

## Parish Notices

### THE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

The Provincial Chapter of the Province of Irish Dominicans will begin on Sunday 1st August. It will take place in the Priory, Tallaght.

Please, support the delegates of all Irish Dominican Communities by your prayer.



### FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

The 'Walking Together in Hope' initiative will be launched on 25 August 2021 at Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes starting in September 2021. We want to encourage families to take part in various initiatives to support faith lived in the home and celebrated together in our parishes. Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.

### AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation

to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

### Mass Schedule

- **Weekdays** – 8.00am, 10.00am and 1.00pm
- **Saturday** – 8.00am and 10.00am + Vigil Sunday Mass 7.30pm
- **Sunday** – 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm and 6.00pm
- **Polish Mass** – 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 4.30pm

### Confessions

- **Saturday:** 10.30am to 11.30am, 7.00pm to 7.25pm and after Vigil Mass (in Polish and English)
- **First Friday and Eves of Holy Days:** 10.30am to 11.00am

### READ OUR WEBPAGE

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# PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year (B), 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## AN INSIGNIFICANT WEE BOY

A “wee boy” would be a clearer translation than “lad” in today's Gospel. He was really insignificant. I sometimes think that he heard Jesus speaking with Philip and Andrew and, taking the initiative like many children, made an innocent offer of five buns and two sardines. A childish offer from the heart!

The boy was generous: he gave all he had, unlike Philip and Andrew. How like Jesus who accepted the boy's “mite”, fed 5,000 men not counting women and children, and had twelve baskets left over! When Jesus does something he certainly does not skimp.

He wants to feed us. So, how does he go about it? First he gave himself totally and completely in death on the cross. Then he left us his body and blood in the Eucharist, again totally and completely.

Jesus and the wee boy had one thing in common: they both were supremely generous by giving eve-



rything they had. They kept nothing back for themselves. That is how generosity is to be judged — not by the amount given but by what is kept back for oneself. Neither kept anything for himself.

That, of course, is not always the human way but it is the divine!

+Fr.Paschal Tiernan OP  
*read the commentary on Today's Gospel at [www.stmarys-tallaght.ie](http://www.stmarys-tallaght.ie)*