

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory: €1485

Share: €975

FIRST CONFESSION

Children preparing for The First Communion - Thursday 28th March at 7.00pm.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

Children needing to use toilets in the Priory should always be accompanied by a parent or guardian

LENTEN TALKS IN ST. AENGUS'S CHURCH ON THE LITURGY

"How does the liturgy help us to pray?"

The talk will be given by Fr Peter O'Kane OP in St. Aengus's Church on Thursday, 28th March, at 7.30pm.

Discussion, prayer and a cuppa afterwards.

All are welcome.

TROCAIRE BOXES

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RETREAT HOUSE

Tai Chi and Meditation Day

with

Anne Courtney and Miriam Healy Sensei

A day of gentle Tai Chi and gentle relaxation through meditation.

Saturday 30th March 10am – 4pm

Cost: €55 (includes lunch and tea & coffee breaks) Booking in advance essential

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 3rd Sunday of Lent (C), 24th MARCH 2019

GOD OF COMPASSION

One of the most consoling thoughts in the Bible is the verse which occurs thirty-eight times. So I have been told but never checked. This verse is how God describes himself. If it occurs so often God must really want this as the way he wishes to be best known and remembered. The verse, in more or less the same words each time, is: "*God is a God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger and rich in kindness*".

Could anything be more welcome that those words? How they describe the one characteristic we want from God more than anything else!

This message is expressed in the current Sunday Gospel in a parable that describes this mercy and compassion. The owner of the vineyard where the fig tree is growing fruitlessly for three years after reaching the age of maturity to bear fruit is interested in have a plant that will bring him fruit so he is quite willing to destroy a useless tree. Not so the vine dresser who represents Jesus. He desires another chance to bring the tree to fruit-bearing. He intends to pay special attention to it and help it.

Did the fig tree bear fruit that year? We



are not told, nor were we meant to be told. Each of us has to answer that question for himself/herself. If we are not bearing fruit in the vineyard of the Lord, if we are sinners, we are given every chance to reform our lives and do something about it. If we reform and bear fruit we are rewarded by God. But if we do not embrace the opportunities given us by God, then we must be prepared to take the consequence and be cut down. Speaking in a human way we can say that we will not be as disappointed in our failure as Jesus who has such an interest in our spiritual welfare and happiness.

God's gift is his mercy that gives us time to repent. He is the God of the Second Chance.

Read full commentary by +Fr. Paschal Tiernan
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