

OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENA

Sun 3rd - Mon 11th February 2019
St. Mary's Priory, Tallaght Village

Sun 3rd: Mass at 11.15am only

Mon 4th - Fri 8th: Mass at 10.00am + 8.00pm

Sat 9th: Mass at 10.00am only

Sun 10th: Mass at 3.00pm
with Sacrament of the Sick

Mon 11th: Mass at 10.00am + 8.00pm

Rosary 15 min. before each session

PREACHER:

Fr John Littleton

Director of the Priory Institute

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory: €1451

Share: €1051

Envelope: €243

ANNUAL COLLECTION OF ACCORD

The Collection for ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 16th and 17th February 2019. The Collecton for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers:

- Marriage preparation Courses
- Counselling for couples and individuals

experiencing difficulties in their relationships.

- A relationship and Sexuality Programme for Schools.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sr. Elizabeth Woods** (Holy Faith), Main Road, who died last Sunday.

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 5th Sunday of the Year (C) , 10th FEB 2019

THE LORD'S PARTNER



This Gospel passage opens with Jesus doing what we would expect him to be doing. He was teaching the word of God and people were listening to him eagerly. That is everyone but Peter and his companions. They were washing their fishing nets after a bad night. They had caught nothing for all their troubles. “Not to worry”, thought Jesus and he borrowed Peter’s boat as a pulpit for his sermon.

Jesus did not bring the ‘good news’ to Peter’s crew. He invited him to throw out the newly washed nets for a catch. Peter and his men in their two boats knew perfectly well that no fish was going to be foolish enough to get caught. Peter wanted Jesus to know that he was all wrong about fishing so he pointed out to him what a foolish favour he was asking. He should listen to Peter, not interfere. And Jesus did not interfere; he let Peter cast out the sparkling net.

There was such a good streak in Peter. He respected Jesus no end so, calling him “Master” he let go of his nets and began what he thought was going to be such a futile action. How wrong he was.

Two things happened. First, he enclosed a great shoal of fish. Not just a few big fish but a whole shoal. Second, their nets were breaking. They had to seek assistance from the fishermen in the second boat to help them and both boats almost sank with the huge catch. Now Peter was embarrassed. He fell at Jesus’ feet as the sinner he felt he was and addressed him by his most religious name “Lord”.

Two things followed on this miracle immediately, neither of which Peter was expecting. Jesus told him not to be afraid but to have courage. Why? Because Jesus was going to have Peter help him in their work together. From now onward they would help each other and help so many people be saved. This is an excellent time to work out where you fit into the divine plans. As Jesus just said: “Do not be afraid”

Read full commentary by +Fr. Paschal Tiernan at www.stmarys-tallaght.ie