

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory € 1624

Share € 999

Envelop € 171

HOMELESS APPEAL

Collection for the homeless - this Sunday (25 November) after all masses.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

after all Masses next Sunday (2 December) for *Friends of St. Luke's*.

CONFIRMATION

ENROLMENT MASS

Enrolment Ceremony for this year's Confirmation Class on Sunday, 2 December 2018 at 6.00 Mass.



NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Envelopes and Lists available at the back of the Church for our Annual Novena of Masses to be offered during the month of November.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Niall Quinlan (Bancroft), whose funeral was from this Church during the week.

VINE MASS

The December masses are as follows

December first: the church of the Incarnation Fettercairn with our good friend fr Bryan Shortall. There will be a collection at this mass for brother Kevins homeless appeal; December the eight: saint Thomas's Jobstown with our good friend fr Pat McKinley; Sunday December 16 saint Mary's Priory.

The movies with meaning are: „It's a wonderful life" - Thursday December 6th, saint Thomas's Jobstown; „A miracle on 34th street" Sunday 9th, the church of the Incarnation Fettercairn.

Lastly as part of the „Help us help others" campaign, The Vine Group will be staging a live production of Mick Langans a Christmas Canticle. This will take place at the end of January. All money raised goes to helping people in need. Any singers musicians interested in getting involved contact us through Facebook, e-mail vine-mass@gmail.com or phone Joe on 0876569223

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN IT TALLAGHT

The annual Christmas Market at the Institute of Technology Tallaght will take place on Wednesday, 5th December from 10am - 1pm. Christmas gift ideas, wreaths, etc. All welcome.

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, Christ the King (B) , 25th November 2018

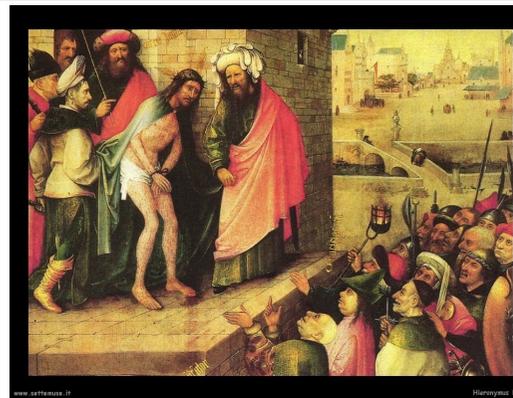
My kingdom is not from this world.

Do you know the word 'Maranatha'? Don't be too hard on yourself if you don't: it is an Aramaic word. Aramaic was the language that Jesus spoke. Depending on how you pronounce it, it means "Come, Lord!" (marana-tha) or 'The Lord has come' (maran-atha).

'Maranatha' was an early Christian prayer for the return of Christ. (...) In 1883 an early Christian book called the Didachè was discovered, which caused immense excitement; it was written in the first century, and was an unexpected glimpse into the early days of the Christian faith. Among other things it contains an account of the Mass. I quote a small part. Look out for the word maranatha.

"Lord, remember your Church; deliver it from evil, perfect it in your love, sanctify it, and gather it from the four winds into the kingdom you have prepared for it. Response: Yours is the power and the glory for ever and ever! Let Grace [Jesus] come, and this present world pass away. Response: Hosanna to the God of David! Whoever is holy, let him approach. Whoever is not, let him repent. Response: Maranatha. Amen."

Did they say maran-atha, or marana-tha? Either would make sense, and the Christian faith needs both senses. The kingdom of God is here and simultaneously it is yet to come; it is present but not completed. The gospels tell us that "the kingdom of God is among you" (Luke 17:21). They also say



that it is still to come: in the Our Father we say "May your kingdom come!"

The kingdom of God is already here in the sense that Jesus lives within and among us now. But we know also that his presence is obscured by the continued presence of evil in the world. Individuals and institutions are very far from being aligned on the will of God, and so the kingdom is incomplete. St Paul imagines Christ eventually handing over a perfect kingdom to God his Father (1 Cor. 15:24), but since it is not yet perfect, his ultimate triumph is delayed. Origen (born in 185 A.D.) wrote the following: "Christ said, 'I will not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father' (Matthew 26:29). For as long as we fail to rise to his level he cannot drink this wine all alone.... We delay his joy. Until I hand over my life to the Father his life is not fully handed over. Without you he cannot receive his full glory. Without you: that is, without his people, who are his body and his limbs." (...)

Fr Donagh O'Shea OP
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