

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1191

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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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to support those seeking assistance to the best of our availability. For the many families that are helped they are faced daily with impossible choices, but at this time of year for many these impossible choices get harder, put oil in the tank or get the present on their child's list.

This year, more than ever, your help is needed to make sure that children and families have what they need to share in the magic of the season.

On Sunday 11th December, St Vincent de Paul will be holding a church collection in the hope to raise funds for people who are struggling this Christmas.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **baby Joseph John Donogue**, Jobstown, whose funeral was from this Church yesterday (Saturday).

Dominican CD Launch

As part of the Dominican Jubilee 21 celebrations in honour of St. Dominic, a group of Friars of the Province of Ireland has recorded a CD of hymns and chants from the Dominican liturgical repertory. The CD, *O Spem Miram* (O Wonderful Hope) will be launched in St. Mary's Priory Church, Tallaght, on Friday, November 26 at 8.00 pm. Unfortunately, due to the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, the launch and performance will not be open to a public audience. However, it will be livestreamed via our webcam, which can be accessed on the St. Mary's Priory website or on Church Services TV (St. Mary's Tallaght).

Copies of the CD will be available for €15.00, and can be purchased at the Priory reception, the Retreat Centre Bookshop or online from St. Martin's Apostolate (www.stmartin.ie).



READ OUR WEBPAGE

www.stmarys-tallaght.ie

PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, Christ the King (B), 21st November 2021

My kingdom is not from this world.

Do you know the word 'Maranatha'? Don't be too hard on yourself if you don't: it is an Aramaic word. Aramaic was the language that Jesus spoke. Depending on how you pronounce it, it means "Come, Lord!" (marana-tha) or "The Lord has come" (maran-atha).

'Maranatha' was an early Christian prayer for the return of Christ. (...) In 1883 an early Christian book called the Didachè was discovered, which caused immense excitement; it was written in the first century, and was an unexpected glimpse into the early days of the Christian faith. Among other things it contains an account of the Mass. I quote a small part. Look out for the word maranatha.

"Lord, remember your Church; deliver it from evil, perfect it in your love, sanctify it, and gather it from the four winds into the kingdom you have prepared for it. Response: Yours is the power and the glory for ever and ever! Let Grace [Jesus] come, and this present world pass away.

Response: Hosanna to the God of David! Whoever is holy, let him approach. Whoever is not, let him repent. Response: Maranatha. Amen."

Did they say maran-atha, or marana-tha? Either would make sense, and the Christian faith needs both senses. The kingdom of God is here and simultaneously it is yet to come; it is present but not completed. The gospels tell us that "the kingdom of God is among you" (Luke 17:21). They also say



that it is still to come: in the Our Father we say "May your kingdom come!"

The kingdom of God is already here in the sense that Jesus lives within and among us now. But we know also that his presence is obscured by the continued presence of evil in the world. Individuals and institutions are very far from being aligned on the will of God, and so the kingdom is incomplete. St Paul imagines Christ eventually handing over a perfect kingdom to God his Father (1 Cor. 15:24), but since it is not yet perfect, his ultimate triumph is delayed. Origen (born in 185 A.D.) wrote the following: "Christ said, 'I will not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father' (Matthew 26:29). For as long as we fail to rise to his level he cannot drink this wine all alone.... We delay his joy. Until I hand over my life to the Father his life is not fully handed over. Without you he cannot receive his full glory. Without you: that is, without his people, who are his body and his limbs." (...)

Fr Donagh O'Shea OP

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