

Parish Notices

GATE COLLECTION

for Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin will be taken up after each mass Today

Masses:

Saturday Vigil 7.30pm

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.00am (Irish),
10.00am , 11.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Mass in Polish: the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 4.30pm

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

Saturday: 8.00am, 10.00am

Confession:

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am,
10.30am to 11.30am, 4.00pm to 5.00pm, 7.00pm to 7.25pm and after Vigil Mass (in Polish and English)

First Friday and Eves of Holy Days:
9.30am to 10.00am

RETREAT HOUSE:

'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

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St. Mary's Family Fun Day

31st August 2019
(Saturday)
2.00-5.00pm

in The Priory Gardens

All are welcome

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, 20th Sunday of the year (C), 18th AUGUST 2019

MEANING OF JESUS' LIFE, LOVE, WORK

This is a most remarkable passage, short as it is. In five verses Jesus expresses the core meaning of his life, love and work. He lived and died to establish the kingdom of God and to invite all people to enter. He was not prepared to compromise even in the least way in his own duty and would not allow would-be followers to change the Father's plans. When some found that his demands were too strong his reaction was a stern "Do you also wish to go away?" He did not deviate in the least little bit from his mission.

To express the innermost thoughts and feelings of his heart and soul, Jesus tells us that he came on earth to set the world afame with the fire of the love of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist had foretold that Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. When later the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles on that first Pentecost he came in the form of tongues "*as of fire*" and filled them with himself. In the present Gospel passage Jesus is saying that this is his ambition, to kindle this fire of divine love in the hearts of every man, woman and child.

A second image Jesus offers to show his zeal and anxiety to accomplish his Father's will for him is that of baptism. There would be confusion and misun-



derstanding if one was to limit the meaning of the word 'baptism' to the sacramental rite of the Church. 'Baptism' is a transliteration of the Greek word meaning to 'plunge'. As Jesus uses it in this passage it refers to his plunging into his passion and death.

Finally, Jesus tells us that while he lives and dies to have each and every person accept his offer of salvation, He will not force himself on any person. The uncompromising decision to accept or reject divides people. That is not his intention but the free choice of those invited to respond. As family has the greatest influence on individuals it can often demand a drastic choice that can result in persecution or rejection from those who are intolerant.

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