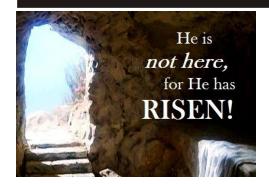
PRIORY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, Easter Sunday (B), 31st March 2024



Echoing an ancient homily, Meister Eckhart said that it was because Mary Magdalene had nothing else to lose that she dared approach the grave; the apostles had run away because, by implication, they were still trying to save themselves. She had lost everything else, he said, "and so she was afraid that if she went away from the grave she would lose the grave as well. For if she had lost the grave she would have nothing left at all."

But of what use was that grave to her? Graves are about the past. But not this grave. The Resurrection did not take place on the mountain-tops, or on a bright cloud, but in the heart of the grave, the 'degree zero' of human life. It was because Mary Magdalene stayed by the grave that she became the first bearer of the news of the Resurrection; she was the first Christian preacher.

At first she could not see Jesus anywhere. Why? "Because she kept looking further away than he was," said Eckhart. She kept looking for a dead body, an object; but Jesus was alive and standing beside her. We are at home with objects; they are at arm's length and we can deal with them. We make this kind of knowledge-at-arm'slength the standard of all knowledge; we equate 'objectivity' with truth. The word 'object' comes from Latin ob (against) + jacere (to throw). Besides, the word 'object' connotes 'objection' rather than faith. But the Risen Christ is nearer to us than any object could ever be. "Why are you seeking the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5).

Eckhart concludes his sermon: "That we may thus seek Him and also find Him, so help us God. Amen."

> Fr Donagh O'Shea OP, www.goodnews.ie

NOTICES

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1733 Share: €569 Envelope: €120

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March

Masses: 7.00am (Polish); 8.00am; 10.00am; 12.00 noon; 4.30pm (Polish); 6.00pm

EASTER MONDAY 1st April

Masses: 10.00am; 11.00am (Polish); 1.00pm (No 8am Mass)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



ST. MARY'S PRIORY, TALLAGHT SUNDAY, 7th APRIL at 3.00pm Celebrant: Fr Robert Regula OP (St. Mary's Priory)

- •Divine Mercy Chaplet
- •Holy Mass
- •Veneration of Divine Mercy Image
- •Individual Blessing with st. Faustina's Relic

No confession available on the Sunday

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FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next 5th April is the First Friday of the month. Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound on that morning.



HANDEL'S MESSIAH FOR "JUBILEE 2024" TALLAGHT CHORAL SOCIETY

Tallaght Choral Society (TCS), a choir long connected to the Dominican Priory, Tallaght, is absolutely delighted to help celebrate "Jubilee 2024" - the 800th anniversary of the Dominican Order's arrival in Ireland.

For a Night to Remember, join

Tallaght Choral Society (TCS)

Lynsey Callaghan, Conductor Our Magnificent Soloists and Orchestra Claudia Boyle, Soprano Sharon Carty, Alto Andrew Gavin, Tenor John Molloy, Bass Irish Choral Sinfonia

We feel we have put together what should be a once in a 800 year performance!!

Tickets: www.thehelix.ie or 017007000 €20/€30/€35

EASTER GREETINGS

Fr. Prior, Dominican Community, and Parish Team wish all of you and your families a Happy Easter.

May this Easter be a time

of great blessing to all!

We are very grateful to all who have helped with the ceremonies and prepared the Church.