

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory: €1600
Share: €957
Envelope: €492

NO 1.00PM MASS ON THURSDAY

To facilitate the Irish Confirmations for pupils from Scoil Santain and Scoil Choittín Maude in this Church next Thursday, 4th April, there will be no 1.00pm Mass here on that day. Apologies for any inconvenience.



CHILD SAFEGUARDING

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

TROCAIRE BOXES

Envelopes with Trocaire fast Boxes available at back of Church. Your contributions enables Trocaire to continue humanitarian relief in places of need.

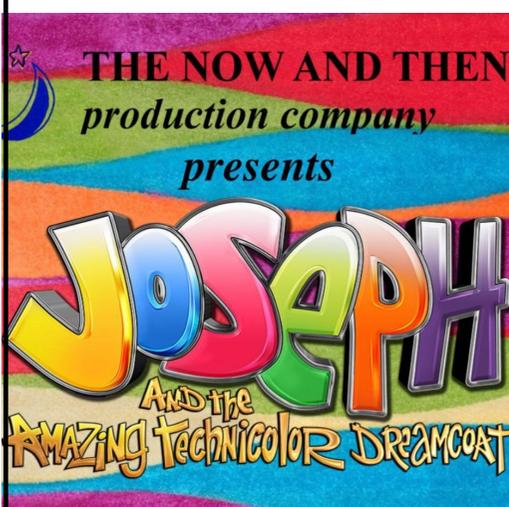
HAVE PASS WILL TRAVEL

Have Pass Will Travel: Our next trip is to Skerries on Wednesday 3rd April. We will meet at the LUAS Terminue at 9.15am to go to Connelly Station and get the 10.30am local train to Skerries. It is just

over a kilometer's walk to the Harbour area. We will arrange for taxis for those whose who have mobility problems. Just let us know in advance.

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THE NOW AND THEN COMPANY



Venue: St. Mary's Priory

Dates: 9th April (Tue) - 12th April (Fri)

Hours: 8.00pm

Tickets: €7-€12

ANNUAL SPRING SALE

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver
Will be holding their Annual Spring Sale
on **Sunday 7th April**
at **St. Joseph's Parish Hall—Terenure**
from **10.30 am - 2.30pm**

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 4th Sunday of Lent (C), 31st MARCH 2019

MORE LIKE YOUNGER OR OLDER?

he parable of the father and two sons is most frequently called "The Prodigal Son". He occupies verses 11 to 24. He has no active part to play in the second part, verses 25 to 32, which deal with the elder brother. The central figure is the father who dominates the entire parable. He is entirely wrapped up in his family of two sons and he loves both passionately.

Both sons share the sin of selfishness and each lives for himself. Neither shows any great personal love for the father. Both are prepared to use him.

There is no doubt that the parable is primarily about the love, mercy and compassion of God the Father, represented by "the father". It is unfortunate that because of his false preconceived ideas the elder son cannot understand his father's love for both sons or how he could show mercy to the younger, with whom he did not agree. It is also unfortunate that so many people cannot understand, and perhaps do not even try to understand, how God the Father can love them as he does

What are the characteristics of "the father"? He loves each son deeply and cannot do enough for both. We can say that he lives for both and does not show more preference for one over the other. He desires nothing more than to have each live with him and be a united family. Unfortunately that is not how both sons perceive their relationship with the father. While they



admit that they are sons they regard themselves as servants, indeed slaves. The younger returns home to be a slave; the elder regards his years of living at home as no better than slavery.

The father does not reprimand or find fault with either son on returning home. He welcomes both and treats each with tenderness. When one has left him the father never gives up hope of his return but waits patiently. When both come home he celebrates lavishly because he is so overjoyed.

We can be like the sons. One dissipated his father's gifts; the other ignored the gifts he had received from his father, was ungrateful and had no reason to be other than jealous over some perceived hurt

It is worth recalling that we can be God's children only when we have his characteristics. From this parable we learn that like our Father we must love God's children including the sinners and those who have separated themselves from him. Like our Father we must keep seeking for the return and give an outstanding welcome when that happens. "We must celebrate and rejoice".

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