

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory: €1506
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THE NOW & THEN COMPANY

THE NOW AND THEN
production company
presents
JOSEPH
AND THE
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Venue: St. Mary's Priory

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

Hours: 8.00pm

Tickets: €7-€12

NO 8.00PM MASS DURING THE COMING WEEK

No 8.00pm Mass in this Church during the coming week on account of The Now & Then Production Company's performances of "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" in the Church.

DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS

Mass for children preparing for the 1st Communion and their parents - next Sun-

day, 14th April at 10.00am.

ADVOCATE COLLECTION— APRIL 13th & 14th 2019

The Sunshine Fund of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul is holding its annual collection outside this Church and all Dublin Churches next weekend. Each year, The Sunshine Fund provides much-needed holidays for approximately 1,000 of Dublin's less fortunate children. The Advocate Collection is the only way the Sunshine Fund can finance these holidays. Please be as generous as you can.

TROCAIRE BOXES

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

MASS AT DAWN

On Easter Sunday Morning Mass will be celebrated at 6am at the Car Park—Viewing Point on Killakee Road. Please note the change of venue this year. All are welcome.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

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

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 5th Sunday of Lent (C) , 7th APRIL 2019

„If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her”

Jesus' Love towards his Accusers: The scribes and Pharisees did not hate the woman nor were they really concerned with the Law. Their love for the Law had become warped because of their hatred for Jesus. They saw their opportunity to trap Jesus by using the woman's breaking of the Law as their excuse. Jesus realised their intention. He did not rail or rant against them. He reminded them of the Law which said that those among them who had no sin could be the first to stone the woman. He did not embarrass them by looking them straight in the eyes but he bent down and allowed them to slink away. He showed them mercy by quoting for them the word of the Law and by not looking at them to allow them sneak away without his notice.

They had quoted the Law to express their hatred; they had exposed the woman to public view. Jesus' mercy was not just towards those who loved him by even towards those who hated him. What made his mercy towards these men so exceptional was that Jesus knew the whole purpose in their bringing the woman was not just her death but his own when they would accuse him before the Romans who did not allow the death penalty exercised by Jewish.

Contrast: Two Types of Sinners: While the sin of the woman is obvious, the sin of the men who apprehended her is quietly overlooked, as if their sin had nothing to do



with the Gospel passage. And what is their sin? As the devils once answered Jesus, their sin is 'legion'. Their deepest sin was their pride and self-righteousness. This brought about their hatred of Jesus. This brought about their seeking to kill him. To do so they found a woman in the act of adultery, that must have been with her husband's connivance, and they exposed her in the Temple before a large number of people. They were not allowed stone her, the Romans had forbidden that. But they were prepared to kill in order to have Jesus put to death. Jesus quietly confronted them and helped them see that they were indeed sinners also. They moved away quietly.

Jesus showed compassion to the woman. He did not condemn her. He forgave her. He did not dwell on her sin nor reprimand her for her fault. He showed her that he respected God's Law and he invited her to do likewise. He showed her true love. Her life was radically changed by Jesus who showed that his interest and concern was for her as a person rather than in only her sin.

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