

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1089

Share: €665

Envelope: €370

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Will be taken up after each Mass today.

CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION 2021

The Annual Collection for Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese **on the weekend of 18th and 19th September 2021 (next Sunda)**. It will replace the usual Share collection.

Through their services for homeless, youth, migrants and refugees, Crosscare focuses on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else.

ARCHBISHOP FARRELL'S PASTORAL LETTER:

The Cry of the Earth—The Cry of the Poor

At this time every person on our planet is confronted with two interconnected crises: the coronavirus pandemic and the ecological crisis. Both define our age. Both require urgent action. But it is the reality of climate change that is 'humanity's defining challenge.' Over the coming decades, the havoc of the pandemic will pale when compared to that of climate change.

To respond to the climate crisis, and to mark the Season of Creation—which began on September 1st and continues until the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on

October 4th—Archbishop Farrell has published a pastoral letter, *The Cry of the Earth—The Cry of the Poor: the Climate Catastrophe—Creation's Urgent Call for Change*. This pastoral is an invitation to all people—those in the Church and those beyond—to reflect on the climate crisis in new ways, so that the baptised may live the life of faith more vibrantly, and everyone may respond more actively to the serious situation in which the world finds itself.

The pastoral letter is available online (e.g. our webpage), as well as in hardcopy from Veritas.

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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

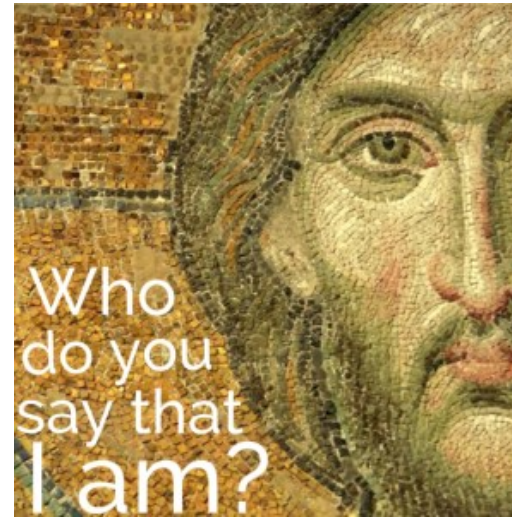
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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 24th Sunday of the year (B), 12th September 2021



I heard someone described as "a priestly priest," and wondered what it meant. Whatever it might mean, it is probably something as irritating as the expression "a painterly painter." It meant, at any rate, that that priest matched perfectly somebody's idea of a priest - an uncertain distinction in itself. A confrere of mine received a standing ovation after a sermon, and was glowing for days, until another confrere said to him, "I shouldn't be so happy about it: Jesus preached and they crucified him; you preached and they gave you a standing ovation!"

Jesus was the exact opposite of what he was expected to be: he was an unmessianic Messiah. In the popular mind, the Messiah was expected to be a powerful military and political leader who would bring his people to victory over all their enemies, in the name of God of course. When Peter called him Messiah, he was "sternly rebuked" and

told not to repeat it. Instantly Jesus began to speak of suffering instead: "He began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering...and be put to death" (today's reading). Suffering and death were no part of the image of Messiah, but rather victory.

Christians speak of Christ's "victory over sin and death." He achieved this victory not by killing but by dying. St Augustine said he was "victor and victim; and victor because he was the victim." This striking expression reverses all our notions about victory and defeat. Indeed the Cross of Christ reverses all our values: success and failure, power and weakness, glory and shame, wealth and poverty, belonging and rejection, even life and death.... His greatest disciples understood this well: St Paul wrote, "I will not boast, except of my weaknesses" (2 Corinthians 12:5), and "when I am weak then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). It is only by the grace of God that this revolution can shape our lives. We are blessed if we experience it at all, even if only in special moments. The hierarchy of the Western Church moved quite comfortably into the Imperial world of power and palaces and purple - the original secularisation of the Church. A cardinal in all his regalia is a much more secularised figure than a priest in scruffy denim. But fundamentally secularisation is a state of mind. What matters is that a disciple should "have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16).

Fr Donagh O'Shea OP

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