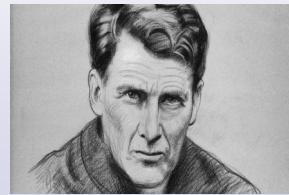


Sharing the Good News

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Pope Francis approves beatification of Venerable John Sullivan SJ

Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin have welcomed the news that Pope Francis has approved the beatification of Venerable John Sullivan SJ (1861-1933). Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said John Sullivan was marked in a special way by a great care for the sick. He said "Reading his biographies is like reading a directory of the hospitals and the homes for the sick in the Dublin of his days." Archbishop Eamon Martin said that the news will be welcomed by all those, in Ireland and around the world, who have a devotion to him and who have been inspired by his ministry. He said "It is because of his reputation as a holy and healing person that so many people still visit his tomb in Gardiner Street Church in Dublin each year to pray for his intercession." See www.frjohnsullivan.ie for more information.



Year of Mercy #RosaryRelay in the Archdiocese of Armagh

Archbishop Eamon Martin has announced a #RosaryRelay for May, the month of Our Lady, in schools and parishes in the archdiocese as part of the universal Jubilee Year of Mercy. Archbishop Eamon said, "My intention is that across the Archdiocese as many young people as possible will learn to pray together a decade of the Rosary at 12 noon each day during May. Then, as if in a relay, they will pass on the story of the rosary to their families and friends and be part of what Pope Francis has described as an 'extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal' in this Year of Mercy". For more information and videos on the #rosaryrelay see www.archdioceseofarmagh.com.

Annual Trócaire Lecture

The 2016 annual **Trócaire**

Trócaire lecture will take place in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, on 19 May on the theme of "Migration – The moral challenge of our time". The keynote speaker will be the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Migration and Development, and President of the International Catholic Migration Commission, Mr Peter Sutherland. See trocaire.org.

'Amoris Laetitia' now in Veritas

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love), the new Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis, is now available in Veritas stores. Welcoming *Amoris Laetitia*, Bishop Denis Nulty, President of Accord Catholic Marriage Care, said that Pope Francis is saying to us at diocesan level, at parish level, in our very homes, let us build up our family from below, from within. Bishop Nulty said, "It is not written to affirm the ideal family but is written in the context of the very rich but complex reality of family life".

Pope Francis Tweet of the Month: "Christ is our greatest joy; he is always at our side and will never let us down." Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex and on Instagram as 'Franciscus'.

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- Watch the video of Pope Francis' prayer intention for May, which is on respect for women, on catholicnews.ie.
- The Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Charles Brown, opened a Holy Door of Mercy at Saint Patrick's Basilica, Lough Derg, to inaugurate the Jubilee of Mercy pilgrimage season on 1 May. See loughderg.org.
- The Diocese of Kerry has launched a new website on www.dioceseofkerry.ie.
- The Irish embassy to the Holy See and the Teutonic (German) College in the Vatican have unveiled a plaque in honour of Monsignor Hugh O' Flaherty - the Irish priest who saved thousands of Jewish lives during the Second World War.
- The annual Irish Catholic Doctors Learning Network conference takes place on 28 May in the Emmaus Centre, Swords, Dublin. This year's conference is titled "Healthcare in the Year of Mercy". See www.icdln.ie.
- Bookings are now being taken for the 2016 Irish Church Music Association Summer School which will take place from 6-9 July in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth. For more see www.irishchurchmusicassociation.com.

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