

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Will be taken up after each Mass today.

THE NEW PROVINCIAL

During the first week of the Provincial Chapter of the Irish Province of the Dominicans **fr John Harris** was elected our new Provincial.

The Chapter will continue next week, please continue to keep the work of the Chapter and the new Provincial in your prayers.



PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"

Archdiocese of Dublin

Families Walking Together in Hope

'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.'

Join us for the launch of the year of 'Families Walking Together in Hope' on 25 August 2021, Pro-Cathedral.

Further information www.dublindiocese.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

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, St. Dominic, Solemnity, 8th August 2021

The Adventurous Legacy of St. Dominic

In the twelfth canto of the Paradiso, when Dante begins to speak of St. Dominic and of his passion to proclaim the word of truth, he speaks of him not only as an educated man and preacher of the gospel but almost as a force of nature: 'Then with both learning and zeal (con dottrina e con volere) and with the apostolic office, he went forth like a torrent driven from a high spring.' Dominic's own contemporaries were themselves well aware of the preacher's utter dedication to his task. One witness at the canonization process remarked that Dominic was 'so enthusiastic as a preacher that by day and by night, in churches, houses, fields, on the road, everywhere, he wanted to preach the word of the Lord and he encouraged the brethren to do the same and not to talk about anything except God.' His compassion extended, we are told, 'not only to the faithful, but also to pagans and unbelievers and even the damned in hell, and he wept a great deal for them.'

Dominic, it is clear, possessed a strong instinct for adventure. He was daring both by nature and by grace. Dante calls him 'il san-to atleta,' the holy athlete. No matter how difficult or unforeseen the challenge of the hour, he was not afraid to take enormous risks for the sake of the Gospel. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that within a few years it could be said of the young friars who followed in his wake, and whom he



himself had dispersed far and wide to preach the gospel, that they had made the ocean their cloister. But was this spirit of risk and adventure reflected in the intellectual life of the first Dominicans? Study, we know, was given a place that was unheard of before in the history of religious life. It was no longer simply one exercise among others. It was now a central and sacred task. But, in terms of actual content and imaginative range, how striking and original were the studies of those first friars? The principal point to be made in answer to this question is that the early Dominicans were not attempting to be 'striking and original'. Their studies were shaped by the needs of others, and given the nature of the crisis at that time, what was most urgently required for the task of preaching and the cura animarum was straightforward moral and doctrinal catechesis. Dominicans were, of course, subsequently to be and the forefront of 'the new learning' in most of the great universities in Europe. But that was a development which came slowly, and far more so, perhaps, than most scholars realized until recently.

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