

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory € 1382
Share € 875
Envelop € 101

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This annual special collection will be taken up next Sunday (9th Dec) at all Masses (replacing the Share Collection).

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

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



FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: HOLYDAY

Friday, 7th Dec: Vigil Mass at 8.00pm
Saturday 8th Dec: Masses at 8.00am; 10.00am; 11.15am; 4.30pm (Polish).

TREE OF LOVE: GIFT TREE

We invite you to take a gift tag from the tree. After buying the gift requested, bring the gift on Sun 16th Dec and place it under the Tree.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next 7th Dec is the First Friday of the month. Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound on that morning. Let us know if there is someone not already on our list that you think should be.

ANNUAL PRIORY CAROL SERVICE

Next Sunday (9th Dec) at 4.00pm. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome!



HAVE PASS WILL TRAVEL

Our annual Christmas get together will take place on Wednesday, 5th December at 11.00am in the Plaza Hotel.

The charge will be €8 per person. This includes the cost of room hire, tea, coffee, mince pies and scones.

This is our annual fund raiser for *Saoirse, the Women's Refuge in Tallaght*.

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN IT Talaght

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

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

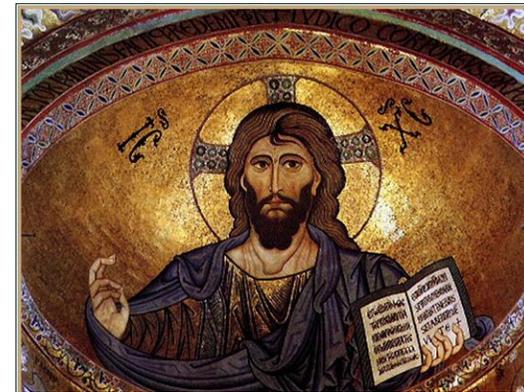
St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 1st Sunday of Advent (C), 2nd December 2018

ADVENT IS HERE

Today, we commencing a new 'Church [Liturgical] Year and "Advent", meaning "coming", from the Latin. The Lord is coming and we are now another year closer to that great expectation. And like every good Church action we begin with "vigilance in prayer... and exultation in praise" (Advent Preface II) as we place ourselves in God's presence with a spiritual attitude. The purpose of this is that God will make us holy in "spirit, soul and body" by keeping us in his holiness as the prayer says. Our desire and deep hope is that we will be sinless in these three parts of our whole being as we wait for the Second (and last) Coming into this world of our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who came at his First Coming to redeem and save each one of us by his death and resurrection.

It helps us tremendously if we frequently think prayerfully of the Blessed Virgin Mary through whom that First Coming became a reality. We know that she belonged to that Jewish group who believed that the "Christ", the "Messiah", the "Anointed One" would enter their world and redeem them. We look at her living in expectation of his coming and we note her prayerful life and devout listening to and pious reading of the Bible as she prepared herself for her role in salvation both before and after the Incarnation, never realizing that the Son of God had planned to take flesh in her womb. (...)

The hallmark of Mary's faith was her obedience: "*Behold the handmaid [servant] of the*



Lord? Our course has been clearly laid out for us; nothing should now hold us back from being Christ-like and Mary-like. Let us take up the challenge.

+Fr Paschal Tiernan OP

Seek me
with all
your heart

(Jeremiah 29:11-14)



A Reconciliation Service for
Advent takes place in St Mary's
Church, Tallaght Village on

Wednesday
12th December at 7.30p.m.

All are welcome