

Parish Notices

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection will be taken up after each mass Next Sunday

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: 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 OP

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

PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 18th Sunday of the year (C), 4th AUGUST 2019

HOW DOES WEALTH INFLUENCE ME?

This is an extremely important question that requires an extraordinarily truthful answer. The intention of this Gospel passage is to advise us not to place our trust in material things and money but to focus on the meaning of life and its values. What is the meaning of life? What is its purpose? Think about it and live by it - God sent his Son into the world to bring men to God, not to build up material possessions for men. Life does not consist in amassing an abundance of 'things' for God. Life consists in years of preparation for heaven with God and his family for eternity.

A check on what you pray for can tell you a lot about yourself and the desires of your heart. I remember many years ago when there was a huge annual raffle in Ireland called the Irish Hospital Sweepstake. It was said that hardly anyone did not have at least one ticket and everyone was almost a saint from the number of prayers offered, begging God to help each person to win. Stories such as this bring out that so many people try to gather treasures for themselves but accumulate next to nothing to make them rich with God. The Gospel today has Jesus call the rich man "Fool". The man was not stupid intellectually but because



he was not wise towards God whom he ignored in his plans for the future. No one wants to be called a "fool" and especially by God.

More than once Jesus has invited us to "follow him". That means more than a mere physical following. He has been exemplary in setting the tone of his life. He has been wonderful in so many leads. What I like especially are: about his Father, "*I always do what pleases him*"; "*His will, not mine, be done*" and several others like these. He never puts himself first. To take something away from this Gospel, reflect on your attitude to wealth and possessions. Then what is the fundamental treasure in your heart? And finally, what is it that you set your heart on and work for more than anything else, including God and your neighbour?

Read full commentary by +Fr. Paschal Tiernan
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