, I felt, like children arriving at a party to which for years we had longed to attend but had never been invited. And we stood there looking around us, not quite believing that (i) it was happening and (ii) that we had the pleasure of being there. There was a sense that, after all the work and the talk the synodal pathway was opening out in front of us.

The challenge – represented to the Catholic Church by the vision of the Second Vatican Council – was at last on the table as we listened, discussed, prayed to discern God's will and, effectively, decided on a process that would involve a journeying together of lay Catholics, bishops, priests and religious. The goal of that journey, we could all see, was nothing less than embracing a different way of being church, a People's Church.

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As I looked around the gathering, groups of eight, usually comprising a bishop, a priest, laywomen and lay men, discussing issues that pre-Francis priests like Tony Flannery and others were called to account for by the congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, I had to almost pinch myself that it was actually happening. Even more extraordinary was the energy in the room, the sense of united, respectful purpose, a gathering enthusiasm, even at times a feeling of pure joy and a hope that our withering Church, battered and bruised for within and without, might yet become an effective conduit of the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Every one of the 26 Irish dioceses had sent a report of a listening process to the Irish bishops and a national committee analysed them and summarised them under 15 headings: predictable ones like youth, family, faith but also sexual abuse, the equality of women, co-responsible decision-making, sexuality teaching, LGBTQI+, and questions related to priests – liturgy, mandatory celibacy, etc.

The Athlone meeting was to check with the 162 delegates whether the committee in reviewing the 26 reports had missed out on some important issue and such amendments will be included in the final document to be sent to the bishops. The document to Rome, which will become part of the Roman Synod in October 2023, will be published in August.

After the experience of the Athlone meeting, the clear effect is that the Catholic Church in Ireland has been firmly pointed on a synodal pathway and Archbishop Eamon Martin made

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it clear in his closing words that there's no turning back from synodality now. In effect, the Second Vatican Council is back on track.

June 18, 2022 will, I believe, stand its ground as a red-letter day for Irish Catholicism. Of course, it creates huge expectation of change that may not be easily realised as becoming a People's Church is more than the work of a day or indeed a year. But we've come a long way in a short time. We may re-find our voice and our confidence, albeit respectfully of all. We may find that some of the many who have disengaged may reconsider. We may even engage the doubters that change is real.

I say that because we know, if there's nothing else we know, that this is for the Catholic Church in Ireland, probably the last chance we have for getting things right. Not moving forward now on the synodal pathway, as Bishop Paul Dempsey has said, would be a disaster.

A good start would be to bring Tony Flannery in from the cold.

Courtesy - Western People 28.6.2022

## Poem for today

### Football Field - Evening by John Alexander Ross McKellar

Cross bars and posts, the echo of distant bells,  
The cool and friendly scent of whispering turf;



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And in the air a little wind that tells  
Of moonlit waves beyond a murmuring surf.

The glittering blue and verdant afternoon  
Has locked up all its colours, leaving dearth,  
Deserted, underneath a careless moon,  
The glory has departed from this earth.

The goals stand up on their appointed lines,  
But all their worth has faded with the sun;  
Unchallenged now I cross their strict confines;  
The ball is gone, the game is lost and won.

I walk again where once I came to grief,  
Crashing to earth, yet holding fast the ball,  
Symbol of yet another True Belief,  
The last but surely not the least of all:

To strain and struggle to the end of strength;  
To lean on skill, not ask a gift of chance,  
To win, or lose, and recognize at length  
The game the thing; the rest, a circumstance.

And now the teams are vanished from the field,  
But still an echo of their presence clings;  
The moon discovers what the day concealed,  
The gracefulness and grief of passing things.

Until the moon, that looked on Stonehenge ground  
Before the stones, will rise and sink and set  
Above this field, where also will be found  
The relics of a mystery men forget.

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# Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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