

## Parish Notices

### COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1465

Share: €965

Envelope: €203

### THE PROBLEM OF PEOPLE BEGGING NEAR THE MAIN DOOR OF THE CHURCH

This problem was discussed at length at last Thursday's meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council in the presence of two of our Community Guards. There was a consensus that we should again appeal to members of our Congregation who have been giving money to people begging in the vicinity of the Church to please refrain from doing so.

### AN APPEAL FROM OUR CHURCH CLEANERS

The wonderful people who clean the Church on Thursday mornings between 10.30am and 12.00 noon approximately - like the carpenter from Nazareth - urgently need joiners! If you would be in a position to help, please come along around 10.30am any Thursday.

### MASS FOR THE SICK

Will be held in St. Colmcilles Church, Knocklyon. It will be celebrated by Bishop Eamon Walsh on 18th September (Wednesday) at 11.00am.

### RETREAT HOUSE EVENTS

#### Coming soon:

- **Cultivating Happiness**, Thursdays: Sep 19th, 26th, Oct 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Time 2pm - 4pm,

We can make happiness a habit! A mindfulness-based course which explores

practical exercises to increase our positive experience of daily life

- **A day retreat with Orlaith O'Sullivan-Mindfulness and Poetry Day**, Sat 21st Sep. Time: 10.am - 4pm.

Join us for a truly special day of beautiful guided practice infused with powerful words of nourishing silence.

- **Invitation Day**, Sat 28th Sep 10am - 3pm.

Sample some of our programmes: Zen, Circle Dancing, Yoga for Men, Yoga for women, Pottery, Mindfulness, Rediscover your Playful Self etc.

**Contact: 01-4048189 or retreathouse@eircom.net.**

### NATIONAL DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK



**Sunday, 13th October 2019**

Coach departs at 9.00am from the Priory

Adults: €42; price includes:

bus journey, morning coffee, dinner.

Tickets available from Priory Reception.

For further information, phone 404 8100.

### READ OUR WEBPAGE

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# PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year (C), 15<sup>th</sup> SEP. 2019

## UNBELIEVABLE LOVE

The Gospel passage proclaimed on this Sunday goes under several headings. It is known as "The Prodigal Son", "The Forgiving Father" and "The Gospel within the Gospel". It is one of the best known and most popular readings. Everyone warms up to it.

The central character is not one of the two sons but the father. He appears in the first verse of the parable and is still there at the last. In between he is shown in relationship with his two sons. The first is more than rude. He goes to his father and demands that he get his share of the inheritance. He finds waiting until his father dies too long so he lets him know that his main interest in Dad is his wealth, here and now! Dad loves the young man so much he gives in and hands over a third of all his property. Off the man goes and squanders all.

When things get really bad he comes home, humbled and repentant. His father receives him with open arms and heart. He does not tell him off nor even scold him. He is restored to full family circle.



The older brother gets angry at his father's good treatment of his brother, refuses to join in the celebrations, repudiates his father, brings up a list of his grievances against him, sees himself as a slave to the family and the list could go on.

The father remains calm. He ignores the insults and pours out love on his two sons. His love for them knows no bounds. All of this is meant to indicate to us how God our Father treats us with infinite love even when we sin, insult and even abandon him.

*Read full commentary by + Fr. Paschal Tiernan at [www.stmarys-tallaght.ie](http://www.stmarys-tallaght.ie).*