

Parish Notices

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1285

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

CHILDREN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION

Church Gate Collection after all Masses today (18.06.22) in of Children's Health Foundation, Crumlin.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Noel Mahon**, Old Bawn, whose funeral was from our Church during last 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

Church Opening Hours

- **Weekdays:** 7.30am - 6.15pm
- **Saturday:** 7.30am - 8.30pm
- **Sunday:** 7.45am - 7.00pm

PRIORY INSTITUTE SUMMER SCHOOL

The Priory Institute two-week online summer school will run from July 18 to 29 and again from August 15 to 26. The subject is Mysticism in an Age of Calamity: Meister Eckhart, John Tauler and Henry Suso. The course includes eight recorded

presentations and two online zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register at www.prioryinstitute.com.

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, Corpus Christi (C), 19th JUNE 2022

Body and Blood of Christ

(...) I remember that distant day when I 'made my First Communion'. I remember waking up, having nodded off during the Mass, to find my candle dripping grease. But they had got on with things while I slept. Looking back today I think: During the half-century and more since that time they have got on with lots of things while I slept! And I have to admit that I'm not very repentant about it. Some of the best things can happen to you while you sleep! The Scriptures say that God "pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber." And Jesus said that the Presence of God (the "Kingdom of God") is like seed that a farmer scatters in his field and that grows even when he's asleep. "Night and day, whether he sleeps or wakes, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how" (Mark 4:27). We ourselves grew like that, when we were in the womb, and later: by day and by night our mothers watched over us; we were so sure of them that we could go sound asleep when we knew they were around. God sort of mothers us too!

We experienced our mother first as a source of food, and through that visible channel we experienced her as a source of love. God is mothering us, attracting us, trying to tame us frightened creatures. How do you tame an animal? By feeding it. Gradually the animal begins to trust you, begins to believe in your goodwill. We were (and maybe we still are) like little frightened animals. We have to be tamed into human society. Love is invisible and needs a visible channel. That visible



channel is originally food. This wisdom of the body is taken up and exalted in the Eucharist. The food which is the Eucharist has the deepest significance. It is about our relationship with God, the ultimate womb from which our existence came.

At the heart of that relationship, for Christians, is Jesus. The great 14th-century mystic, Julian of Norwich, not only called God our 'mother', but she called Jesus our mother! This may seem very strange, even weird. But, as always, she meant something luminous, and she had profound reasons for saying it. She did not mean that Jesus is like your mother! She meant the reverse: your mother is like Jesus! Your mother fed you from her own body. Our mother's care for us may well be the best image we have of God - and of Jesus.

On this feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord don't be too grown up to let the visceral images of the Eucharist play around your mind!

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