

## Parish Notices

### COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1574

Share: €934

Envelope: €113

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Will be taken up after each mass next Sunday.

### FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next 7th June is the First Friday of the month. Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound on that morning. Let us know if there is someone not already on our list that you think should be.

### Pentecost Sunday

9th June 2019

#### MASSES:

Saturday Vigil 7.30pm  
Sunday: 8.00am, 9.00am (Irish),  
10.00am (Family), 11.15am,  
12.30pm, 6.00pm

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

### GROW

Community Mental Health Movement meets every Monday at 7.00pm in the Priory, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. Please use the Greenhills Road entrance. Why not come along and learn more about positive mental health, well being, recovery and how GROW may help you achieve this. Free of charge. All welcome. Contact John 086 8033 126. GROW Promoting Positive Mental Health

### • Seven-day Yoga Retreat: Towards higher consciousness

June 4—11, 2019

### • Five-day Vipassana meditation

June 18—23, 2019

**Swami Sharanananda Korko Moses**

Founder of Dhyavanam, an Ashram inspired by  
Christian and Eastern spiritual traditions



**DOMINICAN RETREAT CENTRE AND GARDENS**  
TALLAGHT VILLAGE, D24 KA40

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• Mindfulness • Meditation with the mystics  
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**Facilities:** 1 large, 4 smaller conference rooms,  
meditation room, oratory, 32 bedrooms, lounge  
(with tea-bars and kitchenettes), lift to all floors,  
free wi-fi, free parking. Large 18th-century walled  
garden, 'Lime garden', ancient trees, beautiful  
walks.  
Residential and non-residential.

### VOCATION DISCERNMENT DAY

Sat. 8th June—10.00am to 7.00pm

### Dominican Contemplative Nuns

*Is our way God's way for you?*

Why not come along with your questions and curiosity and discover the treasures of Dominican Monastic Life.  
(Early booking important as places are limited)

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# PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, Ascension of the Lord (C), 2<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019

## HAS JESUS LEFT THE CHURCH?

Today's Gospel gives the final eight verses of Luke's Gospel containing Jesus' last words before he ascended into heaven. These two points make this Reading so important. During his final blessing he was taken to heaven and the disciples returned to Jerusalem full of joy. One would expect them to be sad but what Jesus told them had the opposite effect. His message was very clear. He said that he was not really leaving them but he would continue to be present to them in a different but most effective way.

He promised, and their faith accepted his word, that he would send on them his Spirit of Power and Love. It would come on all of them. If he remained with them as he had been with his human though not yet glorified body, he could be in contact only with relatively small numbers but his Spirit would live in each and all. It would be his Spirit and so he would remain with them in that special way. So the disciples were filled with joy that Jesus would continue to be more among them in a new and extremely powerful way.

What about the mission of salvation, repentance and forgiveness which Jesus received from his Father? That also is continued in a new and powerful way." *You are witnesses of these things.*" As *witnesses we will be*" *clothed with power from on high*"



which means that really it will be the Spirit of Jesus working through us that will continue the mission. We cannot object to such a privilege: Jesus has given us his mission and his power to assist in his work!

The Greek word for "witness" is the same as "martyr", to give one's life. Jesus is not asking us to die for him but to spend our lives for him by spreading the Good News of God's mercy and salvation. His disciples returned to the Temple for Proclamation of the Good News and for Prayer. We are Temples of the Holy Spirit who gives us the power to continue the mission of Jesus. Let us pray to him frequently in our hearts and not be held back from proclaiming how God loves us.

Read full commentary by +Fr. Paschal Tiernan  
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