

## Parish Notices

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

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

### GATE COLLECTION

For Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin will be taken up after each mass next Sunday (17th/18th August)

### RETREAT HOUSE: JESUS THE HEALER

August 17 (Sat. 5pm)—23 (Fri. 2pm) In many languages (including New Testament Greek) the word for 'saviour' also means 'healer'. Jesus is our Healer; he does not promise to cure all our ills, but he heals us in every way that we can be healed. We in turn, by his grace, have the power to help heal our tormented world. Cost: Residential €475; non-res. €300 Donagh O'Shea OP

### 'THE DOORS WERE LOCKED FOR FEAR' (JN 20:19)

August 24(Sat. 5pm)—30 (Fri. 2pm) No external remedy can save us from fear, because fear lies within. In this retreat we will look as deeply as we can into our own particular knots of fear, in the presence of Jesus who "stood among them" when the disciples were terrified. He stood inside the circle of their fear and said, 'Peace be with you.' Cost: Residential €475; non-res. €300 Donagh O'Shea OP  
<http://domsrc.com/>  
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## St. Mary's Family Fun Day

31<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> August** and **Saturday morning 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

Thanking you in anticipation

### READ OUR WEBPAGE

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# PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year (C), 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019

## TRUST AND PROVIDENCE, SIGNS OF LOVE

What an extraordinary first verse in today's Reading! In addition to his tender love implied in the words "little flock" God the Father is giving his disciples, including us, his kingdom which he sent Jesus to establish. The disciples are called a "little flock" which says, therefore, that Jesus is their Good Shepherd nourishing them and taking exceptional care of them. Surely we have here a most positive affirmation of how God the Father loves his disciples. And in his remarks about prayer two weeks ago he told us, who are his disciples, to call him "Daddy" as he sees himself having that intimacy with us. It is almost unbelievable that Our God should feel like that for us. Seeing what these delicate words imply we should open our hearts to praise, adore and glorify him and seek a more intimate relationship with him. He lives for us which brings up the question: do we live for him?

Jesus gives us a clear way to formulate an answer. He tells us, "*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*" Our answer to that will not leave us in a state of confusion. Jesus helps us with this answer. He is our treasure. If we are ever-ready to meet the Lord and if we live to serve him, it shows what we



think of him — he is all-important for us.

And then see what he does. He will dress himself appropriately "*have them sit at table and he will come and serve*" the servants!. God the Father never seems to be satisfied that he has done all he can to show us his love and service.

Nevertheless he is not ever fooled by our irresponsibility and lack of fidelity. Jesus would have us dispense with our possessions and give what we have in alms which means that we would not have access to it again. He really wants us to trust in his providence because of his love for us. Jesus is very keen that we trust in him and depend on his providence as our response to his love. Can we do that?

Read full commentary by +Fr. Paschal Tiernan  
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