

## Parish Notices

### COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1582

Share: €922

Envelope: €211

### MINISTRY SUNDAY COLLECTION TODAY (18th/19th MAY)

From **Archbishop's letter** announcing new collection schedule:



“This new annual collection will replace the Share Collection and will be devoted to support the building up of new forms of lay ministry in our

parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men and women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of parish communities.

We are already blessed with many people who give of themselves generously in various ministries in parishes. These include our Parish Pastoral Workers. We also count on an increasing number of parish catechist, attending to the faith development of young adults and young families and to the catechetical needs of the increasing number of children who do not attend Catholic schools.

The Ministry Sunday Collection is about ensuring that we will have the people we need—men and women who will be to the fore in making our parishes vibrant faith communities into the future.

While many of those involved will be volunteers, we will have to equip and train leaders and provide facilities for for-

mation. We want to work towards a situation where all parishes in this Archdiocese benefit from their gifts and expertise. The new collection in one-step in that process.

In the second reading on Ministry Sunday our God say, “I am making all things new”. This is a powerful challenge to us to trust in God’s future. I hope that today’s appeal will inspire a generous response in your hearts for our future as vibrant communities of faith.”

*Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin*

**GATE COLLECTION 25th/26th May**  
For **Concern** (next Sunday)

### FIRST COMMUNIONS 2019

Congratulations to the boys and girls who made their First Communion here yesterday.

A special 'thank you' to their parents, teachers, Sr. Noelle and all who helped with the First Communion programme.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sean Walsh, Old Court and Michael Higgins, Tymonville,, whose funerals were from this Church last week.

### READ OUR WEBPAGE

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### COMMENTARY ON SUNDAY GOSPEL

# PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 5th Sunday of Easter (C) , 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

There are two matters uppermost in Jesus' mind as he prepares for his imminent death. First, he wishes to show his Father that he loves him totally and so he is fulfilling his Father's will for him. He knows the cost — his life for the salvation of the world.

He is aware that it is not easy for him to suffer and die. He prays in his agony for the strength to follow his Father's will. The darkness of sin and evil has set in with the departure of Judas to betray him. Jesus will dispel that darkness with his love which is divine, selfless, unconditional, sacrificial, generous.

Jesus had his model of love — “*As the Father has loved me...*” It was his divine love that stirred the Father to send his Son into the world to save it. The salvation of a sinful world is the Father's goal. It is also that of the Word made flesh. Compassion, the highest expression of love, for the sinners who were slaves to darkness and evil, inspired the Father — “*The Father loved the world so much*” (Jn. 3: 16).

In turn, it was the Father's love that motivated his Son to “*empty himself*” and come into our world to live and die in the service of redemption. Jesus was God's gift of incarnate love to the world.

Second, it is his plan that his disciples are to continue his mission, a mission of love to promote love which means to promote divinity — “*God is love*”. It is by love that God is recognised because God is love. Jesus was committed, dedicated, determined, resolute



in his life to promote that message.

Now it is his turn to ‘mission’ or ‘send’ his disciples to continue what he undertook and so it will not be easy for his disciples to follow his example of love. They live in a culture of darkness and death.

There are two words in Greek for our English word ‘new’; one refers to newness in time, that is new as opposed to old; and the other to a new nature in the item, meaning in this context a new type of love.

Love divinises us; makes us God-like. This makes us effective in mission. It is not what we do but what we are — sharers in the divine nature; adopted children of God. We are ‘glorified’; we manifest the divinity and presence of God in our small world.

We need to ask, how do we appropriate this love? How does it become interiorized in us? How does the human love we have become divine love?

Jesus is our model. We do our very best to follow what he did. (...)

*Read full commentary by +Fr. Paschal Tiernan at*  
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