

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory € 1363

Share € 5544 (Vincent de Paul)

Envelop € 29

CHRISTMAS LOGS

on sale after all masses today to help send the members of the Priory Folk Group to Knockadoon.

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.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND PAGEANT

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



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

Just published

Price: €10

The book on sale in Priory Reception.

Proceeds from the book go to HAITI, to a Community of Irish Holy Faith Sisters

working amongst the poorest of the poor.

2019 CALENDARS

2019 Calendars from the Association for Church Archives of Ireland available in Priory Reception. Cost €5.00 each.

THE FRIENDS OF ST. LUKE'S

The Friends of St. Luke's have written to thank you for supporting their recent Church Gate Collection which amounted to €1,039.00. this money will be used for Cancer Care Research and Cure.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christy Hunt (Killinarden) and George Keating (Belgard) whose funerals were from this Church during the week.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

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

THIS WEEK'S CONFESSIONS

Friday, 21st December:

9.40am-10.00am; 12.40-1.00pm

Saturday, 22nd December:

9.30am-10.00am; 10.30am-12.50pm;

4.00pm-5.00pm; 7.00pm-7.25pm

Confessions in Polish:

Fri, 21st Dec: 7.00pm-8.30pm;

Sat, 22nd Dec: 7.00pm-8.30pm

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 3rd Sunday of Advent (C), 16th December 2018

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Three times in the nine verses of today's Gospel the question is asked by different groups of people: "What must we do?" Answers are given but as the question is asked before Christmas we might apply question and answer to our celebration of this great feast. We get a very definite lead from the world of business. Already in September business gives us a lead for preparations by having stocks and sales presented before the end of that month. This intensifies during the following three months. There is no other celebration that prepares beforehand for as long or occupies so many people as much. The unfortunate thing is that nearly everything is done to promote not our relationship with Jesus but business coffers. Christmas is a Number One secular feast for the vast majority of people. The religious celebrations are being diminished

Jesus' answer to the question asked three times was that people who have should share, be just and be satisfied with what they have. John the Baptist pointed out that this was one way to make people religious.

Fundamentally what Jesus is telling the people is to think and share with others in need. He himself gives the example first and his 'need' is people to join him,



to live in his presence which means being one with the Holy Spirit. He assures us that he assists by sharing what is called God's greatest gift, that of the Holy Spirit. Such is his need that he gave himself completely and entirely by death on the cross for people.

We can spell out clearly the answer, like the three groups in the Gospel, by first asking the same question each of them put to Jesus: "what shall we do?". Should not the question uppermost in our minds during these next two weeks before Christmas not be "What shall we do?" Let us keep Christ present in our lives over Christmas and celebrate with him by sharing what we have, by being just in all our transactions and by being content.

+Fr Paschal Tiernan OP

