

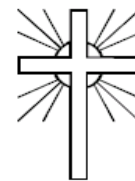


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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 2020

Sunday 22nd November 2020

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND

AND WALES

Statement on the Publication of the IICSA Report

Tuesday 10th November 2020

The Catholic Church in England and Wales welcomes the Report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse relating to the institutional response of the Church in its duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation. We thank the IICSA Panel for their work. The Report will now inform the ongoing reform and improvement of safeguarding in all aspects of the Church's life. An important aspect of the Inquiry's work was the voice given to victims and survivors of abuse, including the accounts which they gave of their subsequent engagement with the Church. Listening attentively to their witness testimony has brought into sharp relief the extent of the damage this sexual abuse has had on their lives. We apologise to all victims and survivors who have not been properly listened to, or properly supported by us. By listening with humility to those who have suffered, we can contribute to the healing of the wounds of abuse, as well as learn from those most directly affected how we must improve the Church's safeguarding standards, policies and procedures.

This is an ongoing task and one to which we are wholly committed. Child sexual abuse is a crime. It is a crime that requires committed vigilance and strict procedures to ensure reporting to the statutory authorities. This is the Church's policy. It is also why our safeguarding work needs to be continually reviewed and improved. Where there have been failings and inconsistency in the application of our safeguarding procedures, we acknowledge these and commit to actions which will bring about improvement.

Abuse is an evil act against the most vulnerable; it must never be excused or covered up. Abuse committed against children and the consequent damage to people's lives cannot be undone. For this, we apologise without reservation, and we are committed to listen attentively to the voices of those who have been abused.

This report is an important moment in our safeguarding journey in the Catholic Church in our countries. It will now be considered in detail by us, the Bishops, at our Plenary Assembly beginning next

week so we can explore how to integrate the findings of this important Inquiry into the life and work of the Church in order to consistently safeguard children and the vulnerable.

Vincent Cardinal Nichols

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

President and Vice-President

National Catholic Safeguarding Commission Reporting Policy

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police. If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese; (the relevant Diocesan safeguarding office can be located using the interactive map on the links page of the CSAS website – www.csas.uk.net - contact details will be shown when you click on the relevant area of the map). You can also contact CSAS by telephoning 07855 123398 or via email at admin@csas.uk.net

Father Martin Writes,

We can't have the Christmas Fair this year

Since we can't, sadly, gather for our joint parishes annual bazaar this year, it's been suggested that people who are always so very generous with their donations at the fair, and gifts for the fair, might welcome an opportunity to make a donation instead.

If you're able to make a donation online, please visit <http://www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/donate>

If you'd prefer to send a cheque, please post it to (or drop it off at) Royle House, Church Street, Glossop SK13 7RJ. Cheques for St Mary Crowned can be made out to "St Mary RC Glossop RCP"; and for All Saints to "All Saints Glossop RCP".

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

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Joint Parish Pastoral council: 08445 880856. Jenny Cieslik, Lorraine Doyle, Christine Hulley, Ann King, Natalie Mellor-Fallon, Sandra Mellor-Fallon, Sue Nash, Barbara Payne and Fr Martin Sylvester. (Calls to 0844 numbers cost 7p/min plus your network charge. The parish does not receive any income from this charge - it is retained by the virtual switchboard service provider.)
Parish Newsletter Editor Liz Nash **Website** www.glossopcatholics.org.uk
The Glossop Catholic Parishes are bound by Diocesan Privacy Policy – see <http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/privacy-policy>

The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church)

Saturday 21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.45am to 10.45am, ASC open for private prayer
Sunday 22nd Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 10.00am to 11.00am, SMC open for private prayer
Monday 23rd St Clement 1, Pope & Martyr 9.45am to 10.45am, SMC open for private prayer
Tuesday 24th St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday 25th St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
Thursday 26th Feria 9.45am to 10.45am, SMC open for private prayer
Friday 27th Feria 9.45am to 10.45am, ASC open for private prayer
Saturday 28th Our Lady's Saturday 9.45am to 10.45am, ASC open for private prayer
Sunday 29th First Sunday of Advent 10.00am to 11.00am, SMC open for private prayer

Vigil of Prayer

Bishop Patrick and Fr Jonathan will be streaming an hour of Adoration from the Chapel in Bishop's House from 4 - 5pm this Saturday, 21st November, to pray for all those affected by the current pandemic in England and Wales, and we can join them on the Bishop's YouTube channel:
www.YouTube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney

Mass Intentions for the nine days beginning Saturday 21st November, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:
For the people of the parishes (twice); for the Holy Souls (twice); for the Ellison family; for Patrick Shanahan RIP(GS);
For the deceased members of the Rowbottom and Russell families, RIP (GR); for Isobel Wood RIP;
and for Gerald James Riley RIP (JR).

Live streaming services for This Weekend:
For Bishop Patrick, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community>
For Nottingham Cathedral at 10 am, go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral>
This Sunday's Mass Readings are: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22: 1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28; Mt 25: 31-46
What did the Pope really say about "gay marriage"? Some statements contained in the documentary Francesco by the director Evgeny Afineevsky have given rise to various reactions and interpretations.
In an interview he gave more than a year ago, Pope Francis answered two separate questions at different times, but they have been edited and published as a single answer, without being put into context in the way they should have been, and this has created confusion. In the first place, the Holy Father had made a pastoral reference to the need for homosexually oriented sons or daughters not to suffer discrimination within their own families. That is what these words refer to: "Las personas homosexuales tienen derecho a estar en familia. No se puede echar de la familia a nadie ni hacerle la vida imposible por eso" (Homosexual persons have a right to be part of a family. You cannot throw someone out of the family or make his or her life impossible for that).
The following section from the Post-Synodal Exhortation Amoris Lætitia on the family can shed some light on these expressions: "During the Synod, we discussed the situation of families whose members include persons who experience same-sex attraction, a situation not easy either for parents or for children. We would like before all else to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while 'every sign of unjust discrimination' is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence. Such families should be given respectful pastoral guidance, so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God's will in their lives" (§ 250).
A later question in the interview was related to a local law ten years ago in Argentina on "matrimonios igualitarios de parejas del mismo sexo" (equal marriages of same-sex couples) and the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires' opposition to it. Pope Francis said about this that "es una incongruencia hablar de matrimonio homosexual" (it is inconsistent to speak of homosexual marriage) and he added that, in precisely this context, he had spoken about these people's right to be covered legally: "lo que tenemos que hacer es una ley de convivencia civil; tienen derecho a estar cubiertos legalmente. Yo defendí eso" (what we need to have is a law of civil partnership; they have a right to be covered by the law. I defended that). The Holy Father said this in an interview in 2014: "Marriage is between a man and a woman. Secular states want to justify civil unions to regulate different situations of people who live together, driven by the need to regulate financial matters between persons, for example ensuring health care. It is about agreements on various kinds of living together, of which there are so many I would not be able to list them. We have to look at different cases and evaluate them in all their variety".
It is clear, therefore, that Pope Francis was referring to particular state arrangements, and certainly not changing Church doctrine, which has been restated various times through the years.