

## Parish Notices

### COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1362

Share: €898

Envelope: €108

### MISSION SUNDAY - 20TH OCT.

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. This year's theme is - 'Together we are Mission'. A **special Collection** will be taken up during all Masses **for World Missions Ireland**. This Collection will replace the Share Collection.



Today, our entire Church family comes together for a truly incredible celebration of solidarity. Today, every single Church around the world shares what they can, so that the vital work of the Church and our missionaries can continue. Through your extra generosity, you are offering much needed financial help to missionaries who dedicate their lives to those who are suffering and neglected. From all the missionaries your kindness supports, thank you for digging deeper today.

If you'd like to further support World Mission Sunday, you can donate €4 right now by texting the word 'Mission' to 503000. (texts cost €4. World Mission Ireland will receive a minimum of €3.60. Service Provider: Like Charity, Helpline: 076 680 5278. Republic of Ireland only.) World Missions Ireland, the

Church's charity for overseas mission, is responsible for the coordination of Mission Month. Go to [www.wmi.ie](http://www.wmi.ie) to learn more about their work.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Andrew O'Donnell**, Old Bawn Road, whose funeral was from this Church during the week.

### ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE WED 13TH NOV AT 8.00PM

You are all invited to our annual celebration of the Eucharist for our families, friends and neighbours who have died. At this Mass we will remember our parishioners and all whose funerals took place from St. Mary's during the past year.

St. Aengus Church, Tallaght

### Triduum in honour of St. Martin De Porres

4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> November

Monday & Tuesday 10am

Healing Mass

on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10am

Preacher: **Fr. Atanasio OP** (Columbia)  
All are Welcome

Church of St. Aengus, Tallaght

### Pre-Natal Blessing

For couples expecting a baby

Thursday, 24th October 2019  
at 7.30pm.

All are Welcome to Come

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# PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year (C), 20<sup>th</sup> OCT. 2019

## Pray always and not lose heart.

There is a puzzle here. "I tell you, God will *quickly* grant justice to them." So why then do we have to "pray always and not lose heart?" Why do we have to *persevere*? If God is willing, even eager, to give us what we want, why do we have to keep on asking? (...)

It isn't about God, it is about us. I once knew someone who would never accept an invitation until he had been asked twice. He said he wanted to make sure that the invitation wasn't given out of mere politeness. This probably freed up his diary remarkably, but he was happy to know that he was wanted when he was invited a second time. We wouldn't want to say that God is being precious when God lets us ask again and again. But there is a parallel all the same. I'm afraid we do often ask God for things out of mere politeness and for the sake of good form. In the 'Prayers of the Faithful' at Mass, especially, we slip easily into this. "For the poor, the old, the lonely...." How could we take in such a vast swath of human misery in one smooth phrase? I imagine God simply *unable to bear* smooth phrases. God listens to the heart, and there is often no echo of heart in the things we pray for.

We don't really want what we pray for. We want half of it. We want the bit that will make us comfortable. Or we want to be rid of the things that challenge us, the very things we prayed for yesterday, thinking they would make us comfortable. So we have to ask many times before we know



what we want, or before we know with our whole being that we want it. Would I go through fire and water for it? If not, I don't really want it; I would like it but I don't want it. It is the difference between starving and being ready for your supper. If I really wanted it, God would give it immediately, granting that it was God's providence for me. "Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you" (Mark 11:23).

We want half of what we ask for, because we want to remain in control. If we threw ourselves fully behind something we would feel too vulnerable. We don't want to lose our grip. But faith means losing our grip, entrusting *ourselves*, not just a few details of our affairs, to God.