

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory € 1856

Share € 874

Envelop € 210

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

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

ANNUAL PRIORY CAROL SERVICE

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



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND PAGEANT

Tuesday, 18th Dec at 11.00am, here in the Church. All welcome!

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.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Details of Masses and Confessions are on leaflets at back of Church. Please take one.

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

LIFE IS A REALITY CHECK - NEW BOOK OF FR VINCENT TRAVERS OP

Just published

Price: €10

Proceeds from the book go to HAITI, to a Community of Irish Holy Faith Sisters working amongst the poorest of the poor.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Kennedy (Main Road) whose funeral was from this Church during the week

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 2nd Sunday of Advent (C), 9th December 2018

REPENTANCE FOR SALVATION

Today's Gospel is quite short with only six verses divided into two sections of three verses each. To read it for the first time could make you raise your eyebrows in great surprise. It tells us first (verse 1-3) of the political rulers in the Roman Empire at the time of Jesus' life on earth. The first-mentioned claimed to be the only divine, not just one of several and expected to be treated as such. Pontus Pilate is mentioned. Then the next four, three of whom were related, were the emperor's deputies, called tetrarchs. Verse 2 lists the two most eminent Jewish religious leaders, also related to each other by marriage. One thing common to the political and religious leaders mentioned is that all were evil men. Two of these political leaders were responsible for Jesus' crucifixion, as were the two religious leaders. The situation could not have been worse and this was the time when God intervened by sending his Son to redeem and save those he had created out of his love for love, to become like him, to share his divinity.

As a preparation for Jesus' birth and fully aware of the sinfulness of not only the leaders, God chose John the Baptist as his prophet or spokesman, to announce the Incarnation. His mission was



to preach "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." This message taught that salvation was the cure for the sinfulness of the world and it was now about to be launched for all. Salvation was at hand.

Jesus came into our world on that first Christmas. He wiped away our sinfulness on Calvary and is coming to judge us at his second coming. But he keeps coming to us in the present, especially by his vehicles of love, his sacraments, among which is the Sacrament of Repentance when Jesus comes to us as our salvation. Now is the time for the Sacrament of Repentance, of Penance, of Confession, of preparing the way for the Lord into our lives. Our destination may not be clear to us but God's destination is crystal clear; it is our lives, our souls. Our Advent slogan is: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

+Fr Paschal Tiernan OP