

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

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WAR IN UKRAINE - STATEMENT OF THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCES OF ENGLAND, WALES, IRELAND AND SCOTLAND:

In the face of the shocking loss of life, bloodshed, displacement of people and destruction of property in Ukraine, we make these heartfelt appeals.

We ask our Catholic communities to sustain the prayer and self-denial of Lent as a constant offering to God, begging for an end to this pointless violence.

We ask our fellow Christians everywhere, including Patriarch Kirill and all in the Russian Orthodox Church, to join in solidarity with us in daily spiritual and practical efforts for a ceasefire, for humanitarian outreach and the silencing and laying down of weapons.

We ask all who have an instinct for God to raise their hearts and minds in prayer for peace.

We urge everyone to open their hearts and respond generously to the many appeals for help and support for all who are fleeing their homeland. We call on the UK and Irish governments to offer an open and generous welcome to those who seek refuge in the face of this warfare.

SYNODAL INVITATIONS

In preparation for the Synod to be held in Rome next year, Pope Francis has asked all parishes to organise gatherings. During these gatherings, people are asked to share and to listen to each other and to the Holy Spirit. The two gatherings for St. Dominic's

and St. Mary's Parishes are fixed for **Monday, 14th and Monday, 21st March, in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, each gathering starting at 7.30pm.** For further information, please see the Invitations on the table at the back of the Church and take one for yourself or for a neighbour or a friend.

DISTRIBUTION OF INVITATIONS TO SYNOD

The Invitations are at the back of the Church. We need help from parishioners to distribute these invitations to all houses and apartments blocks. Please contact the parish team if interested in distributing invitations.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Michael Mulligan**, Clane, Co. Kildare and **Eileen Cadigan**, Bancroft Park, whose funerals were from this Church during the week.

SYNOD PRAYER

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 and 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.

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 1st Sunday of Lent (C), 6th MARCH 2022

TWO FUNDAMENTAL STATEMENTS

The first lesson we are taught about Jesus from this passage is that he is the "Son of God". At his baptism, his Father had proclaimed from heaven, "You are my Son". These words were addressed to Jesus and we are not told that anyone else heard them. It was his Father assuring him of his mission, his Son sent into the world in human form to redeem and save all people.

In the first and third temptation, the devil began off by saying, "If you are the Son of God...". The devil had a double purpose in these words. He wanted to sow doubt in Jesus' mind. That is the devil's normal way in all temptations. That is how he approached Eve in the Garden when he asked her if God really had told her not to eat of the forbidden tree's fruit. The devil will attempt the same tactic as a temptation at the Cross when the Jewish leaders, the soldiers and one of the two thieves will taunt him as "Son of God". The devil's second purpose was to get Jesus to succumb to the temptation and be unfaithful to his Father.

That, of course, Jesus would not do as he placed obedience to his Father's will as paramount in his life. He prayed to his Father by name and submitted himself in obedience to his will in the ago-



ny in the garden and on the cross.

The Father endorsed the title "Son" again at the transfiguration and commanded the three apostles to "listen" and obey him. What he was telling them was to be like Jesus was to him.

The second lesson we are taught in this passage about Jesus is that he is fully human, a new Adam. He was tempted as a man and as a man he resisted. He did not bring his power as God into the struggle.

As man Jesus fought off the temptations by depending on the word of God. He was totally committed to God and the power of God's word. He had absolute faith and trust in God. What an example that has been for us for whom he was dying!

Read full commentary by Fr. Paschal Tiernan at www.stmarys-tallaght.ie