



Springhill residents rededicate 'The Saint That Lived In Our Street' sculpture as Mother Teresa is canonised. The sculpture was made in 2010, of material from the Corpus Christi Chapel which was demolished. Pictured: The Reverend Darach Mac Giolla Cathain, Parish Priest, rededicated the sculpture at No. 41 Springhill Drive. Picture: Philip Magowan / PressEye

The saint in a West Belfast street remembered

A mass has taken place in west Belfast to celebrate Mother Teresa's elevation to sainthood. The Macedonian born nun served for a time in west Belfast during her life. A sculpture the Saint That Lived In Our Saint was dedicated to Mother Teresa on Springhill Drive close to Corpus Christi church in 2010. It was rededicated yesterday by the Reverend Darach Mac Giolla Cathain, Parish Priest within hours of Mother Teresa being canonised by Pope Francis at the Vatican.

The Very Reverened Aidan Denny, Curate in Corpus Christi Parish led Mass at the church on Sunday morning.

Mother Teresa worked in Ballymurphy for 18 months in the early 1970s. Founder of the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa arrived in Belfast in 1973 and started a mission along with four other nuns. However due to certain disputes they withdrew from the mission.

She joined an Irish order, the Loreto Sisters and began her service as a nun by serving two months as a novice in Rathfarnham in Dublin in 1928, where she learned English. She returned to Ireland many times over her life, and was awarded the Freedom of Dublin in 1993.



Pope Francis has declared Mother Teresa a saint, honouring the nun who cared for the world's most destitute as an icon for a Catholic Church that goes to the peripheries to find poor and wounded souls.

Applause erupted in St Peter's Square even before Francis finished pronouncing the rite of canonisation at the start of the Mass in St Peter's Square.

In his homily, Pope Francis praised Mother Teresa as the merciful saint who defended the lives of the unborn, sick and abandoned — and

who shamed world leaders for the “crimes of poverty they themselves created.”

Pope Francis held Mother Teresa up as a model for today’s Christians during his homily for the nun who cared for the “poorest of the poor.”

Speaking from the steps of St Peter’s Basilica, Francis said the saint spent her life “bowing down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity.”

He added: “She made her voice heard before the powers of the world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crimes of poverty they themselves created.”

Pope Francis offered some 1,500 homeless people a pizza lunch at the Vatican after Mother Teresa’s canonisation Mass.

The homeless, most of who live in shelters run by Mother Teresa’s Sisters of Charity order, came to Rome overnight on buses from across Italy to take part in Sunday’s Mass in St Peter’s Square.

They're getting seats of honour for the celebration and will then be served lunch in the lobby of the Vatican auditorium.

A Neapolitan pizzamaker brought 20 people and three pizza ovens to cook the lunch, which was served to the guests by some 250 sisters and priests of the Sisters of Charity order.

Full text: Pope's homily at Mother Teresa's canonisation

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2016/09/04/full-text-popes-homily-at-mother-teresas-canonisation/>

Mother Teresa declared a saint at Vatican ceremony
Irish Examiner

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/world/mother-teresa-declared-a-saint-at-vatican-ceremony-1500-homeless-get-pizza-lunch-to-celebrate-752906.html>

Thousands gather in Vatican as Mother Teresa made a saint

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/europe/thousands-gather-in-vatican-as-mother-teresa-made-a-saint-1.2778901>

Dublin Information Morning To Explore Issues Surrounding Homelessness

The Church and Society Commission (CASC) of the Church of Ireland is issuing an invitation to clergy and church leaders from all denominations to attend an information morning addressing issues surrounding homelessness, including contributions from leading professionals in the sector.

CASC states: “Homelessness has been a prominent topic in the media in recent months, relating to the deepening crisis of homelessness in Dublin and the record number of people in emergency accommodation. During the morning, we hope to raise awareness about wider issues relating to homelessness, and to signpost resources.”

“We are delighted to confirm that among those contributing on the day will be Peter McVerry, Peter McVerry Trust, Phil Thompson, CEO Tiglin Challenge and David Carroll, Director of Services and Development. The introductory remarks on the day will be made by The Most Revd Michael



The Homeless Jesus Sculpture by Tim Schmalz outside Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Glendalough.”

The seminar will take place in the Griffith Conference Centre, Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8, Ireland on Monday 26 September 2016, from 9.30am and it will conclude with a light lunch at 1.30pm. Attendance is free and there will be free parking available for attendees.

Places are limited, and will be allocated on a first-come/first-served basis. To secure a place,

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please email seminar@ireland.anglican.org or contact Caoimhe Leppard in Church of Ireland House, Dublin, at 01-4978608.

Saviour of Warsaw ghetto Jews remembered in Northern Ireland

A stained glass window has been dedicated to Irena Sendler who was a Polish Social Worker and during WW2 she rescued 2500 Jewish children out from the Warsaw ghetto. She took the children out in body bags, tool boxes, potato sacks and even coffins!

The Nazis became aware of Irena's activities, and in 1943 she was arrested, imprisoned and tortured by the Gestapo, who broke her feet and legs. She ended up in the Pawiak Prison, but no one could break her spirit. Though she was the only one who knew the names and addresses of the families sheltering the Jewish children, she withstood the torture, that crippled her for life, refusing to betray either her associates or any of the Jewish children in hiding. Sentenced to death, Irena was saved at the last minute. She escaped from prison but for the rest of the war she was pursued by the Nazis.

After the war, in typically self deprecating fashion, she claimed no credit for her actions. "I could have done more," she simply said. Irena died in 2008.

On October 19, 1965, Yad Vashem recognised Irena Sendler as 'Righteous Among the Nations' (Israel's highest honour for non-Jews during the Holocaust).

The window was designed and made by folk from NI including Decorum NI (who look after Ex-Service Personnel) and the Disabled Police Officers Association. It is currently on display in Ards Arts Centre and then the North Down Museum. Visit the window and hear the whole story

News briefs

+++ Presbyterian church reopens - A service of Thanksgiving for the reopening of Newtowncunningham Presbyterian Church building, following extensive renovations, on Sunday 11th September at 7:30pm. The guest preacher will be former Moderator, Rev.Dr.

Alastair Dunlop. Supper will follow in the hall. All welcome.

+++ TRC welcomes new NI schools body -

The Transferor Representatives' Council (TRC) in a statement 'welcomes the launch of the Controlled Schools' Support Council (CSSC) and looks forward to working closely with Mr Barry Mulholland, Director, and his team in the future.' The statement adds, 'The TRC has strongly lobbied for the CSSC and is delighted that the Controlled Sector will now have greater representation and a stronger voice for children in the Controlled Schools.'

+++ Seeing double in a Wicklow school -

At one school in Co Wicklow, teachers and students are getting used to seeing double. Last week the Glebe National School, welcomed four sets of twins to junior infants.

+++ Halfway House Special Showing -

Following its success at New Horizon, Evangelical Alliance, Contemporary Christianity and Belfast Bible College are to show a lunchtime performance of *The Halfway House* for clergy and those in lay leadership. The play looks back at the events of 1916 and our David Smyth

of EA, Nicola Brady General Secretary of the Irish Council of Churches and the playwright Philip Orr will take part in a brief Q&A/discussion after the performance on the Church's role in dealing with the past. The event is on Thursday 15th September at Belfast Bible College from 12:30 - 2pm. Tea/coffee available at 12.30 (bring a sandwich if you wish) and performance starts at 12.45pm. No need to pre book entrance, £5.00 suggested contribution. For more information feel free to contact Stephen Adams info@contemporarychristianity.net

+++ A buzz about bees - They are just two three-part boxes on the roof of St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle, but thanks to their 40,000 occupants, they are beginning to house sweet combs of honey that will help expand a growing beekeeping movement in the Episcopal Church.

+++ Second birthday for Newtownards church plant - A C of I church plant in The Glen, Newtownards, has been celebrating its 2nd birthday with a programme of events for the community. The festivities began on Wednesday 24 August, 2 years to the day, with a birthday party for the kids and a Praise Evening when

Tammy, a young mum, was baptised. Tammy's three children will also be baptised at the Glen Community Church celebration on Sunday. During the week the church also hosted an Afternoon Tea for the seniors, a Pamper Morning for young mums, with a Social Evening and Treasure Hunt to come. The regular church family is now 70–80 strong, having begun in 2014 with just 22 at the very first meeting. "We planted a tree that day," recalled Stephen Doherty, Leader of the Glen Community Church, "but about 2 weeks later they broke it down. Chris Matchett and I talked about replanting another one but decided against it and it was the right decision because the original is now growing away. "It's a great wee illustration that no matter what is thrown against us, we're here. The roots are deep. It's been a difficult journey to our second birthday but we've got here. God has been good!" Revd Chris Matchett is rector of St Mark's, Newtownards, which planted the church.

News links to reports on faith, politics and education

Ballymena bus building company donates 4 million pounds to Christian ministry

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/news/wrightbus-insists-it-is-financially-robust-despite-19-drop-in-profits-35017490.html>

Hawe family buried following funeral service in Cavan

Irish Times

“My colleague of the **Church of Ireland**, Bishop Ferran Glenfield, contacted me to offer his support and prayers and the support of his community also at ...

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/hawe-family-buried-following-funeral-service-in-cavan-1.2778784>

Historic day as parish welcomes first ever deacon

Fermanagh Herald

Historic day as parish welcomes first ever deacon ... when Rev Harper was ordained at the age of 24 he was the youngest in the Church of Ireland.

<http://fermanaghherald.com/2016/09/historic-day-as-parish-welcomes-first-ever-deacon/>

French village remembers the Irish who came as liberators

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/french-village-remembers-the-irish-who-came-as-liberators-1.2778924>

S.Tel

Profile of Terry Waite, the former envoy to the Archbishop of Canterbury, was captured by Hezbollah in 1987 and imprisoned for five years. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/men/thinking-man/terry-waite-i-spent-five-years-as-a-hostage-in-beirut---but-i-ne/>

BBC

Reports that the tradition of church bell-ringing is under threat because of a shortage of new recruits. A BBC local radio survey suggests it is getting more difficult to persuade newcomers to take the practice up. Three-quarters of delegates to the annual conference of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers said it had got harder in the past 10 years to attract new members. Kate Flavell, of the Council says the 66 affiliated societies need to do more to promote their hobby.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-37257729>

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