

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

Thu, 24th Dec 2020

8:00 p.m.; 10:00 p.m.;

12:00 Midnight (in Polish)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:

Fri, 25th Dec 2020

8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 12:00 Noon;

4:30 p.m. (in Polish)

ADMISSION FOR THE ABOVE MASSES BY TICKET ONLY!

All the Masses will be broadcast on the Internet at www.churchservices.tv/tallaght#



*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

Due to government regulations and the re-introduction of Level 5 restrictions, the last public Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Day.

Our church is closed to public Liturgies from December 26th until further notice.

The church will be open for individual prayer from 10.30am to 6.00pm on weekdays and from 12 noon to 6.00pm on Sundays.

All liturgies will be streamed online at www.churchservices.tv/tallaght#:

Weekdays

9.30 am - Morning Prayer

10.00 am - Mass

6.00 pm - Evening Prayer

Sundays

10.45 am - Morning Prayer

11.15 am - Mass

6.00 pm - Evening Prayer

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Offertory: € 1220

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Greenhills Road Gate will be closed on St. Stephen's Day (Saturday 26th Dec 2020)

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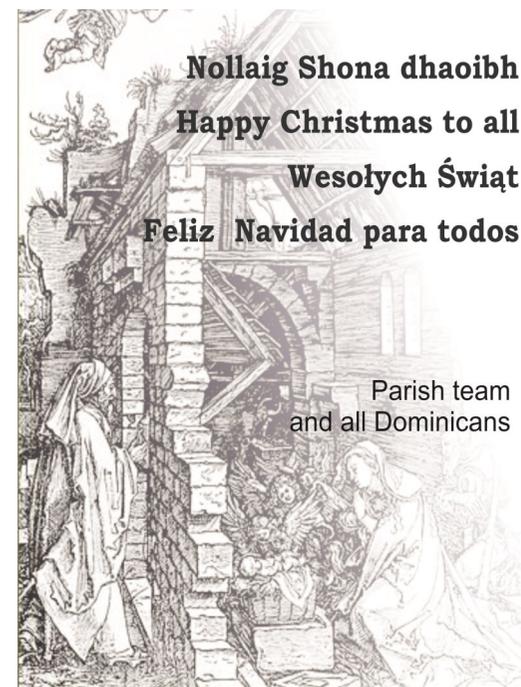
PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, CHRISTMAS, 25th December 2020

The Word was made flash

There is a kind of timelessness about Christmas: it takes us out of our routines; suddenly all the rush of preparation is over and there is nothing more to do. This could be the moment to experience something different from the perpetual motion that is our ordinary life. But what happens? We turn on the TV, which is what we have done every single evening since last Christmas. No change. Then we say Christmas is boring, or sad, or too commercial.... Of course it is; it is just like all the other days. We have not allowed change to happen. We have not allowed space for anything new to appear. Paradoxically, all the flashing lights, the incessant television, the emailing and text-messaging...all have the effect of filling our lives and so leaving no space to move, no space for anything really different to appear; so we are enclosed in a cave of artificial lights that never lead us to the sun.

“The light shines in the darkness.” But it does not shine in artificial light. We have to turn something off. We have to allow space and time



for the new thing to appear.

The Child born today is God's new deed: the newest, the youngest, the most recent...the latest. But this is not announced in the excited voice of the advertisers; it is a silent deed. He is the Word made flesh, but he lies there as helpless to speak as any infant. Only in silence can this silent Word be heard. The new blade of grass does not make a scene or a noise; neither does the Word made flesh.

Fr. Donagh O'Shea
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