

Parish Notices

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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.

KNOCKADOON MUSIC AND LITURGY COURSE

The Knockadoon Music and Liturgy course takes place from August 14 to 20. Book and find out more at www.knockadoonml.ie.

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY

Application is now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year on Thursday, September 29, in DCU St Patrick's Campus. Places are limited so early application is advisable

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course, for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year, with breaks for Christmas, Easter and mid-terms. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. The cost is €400 per year which may be paid in instalments throughout the year.

For more information visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Pathways director Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

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

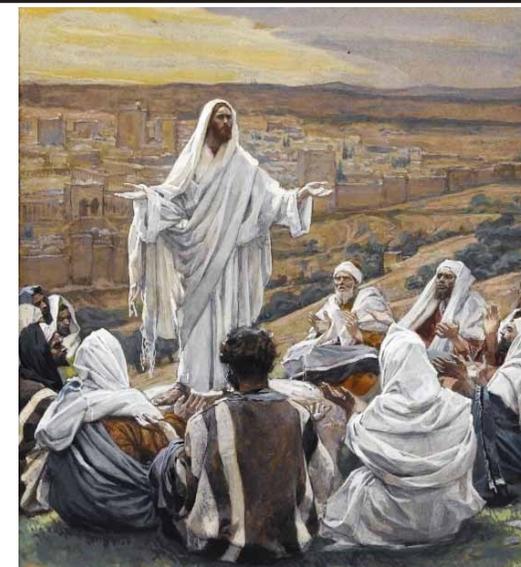
St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 17th Sunday of the year (C), 24th JULY 2022

WE PRAY TO WHOM, FOR WHAT AND HOW

Jesus prayed. He was impressive. His disciples saw him praying as so different from their prayer. So they asked him for lessons. He obliged and taught them *The Lord's Prayer*. It is the prayer we all know and recite regularly. It is a pity that often it is said so mechanically and can sound like a machine gun. Remember the old saying, "words without thoughts, never to heaven go".

Jesus taught the apostles and disciples this prayer and it is excellent to commence all our prayers with *The Lord's Prayer*. The first two words are very endearing so in English we should address God as "Daddy", a word that expresses our relationship of a loving and intimate child to Daddy. Our conversation is meant to express familiarity. And because children are familiar with their parents they talk with them a lot. Prayer should be between our Daddies and ourselves.

He taught us to pray for needs, beginning with the main themes, inspired by God in Luke's Gospel. Jesus was sent by his Father to establish God's kingdom on earth — obviously everyone's main intention because it is what God wants before everything else. Next Jesus said that God loved everyone and would provide for all and these should pray for their needs. That would include daily nourishment, forgiveness of sins, strength in temptation and



the removal of all evil. To pray like that would demand trust in God and with the emphasis on "daily bread" "each day" the prayer ought to be absolutely committed.

God loves us and his desire is to share his life and love with us. Today's Gospel's last line reads: "How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" In other words, God's greatest gift is that of himself! Indeed the Holy Spirit is called "The Gift" of God.

It is a great help in prayer to remember that prayer is talking *with* God rather than *to* him as pure listener. There are two participants. That can humble us, knowing that God treats us as his loved children. Everything in prayer is for our advantage and makes us better in every way.

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