

## Parish Notices

### COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1301

Share: €557

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please, pray for the repose of the souls of **John Kivlehan**, Westpark, **Brendan Hanlon**, Old Bawn, and **Brendan Kavanagh**, Bancroft, whose funerals were from this Church during the week.

### NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

A novena of Masses will be offered in this Church for all on our November Altar List of the Dead during the month of November. Envelopes and lists available at the back of the Church.

### ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE WED 17TH NOV AT 8.00PM

You are all invited to our annual celebration of the Eucharist for our families, friends and neighbours who have died. At this Mass we will remember our parishioners and all whose funerals took place from St. Mary's during the past year.



### PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
an how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong  
path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen



### St. Mary's National School Junior Infants 2022 Enrolment

Applications from those wishing to enrol their child in Junior Infants for September 2022 will be accepted during the period of:

#### 1st November to 19th November

Please visit the school website [www.stmarystallaght.ie](http://www.stmarystallaght.ie) during this period to complete an application form.

You will also need the following upon application:

- Your child's PPS number
- Your Child's Birth Certificate
- A recent utility bill as proof of address (in either parent's name)

**Applications will only be deemed complete once all documents have been provided.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01 4515387.

### READ OUR WEBPAGE

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# PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the year (B), 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## *This poor widow has put in more than all...*

Today's passage of the Gospel is divided into two. In the first section Jesus criticizes some scribes or lawyers (experts and teachers of the Law of Moses) for their self-centeredness. They showed many bad qualities that were reprehensible in one who was meant to be committed to God. The most glaring was hypocrisy. As teachers of the Law they did not practise what they preached. They did everything to attract attention and adulation. They also exploited even the poor and those in need, including those widows they should help because of their need. Their status in the community was used to enrich themselves both socially and financially. And they made a pretence of prayer to give the impression they were holy and cared for people. Clearly these are not the qualities of disciples of Jesus.

In contrast to the scribes is the story of the poor widow who had only two smallest of coins and who gave both freely for the upkeep of the Temple in Jerusalem. This nameless lady is a true model of discipleship. She had the qualities which Jesus admired and promoted. She was devoted to God, humble and generous. Only Jesus recognised her generosity. All she had was so small that most other people would have been ashamed to give it. Perhaps many would have laughed at the amount and at her. She was sincere. She was not trying to impress or boast, unlike some others such as the scribes. Her sole thought was to show her



love for God. She did not count the consequences in giving her 'all'. She had an excellent excuse not to give or to give only a part. She did not worry about the next meal or the future. Her trust was in God's providence. Her giving was an act of sheer sacrificial love for God. She gave everything, even her life when she gave all she had to live on. She did not give just a gift, nor a 'thing' but her very self.

In this scene Jesus contrasts the scribes and the widow. The former 'served' God to 'get'; the widow served God and gave. Mark's Gospel is a Gospel about Discipleship. This current passage shows Jesus summing up this teaching.

Two very important points are not expressed in words but are strongly implied. The first is a reminder to readers: that to be a disciple, one does not have to possess anything but must be willing to give everything.

The second is that Jesus lived this in his life and death. He possessed nothing but his life. This he gave with absolute generosity. He looked for no personal return. He died that he might share his life with us.

+Fr Paschal Tiernan OP

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