

PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, Christ the King Sunday (A), 26th NOV 2023



CHRIST THE KING

“Yes, I am a king,” said Jesus (Jn 18:37). So... can you see him sitting there displaying himself beside King Herod the Great, for example (one of the most vicious men who ever lived)? No, no. He was parodying the very idea of kingship. When he said “Yes, I am a king!” he was a prisoner standing before Pilate’s judgment seat! “What is truth?” Pilate asked him, but got no answer. (Matthew and Mark say that Jesus was silent before Pilate, and Luke says he was silent before Herod.) How could anyone hear an answer to such a question while sitting on a throne of judgment? When you are sitting on your throne of judgment don't expect to come across any truths.

I ask myself if the atmosphere in my own mind isn't sometimes like the atmosphere in Pilate’s judgment chamber? Cold, shallow, judgmental, merely tactical. The real King, the Lord, is the accused, not the accuser.

Objection! In today’s Gospel reading he appears as a judge sitting on a throne! And furthermore he puts the whole human race in just two categories! (Can you put the whole human

race in two categories: the good and the bad? Surely there are shades of goodness and badness, and to ignore them is a great injustice.)

But that is not the point of the parable. A parable makes only one point, but we often read parables as if they were allegories, that is, stories whose every single element points some moral. No, the single point of today’s parable is that there can be no love of God without love of other people. (...)

Donagh O’Shea OP, www.goodnews.ie

NOTICES

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory: €1293

Share: €615

Envelope: €74

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SALE IN AID OF OUR PARISH FOLK GROUP

We will have Christmas gifts for sale after the vigil mass on **2nd December** and after all masses on Sunday 3rd December to raise funds for our Folk Group’s participation in August 2024 Knockadoon Music and Liturgy course.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Envelopes and lists are available at the back of the Church.

The Novena of Masses for all on our November Dead List began last Monday, 20th November.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING

All are welcome this coming **Wednesday, 29th Nov.** (10.30 – 12.00) to enjoy a pleasant morning with light refreshments in the Priory.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next 1st Dec is the First Friday of the month. Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound on that morning. Let us know if there is someone not already on our list that you think should be.

VISIT OF THE RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS



This week, the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis is visiting the Archdiocese of Dublin.

Carlo Acutis was born in 1991, in London to Italian parents. His family moved to Milan shortly after. He was a gamer and computer programmer who loved soccer. From a young age, he had a special love for God, even though his parents weren’t especially devout. He attended Mass daily, regularly receiving the sacraments. He was known for centering his life on the Eucharist. “Always to be united with Jesus”, he would say, “this is my programme of life”. He managed to drag his parents and relatives to Mass every day. Carlo set up a website documenting Eucharistic miracles, and is now considered a patron saint of the Internet. At age 15, Carlo was diagnosed with an untreatable leukaemia. He died on 12th Oct 2006.

He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10th Oct 2020. His beatification highlighted the significance of his witness, particularly for the younger generation, demonstrating that holiness is attainable even in our modern world.

Among the places visited by the relic will be **St. Kevin’s Church, Kilnamanagh** and **St. Kilian’s Church, Kingstown**. The relic will arrive on Monday, 27th November in the morning, and Mass in honour of Blessed Carlo will be celebrated at 10am in St. Kevin’s Church. This will be followed by a Liturgy of the Word at 12 noon in St. Kilian’s Church.

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