

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1096

Share: €434

Envelope: €60

PENITENTIAL SERVICE & SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Here in this church on Thursday next 9 December at 7.00pm there will be penitential service with the opportunity for individual confession, in preparation for Christmas. This service is organized by the local deanery and is for the parishes of the surrounding area.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The annual Carol Service will take place on Sunday **12 December at 4.00pm.**

Due to the Covid-10 situation this year the Carol Service will be **an online event**, transmitted from the church here via webcam, which can be accessed via our website or the churchservices.tv website.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL – ‘GIVING SUNDAY’

The local St Mary's Conference of the SVP will hold their annual Christmas appeal with a church collection here next week-end of 11-12 December. Due to the Covid crisis, the SVP 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 they are asking you to make a cash or voucher donation. Please our website for details regarding the various options available for making donations.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Paulina O'Connor**, Old Court and **Mary Clear**, Rathmines, whose funerals were from this Church during the week.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Religious Christmas Cards designed by a locally based artist on sale in Priory Reception.

€2.50 each; €10.00 for 5.

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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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 2nd Sunday of Advent (C), 5th December 2021

REPENTANCE FOR SALVATION

Today's Gospel is quite short with only six verses divided into two sections of three verses each. To read it for the first time could make you raise your eyebrows in great surprise. It tells us first (verse 1-3) of the political rulers in the Roman Empire at the time of Jesus' life on earth. The first-mentioned claimed to be the only divine, not just one of several and expected to be treated as such. Pontus Pilate is mentioned. Then the next four, three of whom were related, were the emperor's deputies, called tetrarchs. Verse 2 lists the two most eminent Jewish religious leaders, also related to each other by marriage. One thing common to the political and religious leaders mentioned is that all were evil men. Two of these political leaders were responsible for Jesus' crucifixion, as were the two religious leaders. The situation could not have been worse and this was the time when God intervened by sending his Son to redeem and save those he had created out of his love for love, to become like him, to share his divinity.

As a preparation for Jesus' birth and fully aware of the sinfulness of not only the leaders, God chose John the Baptist as his prophet or spokesman, to announce the Incarnation. His mission was



to preach *“a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.”* This message taught that salvation was the cure for the sinfulness of the world and it was now about to be launched for all. Salvation was at hand.

Jesus came into our world on that first Christmas. He wiped away our sinfulness on Calvary and is coming to judge us at his second coming. But he keeps coming to us in the present, especially by his vehicles of love, his sacraments, among which is the Sacrament of Repentance when Jesus comes to us as our salvation. Now is the time for the Sacrament of Repentance, of Penance, of Confession, of preparing the way for the Lord into our lives. Our destination may not be clear to us but God's destination is crystal clear; it is our lives, our souls. Our Advent slogan is: *“Come, Lord Jesus!”*

+Fr Paschal Tiernan OP