

# CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2018

DOMINICAN PRIORY, ST. MARY'S PARISH, TALLAGHT

Monday 24th December: Christmas Eve	Masses: 7.00am; 8.00am; 10.00am; 1.00pm (Church will close at 6.30pm until 9.30pm)
Monday 24th December: Vigil for Christmas	10.00pm Vigil of Readings/Carols; 10.30pm Christmas Mass 12.00 Midnight Mass (Polish)
Tuesday 25th December: Christmas Day	Masses: 8.00am; 9.00am (Irish); 10.00am; 11.15am; 12.30pm; 4.30pm (Polish)
Wed 26th December: St. Stephen's Day	Masses: 10.00am; 11.15am (Polish); 1.00pm
Thu 27th - Fri 28th Dec:	Masses: 10.00am and 1.00pm; (No Evening Mass)
Saturday 29th Dec:	Masses: 10.00am; 7.30pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 30th Dec:	Usual Sunday Masses
Monday 31st Dec:	Masses: 10.00am and 1.00pm; (No Evening Mass)
Tuesday, 1st January: NEW YEAR	Masses: 10.00am and 1.00pm; (No Evening Mass)

## CONFESSIONS

Christmas Eve, 24th December:	9.30am – 10.00am
	10.30am – 11.30am
	4.00pm – 5.00pm

## COLLECTIONS

Offertory	€ 1626
Share	€ 997
Envelop	€ 131

## 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.

## CRAFT 'N' CHIT-CHAT GROUP

The Craft Group will resume in the Priory on Tuesday, 8th January 2019. Bring along your own crafts and enjoy the 'chit-chat' with the Group. Donation €2.00

# PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (C), 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

## THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH

A basic truth about the Bible is that God is the principal author who chose certain men to do the actual composition and writing for him. He inspired them to include what he wanted and how he desired to have it expressed. Even the actual words were chosen. That is why the Bible is such an important book, more correctly books (seventy-two in all). The chief purpose of the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John is to teach us about Jesus himself and help us to get to know him reliably, personally and intimately. The Gospel is the main biblical reading in each Mass. The Bible commentary TEA on the parish webpage is intended to help people understand the Mass Gospel.

The most important statement given in these seven verses when Mary visits Elizabeth prior to the birth of Jesus and John the Baptist is that Jesus is divine. Twice Elizabeth calls him "Lord", the word that is used to describe the status of Jesus: he is God; he is divine.

As a consequence of being God, Mary as mother of Jesus is Mother of God and man. This does not mean that she was mother of God from eternity. We are quite familiar with this title. Examples are: New Year's Day is the Solemn-



nity of Mary, Mother of God, in the "Hail Mary" we pray - "Holy Mary, Mother of God", in "We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God", - also in each of the four Eucharistic Prayers at Mass the title appears, etc.

Elizabeth praised Mary for her faith. She believed the Archangel Gabriel when told that she would conceive a virgin and give birth to Jesus. Jesus praised her and told her that her faith was more important than her divine motherhood.

Both God and Mary are to be praised and thanked for giving the sinful world the gift of Jesus who himself had cooperated whole-heartedly in this act of redemption. Mary praises God by her *Magnificat* song: "My soul glorified the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour".

Unfortunately there is no room left to mention Mary's missionary role.

+Fr Paschal Tiernan OP

Read full commentary by Fr. Paschal Tiernan at [www.stmarys-tallaght.ie](http://www.stmarys-tallaght.ie).