

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1268

Share: €415

Envelope: €94

FIRST FRIDAY

3rd December 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Thomas McDonnel**, Greenhills Road, and **Aidan Thomas**, Bancroft Avenue, whose funerals were from this Church during the week.

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

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SUNDAY GOSPEL

SVP Christmas Fundraising Appeal St Mary's conference, Tallaght

Giving Sunday: 11-12 December 2021

As outlined in the SVP Appeal last year, the demand for the services of the St Vincent de Paul Society has been growing exponentially over recent years. Whereas we had all hoped that the devastating impact of Covid would have diminished by now, we find an even worsening situation as the increasing cost of high rents and utility services is causing considerable hardship for so many families in our area.

With regret the St Vincent de Paul Society are asking you once again this year to refrain from the traditional gifts of food and toys which in the past were always so much appreciated, and instead the Society asks you to make a cash or voucher donation.

The following are a number of options for those wishing to donate:

- Donations specifically to the local conference of St Vincent de Paul through online banking can be made by using the following the account details:
Account Name: St Mary Conference, St Vincent de Paul
IBAN: IE13aibk93331713473020
BIC: ibkie2d
- Donations can be made through the SVP website using the link svp.ie/donate and directing the donation by typing St Mary's Conference, Tallaght into the "Specific Location to Help" box.
- Another option is to donate by calling 0818 176 176, a safe and secure telephone line of SVP.
- The SVP blue envelopes will also be made available in the church on the weekend of 11-12 December, and arrangements will be made for a local Conference member to attend each Mass on that weekend to collect the envelopes.

PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 1st Sunday of Advent (C), 28th November 2021

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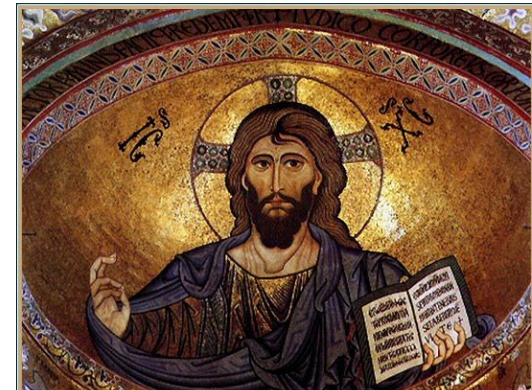
The Advent liturgy is shot through with a great longing for Christ. But John the Baptist is constantly putting in an appearance – almost to the point of irritation. What is the meaning of this?

We have to experience the *absence* of Christ in order later to experience his presence. We need to learn how to wait. Waiting is one of the hardest things for us nowadays. There is such urgency about even the smallest things in our modern world, and this of course is greatly aggravated by commercial advertising. But Advent is a four-week course on waiting.

"Zero wait state," the computer manual said the goal was. It means no waiting at all: you press the key, and the programme (or whatever) is instantly on the screen. Computers are the great accelerators of all sorts of processes (banking, accounting, shopping, etc.) and they themselves are becoming faster and faster. But for the ordinary user, such high speed is required only to run games – which are themselves the greatest time-wasters in the world! The speed of our world today is full of contradictions. We *rush* to save time in order to be able to waste it!

Time is money, we say. And sure enough, we do with money what we do with time: many rush to save more and more of it in order to waste it on things they don't need or even want.

Can the equation be carried even farther? Time is money; but what is time? What is your time? It is *you*, it is yourself, your li-



fe. *Time is life*. Do we save our life in order to waste it? It seems we do. "Whoever tries to save his life will lose it," said Jesus.

We rush headlong into the future: it is a kind of greed for more and more life, or at least for more and more experience. The future, we feel, will fulfil us, where the past and present have failed. But we rush at it so fast that it gets no chance to fulfil us! We rush past it in the same instant that it becomes the present: because we are forever hurtling ourselves into the future. We badly need to study waiting.

No one can say with full clarity what the reason is (or the cluster of reasons) for the high incidence of suicide in modern western societies. People have made various suggestions. One suggestion is that we no longer know how to wait for anything. In older times, struggle and working for something and waiting for it to be realised, were the normal experience. It may be that 'zero wait state' has really got into us. Advent, the season of waiting, has something to teach us. (...)

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