

## Parish Notices

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please, help us with sanitising the church after Mass.

You can also help as a steward (monitoring number of people in church and guiding people to seats).

### CLEANING OF CHURCH ON THURSDAY MORNINGS

More helpers needed.

The work starts after the 10.00 am Mass on Thursdays.

Feel free to come on Thursday and give it a try.

### 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)

### COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficul-

ties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

### 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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COMMENTARY ON  
SUNDAY GOSPEL

# PRIORY NEWSLETTER

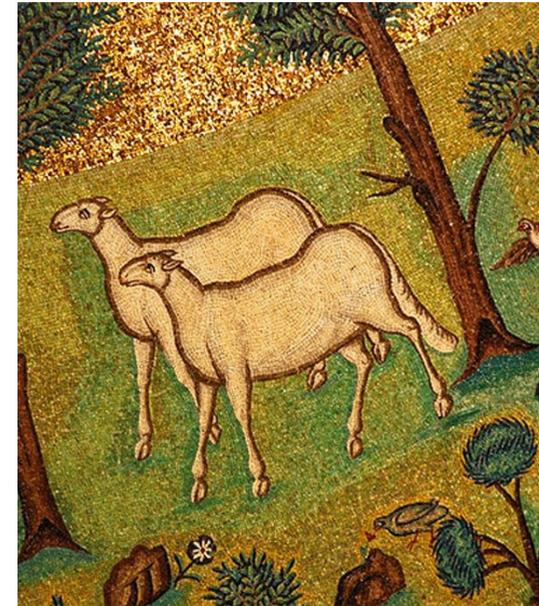
St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year (B), 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## COME AWAY TO A LONELY PLACE

This is a particularly short Gospel Reading. It begins off with Jesus saying something which Mark repeats. That does seem strange in a short passage. Earlier in the chapter Jesus had sent his Twelve disciples to preach and he gave them power and authority to overcome evil and sickness. They worked exceedingly hard and developed a need which he saw: they were very tired, too busy to even eat. So being filled with tremendous compassion he told them to go with him to “a lonely place” where they could relax and find time to be nourished. Mark repeats that “they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves.” Our problems and needs are not unknown to Jesus, which for us is such a consolation. Mark emphasises the importance of three thoughts: a lonely place, alone and with Jesus.

Jesus had other reasons to be alone with the Twelve. When he first called them he let them know that he wanted just to have them “with him”. He wanted to share their company and he wanted them to share his. That is such a wonderful thought for us — Jesus has called us to live with him and enjoy each other’s company. He wants us and he wants us to want him.

One of the characteristic things about “a lonely place” in the Gospel is that Jesus loved to go there for the peace and quiet that made prayer so simple, personal and easy. Seven times (for the Bible, the perfect number of times) Mark mentioned that



Jesus took aside his Twelve alone because he had a special message or revelation for them. This generally was some intimate information or knowledge about himself. Lonely places help us to concentrate and people get a better understanding of him in such atmospheres.

One of the “lonely places” you can go to so easily and find Jesus waiting is your heart. It is so convenient to go there at any time and find peace, tranquillity and Jesus waiting. A visit to the Blessed Sacrament is so touching, particularly when there are few praying there. There is that intimate sense of being alone with Jesus. Knowing how Jesus cared for and showed his concern for the Twelve, he will be the same for you.

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read the commentary on Today's Gospel  
at [www.stmarys-tallaght.ie](http://www.stmarys-tallaght.ie)