

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1075

Share: €492

CROSSCARE COLLECTION

The Annual Crosscare Collection will be taken up next weekend—Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th September. It will replace the Share Collection

COVID-19 NORMS' REMINDER

On Tuesday, 8th September, we received a letter from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin reminding us of our common responsibility to prevent the spreading of the Coronavirus and to give good example in our parishes and churches. He draws our attention to the norms which allow gatherings of up to 50 people or “pods” of 50 people in church buildings for religious services. He asks us to foster staggered exiting from churches and to prevent gatherings at church entrances.

11.15 SUNDAY MASS

We again appeal to people who normally attend our 11.15am Mass on Sundays to consider attending a different Mass - at least occasionally. The times of our other Masses are as follows:

Saturday: 7.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.00am (in Irish), 10.00am and 6.00pm.

Also, there is a Polish Mass every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 4.30pm.

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to the people who have been helping with stewarding, cleaning and disinfecting after both our Sunday and weekday Masses since early July. More helpers are needed - especially for the later Masses. The carpenter from Nazareth is

always looking for joiners!

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Des O' Neill, Main Road, and Bridie Kenny, Main St., whose funerals were from this church recently.



www.churchservices.tv/tallaght#

SERVICES BROADCAST FROM OUR CHURCH:

WEEKDAYS

- 7.30am - Morning Prayer
- 8.00am - Mass
- 10.00am - Mass
- 1.00pm - Mass
- 6.00pm - Evening Prayer

SATURDAYS

- 8.00 - Mass
- 8.30 - Morning Prayer
- 10.00am - Mass

SUNDAYS

- Saturday, 7.30pm - Vigil Mass
- 8.00am - Mass in English
- 9.00am - Mass in Irish
- 10.00am - Mass in English
- 11.15am - Mass in English
- 4.30pm - Mass in Polish (1st and 3rd Sunday of month)
- 6.00pm - Mass in English

READ OUR WEBPAGE
www.stmarys-tallaght.ie

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 24th Sunday of the year (A), 13th September 2020

Not seven times, but seventy-seven times

(...) Forgiveness is a 'nice' word, in the sense that just about everyone would be pleased to be described as forgiving. That should be enough to put us on the alert; we can suspect straight away that many vicious attitudes have attempted to dress up like it.

A good example was given by the man who said that doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging an injury makes you even with him; and forgiving an injury sets you above him. Can this be real forgiveness, when it only serves to make you feel superior, to bloat the ego? But there are subtler ones than this.

Someone does me harm, perhaps unknowingly. I lack the courage simply to point it out. Over the weeks (or years) I become full of silent anger. But I am now more afraid than ever to point out the wrong, because anger tends to be explosive and I am afraid of explosions. Instead I swallow it, 'spiritualise' it and tell myself that I have forgiven him or her. Of course I have not. Instead I have swallowed a dose of poison that will kill my relationship with that person. Fear has been masquerading as forgiveness.

Then there is the person who keeps count; there is the person who claims to forgive but not forget; the person who is always on the lookout for something to forgive; and a host of others. All these forms of forgiveness are counterfeit.

The mark of real forgiveness is a lively awa-



reness that I am in need of forgiveness myself. That is what is missing in the counterfeit forms. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who sin against us." We are set free to forgive others in an uncomplicated way when we accept that our own books are not balanced either – that nobody's books are balanced, that every human being needs another chance, and another: seventy times seven; in others words, endlessly.

If offering forgiveness can conceal many false attitudes, so can asking forgiveness. (...)

It is the free flow of forgiveness – giving and receiving it – that keeps our life simple and free from futile self-justification. The deepest source of this simplicity and freedom is my awareness that God utterly forgives me. Meister Eckhart said, "Whatever God does he does completely, like the cup running over. Whom he forgives he forgives utterly and at once, much preferring great forgiveness to little." (...)

Donagh O'Shea OP

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