

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1079

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LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection (replacing the Share Collection) takes place this weekend, 14/15 May. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.



LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION

SATURDAY SUNDAY
14th & 15th May 2022

Working alongside each other to effect renewal.

Including and accompanying all, especially those on the margins.

Supporting and resourcing faith development.

FIRST COMMUNION IN OUR PARISH

Children from First Communion Classes from St. Mary's NS will receive the First Communion on Saturday 28th May 2022 at 11.00am

CONFIRMATION IN OUR PARISH

We congratulate the children from the 6th class of **Scoil Santain** who received this week the

sacrament of Confirmation. May Holy Spirit give them his gifts.

Building Hope

The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise. You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,

bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.

We make this our prayer through Christ

Our Lord.

Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us

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PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 5th Sunday of Easter (C), 15th MAY 2022

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

There are two matters uppermost in Jesus' mind as he prepares for his imminent death. First, he wishes to show his Father that he loves him totally and so he is fulfilling his Father's will for him. He knows the cost — his life for the salvation of the world.

He is aware that it is not easy for him to suffer and die. He prays in his agony for the strength to follow his Father's will. The darkness of sin and evil has set in with the departure of Judas to betray him. Jesus will dispel that darkness with his love which is divine, selfless, unconditional, sacrificial, generous.

Jesus had his model of love — *“As the Father has loved me...”* It was his divine love that stirred the Father to send his Son into the world to save it. The salvation of a sinful world is the Father's goal. It is also that of the Word made flesh. Compassion, the highest expression of love, for the sinners who were slaves to darkness and evil, inspired the Father — *“The Father loved the world so much”* (Jn. 3: 16).

In turn, it was the Father's love that motivated his Son to *“empty himself”* and come into our world to live and die in the service of redemption. Jesus was God's gift of incarnate love to the world.

Second, it is his plan that his disciples are to continue his mission, a mission of love to promote love which means to promote divinity — *“God is love”*. It is by love that God is recognised because God is love. Jesus was committed, dedicated, determined, resolute



in his life to promote that message.

Now it is his turn to 'mission' or 'send' his disciples to continue what he undertook and so it will not be easy for his disciples to follow his example of love. They live in a culture of darkness and death.

There are two words in Greek for our English word 'new'; one refers to newness in time, that is new as opposed to old; and the other to a new nature in the item, meaning in this context a new type of love.

Love divinises us; makes us God-like. This makes us effective in mission. It is not what we do but what we are — sharers in the divine nature; adopted children of God. We are 'glorified'; we manifest the divinity and presence of God in our small world.

We need to ask, how do we appropriate this love? How does it become interiorized in us? How does the human love we have become divine love?

Jesus is our model. We do our very best to follow what he did. (...)

Read full commentary by +Fr. Paschal Tiernan at
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