

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

today after each mass.

NEWLANDS CROSS CEMETERY SUNDAY

Mass and blessing of the graves:

Date: 14.07.2018

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Location: Newlands Cemetery, Clondalkin



NEW ADORATION SPACE AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

We are happy to invite you to visit the new adoration space at St. Martin's Church. Over 100 parishioners from St. Martin's, St. Anne's and Holy Rosary have committed themselves to a holy hour of adoration weekly. This means we can have adoration for 22 hours per week. The times are:

Sunday 10.00 am to 12 noon

Monday 10.00 am to 9.00 pm

Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon

Wednesday 10.00 am to 12 noon
and 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Thursday 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

Please feel free to call in for a few minutes or a quiet hour. You will be welcome.



Fr Gerard Francesco Timoner III has been elected the 88th Master of the Dominican Order.

He was elected to this post during the General Chapter of the Order in Vietnam on Saturday, 13th July.

He is the first Asian Master of the Order. He was born on 26th January, 1968 in the Philippines. He joined the Order in 1989 and was ordained in 1995. In 2014 he was elected as Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines. Recently, he worked as a Socius of the Master for the Asia Pacific Region.

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 15th Sunday of the year (C), 14th JULY 2019

TO WHOM AM I A NEIGHBOUR?

When I reflect on a Gospel passage one of the things I look for is repetition as this usually indicates an important point. At the end of the first paragraph Jesus tells the lawyer who, with the words of Sacred Scripture, had answered his own question about gaining eternal life, "*You have answered right; do this, and you will live.*" At the conclusion of the Reading "*Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise'*"; the Samaritan had proved to be neighbour to the victim of the attack. We are told that it is the one who shows mercy is the neighbour and that is why Jesus advises the lawyer (and everyone else) to "*go and do likewise*" and then he would receive eternal life.

Jesus has brought a very subtle change into the conversation. The lawyer had asked who is his neighbour, that is, who will help him in his needs and troubles? Jesus more or less says that he is asking the wrong question; his interest should be to whom is he, the lawyer, neighbour?

The priest and the Levite were coming from Jerusalem where they had been prepared for their duties of prayer and sacrifice in Jericho. Should they touch the injured man their religion demanded that they return to Jerusalem to be cleansed. They put their religious obliga-



tions before helping the man. The Good Samaritan had no religious obligations and so was free to help him. As a Samaritan he was ostracized by the Jews who would have preferred that he let the man die. Does the Good Samaritan remind you of anyone in particular? The resemblance to Jesus is obvious. He left the safety of heaven to live in the Holy Land and from his birth he was persecuted and threatened with death. He knew he would be tortured and crucified but that did not deter him coming to save those in need (to bring salvation for those dying in sin). In other words Jesus was prepared to die for sinners that he might save them. That really took a lot of love. There is no greater love than to die for others.

Jesus' words apply perfectly here: "*Go and do likewise*". And "*do this, and you will live*".

Read full commentary by +Fr. Paschal Tiernan
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