



Public representatives are expected to understand you manage things, but lead people. If you do neither, you lose your ability to influence actions and will

concede control to outside forces.

The shambolic handling of migrants in Dublin and around the country is a case study in what happens when you let circumstances make decisions for you.

Justice Minister Helen McEntee is right in saying Ireland cannot manage migration on its own, but this must not detract from the failure to provide adequately for asylum-seekers in the capital and elsewhere around the country.

Camps like the one at Mount Street speak to a complete breakdown in processes and absence of policy.

Two-hundred tents sprung up at the International Protection Offices without any appropriate sanitary facilities. The asylum-seekers felt safer together as they were on the streets, at the mercy of not only the elements, but of hostile groups. The question that needs answering is: Why did it take so long to move them to a place where they would be safe? Why was there such a delay in offering the very basics for living with some semblance of dignity until applications were processed? They have finally been provided with “robust, weatherproof tents” and will be given food and hygiene facilities, according to International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS) staff. All were told they were committing an offence by staying put and would be arrested if they failed to co-operate, yet it was not they who chose to be on the streets.

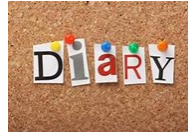
Taoiseach Simon Harris referred to the move as a “humanitarian operation”, but mystery remains as to why there was such a paralysis in decision-making that it took this long to provide “safe beds”. Integration Minister Roderic O’Gorman described the “tent city” as an “extremely difficult situation”, while Public Expenditure Minister Paschal Donohoe said state agencies will take all the steps needed to try to prevent something of this scale happening again.

An explanation as to why such steps were not taken in the first place and how such an abnegation of responsibilities is possible would also be welcome.

Mr Harris himself described the street camp as a “makeshift shantytown”. Indeed, it was expanding so rapidly that it would soon have reached the steps of the European Parliament offices. This was, in a sense, somehow fitting, as the issue is one the whole of Europe must embrace. If the new European Migration and Asylum Pact is accepted, tighter and more efficient processing of applications will be implemented across the bloc. It provides for asylum camps near airports. Integrated EU mechanisms so that there will be equity and consistency across the EU are vital. However, our Government must implement a coherent and co-ordinated plan for managing asylum-seekers.

It is utterly unacceptable, as noted by Labour TD Aodhán Ó Riordáin, to “dehumanise those who come here seeking sanctuary”.

Please note next Saturday eve Mass 11th May Donoughmore will be at **6pm** because of the Limerick V Cork hurling match at 7pm



Recently deceased Our sympathy to the families of Paddy (Pat) McNamara, Castleconnell brother of Helen Brosnahan Drombanna, Tom Toomey, Castletroy & formally of Cappoquin Co. Waterford, late historian & South Liberties GAA Fr Willie Walsh Kilmeeedy Co Limerick Fr Pat O’Shaughnessy Loughill Co. Limerick & Mississippi USA. May they rest in Peace.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 10th May. 3 ceremonies 10am Scoil Spioraid Naoimh –Queen Of peace Church. 11.30am Donoughmore School– Donoughmore Church & 1.30 Knockea Sch.– Knockea Church. Bishop Brendan will administer the sacrament to the young people

First Communion Sat. 11th May Knockea 11am. Sat.18th May Scoil Spioraid Naoimh –Queen of Peace 11am, Sat. 25th May Donoughmore 11am

Graveyard Masses Donoughmore Monday 13th May 7.30pm. Cahernorry Tuesday 14th May 7.30pm Raheen Monday 27th 7.30pm Friday 31st Mt St Oliver 7.30pm Graveyard Contacts; Donoughmore Pat Maher, Cahernorry Denis Carroll, Raheen James Moynihan

Dkr Comm. Café Courthouse Ballyneety, Friday

Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat 4th May 7 pm Paddy & Tess Wade & Eamon Higgins

Mon 6th Public Holiday 10am No Mass

Tue 7th 10am Mass

Fri.10th Confirmation Day 10am No Mass

Sat. 11th May 6pm Marie Hartigan (2nd)

Knockea

Sun 5th 11am Stephen & Bridget Slatery. Jim & Michael Madden

Wed 8th May

Sun 12th 11am Gerard Burke. Tommy & May Hartigan

10.30am free cup of tea /coffee /Chat . All welcome



Bank Holiday weekend lets be careful on our roads.

Riverfest & Regeneron Great Limerick Run We

hope everyone has an enjoyable visit to our City this weekend and all taking part in the Limerick

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Pastoral Unit ‘Sli Padraig’ Patrick’s Way ;Donoughmore /Knockea/ Roxboro, Queen of Peace, Holy Family

Run for all various charities and concerns, like to wish John Prendergast and his brother & sister doing a Memorial run fundraising for Milford Care Centre. Good luck John

On-line Donations system An alternative facility to allow parishioners make financial contributions to the church and clergy.

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