

Parish Notices

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, 2nd August, is a First Friday. Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound of the parish. If you know of somebody that you think should be on our list and may not be, please let us know

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.

Vincent 0871232234 or
Eilish 0876484136

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 Lehan 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

<http://domsrc.com/>

Contact: retreathouse@eircom.net
(01) 404 8123 / 404 8189

St. Mary's Family Fun Day

31st August 2019

2.00-5.00pm

in The Priory Gardens

All are welcome

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Items needed
for our Parish Fun Day

We are looking for:

- Belts
- Books
- Bottles (spirits, wine, minerals, sauces, shampoo, oil...)
- Handbags
- Home-baking (cakes, brown bread...)
- Jewellery
- Toys (but no soft toys)
- Crafts

Please leave any donations into the Parish Office over the coming weeks. **Home-baking** will be gratefully received on **Friday 30th August** and **Saturday morning 31st August 2019**

Thanking you in anticipation

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 17th Sunday of the year (C), 28th JULY 2019

WE PRAY TO WHOM, FOR WHAT AND HOW

Jesus prayed. He was impressive. His disciples saw him praying as so different from their prayer. So they asked him for lessons. He obliged and taught them *The Lord's Prayer*. It is the prayer we all know and recite regularly. It is a pity that often it is said so mechanically and can sound like a machine gun. Remember the old saying, "words without thoughts, never to heaven go".

Jesus taught the apostles and disciples this prayer and it is excellent to commence all our prayers with *The Lord's Prayer*. The first two words are very endearing so in English we should address God as "Daddy", a word that expresses our relationship of a loving and intimate child to Daddy. Our conversation is meant to express familiarity. And because children are familiar with their parents they talk with them a lot. Prayer should be between our Daddies and ourselves.

He taught us to pray for needs, beginning with the main themes, inspired by God in Luke's Gospel. Jesus was sent by his Father to establish God's kingdom on earth — obviously everyone's main intention because it is what God wants before everything else. Next Jesus said that God loved everyone and would provide for all and these should pray for their needs. That would include daily nourishment, forgiveness of sins, strength in temptation and



the removal of all evil. To pray like that would demand trust in God and with the emphasis on "daily bread" "each day" the prayer ought to be absolutely committed.

God loves us and his desire is to share his life and love with us. Today's Gospel's last line reads: "How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" In other words, God's greatest gift is that of himself! Indeed the Holy Spirit is called "The Gift" of God.

It is a great help in prayer to remember that prayer is talking *with* God rather than *to* him as pure listener. There are two participants. That can humble us, knowing that God treats us as his loved children. Everything in prayer is for our advantage and makes us better in every way.

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