



Justice & Peace Weekly Bulletin : 20 Oct 2021

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GOOD NEWS

- **IRELAND AND ITS ARTISTS**
 - Making ends meet is a struggle for many artists whose financial position has been exacerbated by the pandemic.
 - The Irish Government has announced plans for a basic income for those working in the Arts. The three-year scheme will give £175 a week to 2000 creatives helping the Irish culture bounce back from the pandemic.
- **FALMOUTH AND TRURO FARMERS' MARKETS**
 - The i newspaper has named these two farmers' markets as among the best 20 in the UK.
 - The Falmouth market is described as famous for its seafood, oysters and local produce – including meat, fish, cheese, honey, bread, cakes and craft.
- **RNLI**
 - Falmouth recently said goodbye to four longstanding volunteers who between them clocked up 67 years of service and 1000 lifeboat calls.
 - The RNLI has nationally has 5,600 operational crew, 3,500 shore crew and 140 lifeguards.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

- **AFGHANISTAN**
 - A month ago, the Taliban shut school gates for millions of Afghan girls, robbing them of not just an education but also their future.
 - Pray that there will be an international response and action on this denial of human rights.
- **POVERTY**
 - According to government figures the jobs market is showing "signs of recovery", however the headline statistics mask a problem few might be aware exists.
 - Poverty figures for people in work are rising, to 4 million, with just half in full time employment, according to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.
- **TRELISKE**
 - Please continue to pray for our much-stretched ambulance and Accident and Emergency service. 22 ambulances were reportedly outside A&E one occasion recently, impacting ambulance availability in Cornwall.
 - Pray for the overworked staff in the hospital, with staff shortages and for the patients too.
- **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**
 - At this time of the death of Sir David Amess, may we remember our MPs and pray for them at this very sad time, when our very democracy has been threatened. They seek to serve us well and deserve safety and security. May their intimidation and threats on social media be addressed and condemned.

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ACTION OF THE WEEK

- Someone at church said to me this week, "the world is in a bad way".
- May we seek to bring JOY AND HOPE, amidst climate change, the forthcoming COP26, Covid, terrorism etc. There is so much goodness and kindness that never hits the world and national headlines. For older people this is very depressing and damaging to their mental health.

A Poem (from Celtic Spirituality)

By the grace of God
Dance in the sunlight
Grow in the shadows
Smell creations perfume
Taste the fruit of the vine
See the wildness
Hear the stillness
Feel the wind
Touch the holy presence and know that He is in it all
Amen

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