

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1513

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HAVE PASS WILL TRAVEL

Our August trip will be on Wednesday 7th August. We will meet at the Luas Terminus at 9am and go to Heuston Station for the 10.15am train to Waterford and getting off in Carlow. We will continue by private bus to the arboretum in Leighlinbridge. If anyone wants to book for this trip please contact us ASAP.

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RETREAT HOUSE:

A WAY OF BEING, A WAY OF SEEING: A SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART

August 3 (Sat. 5pm)—9 (Fri. 2pm)
Through Input, Meditation, Music, Scripture, Poetry, and Film, we will journey into the Mystery. Cost: Residential €495; non-res €300
Martina Lehane Sheehan Patrick Sheehan Martina is a retreat facilitator, psychotherapist, author and spiritual director
Patrick is a musician, psychotherapist, clinical supervisor and retreat facilitator.

NEVER TOO LATE TO LAUGH

August 10 (Sat. 5pm)—16 (Fri. 2pm)
Hope and humour in a wobbly Church
Cost: Residential €475; non-res €300
Joe Kavanagh

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Knockadoon Music & Liturgy Camp 2019!

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 7.30pm

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.00am (Irish),
10.00am (Family), 11.15am,
12.30pm, 6.00pm

Mass in Polish: the 1st and 3rd Sunday of
each month at 4.30pm

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 7.00am, 8.00am,
10.00am, 1.00pm, 8.00pm
Saturday: 8.00am, 10.00am

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 16th Sunday of the year (C), 21st JULY 2019

THE BETTER THING

This Reading is about discipleship, as are many other Sunday Gospel messages at this time. Jesus comes to visit his two friends, Martha and Mary. They are delighted at his visit and Martha rushes off to serve him with a sumptuous meal. Mary prefers to be in his presence and listens to him speak. When Martha mentioned to Jesus that Mary should help her cook, Jesus informed her that the two were doing the work of disciples in different ways but Mary's choice was better than Martha's. He did not tell Martha that she was wrong and to stop cooking. Both sisters were doing the work of disciples but Mary's choice took pride of place. So the question jumps up in our minds, how is that and why?

Martha was doing the work of God, serving Jesus as a servant and nourishing him for his work. Mary on the other hand did not seem to be serving Jesus, just listening to him. But that is also the work of a servant; she was listening to what God was saying; she was listening to God's word as spoken by Jesus. What she was doing was fundamental to discipleship; she was learning what God wanted her to do. That is so much more important than just doing things



presumed to be pleasing to God. Listening to God's will is the first act in discipleship.

There are such wonderful examples in the Bible of people listening to and acting on the word of God, none of which could excel Mary his mother, e.g. *"Be it done unto me according to your word"*. Indeed her listening discipleship was more important than her motherhood. Then there is Jesus' remark: *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practise"*.

The next important point is to be clear where you go from here. Let's just look where you are. You are at Mass listening to the word of God proclaimed by the priest. God is telling you what he wants you to do this week. Why not do it, do his will and live as his disciple his way. That is how saints are made. Just think of it, you a saint!

Read full commentary by +Fr. Paschal Tiernan
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