## St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral NEWSLETTER

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**Confessions** 

#### <u>Mass Times</u>

Monday to Friday: 10.30 a.m. and 12.45 p.m. Saturday: 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. (*Vigil Mass*) Sunday: 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass

Monday to Friday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass to 12.30 p.m.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 

### PAUSE FOR REFLECTION



In Sunday's gospel, the scribes and Pharisees define the woman by her past, by her sin. Their attitude is; that is all there is to her. But Jesus sees her future. He says to her, 'go away and don't sin any more'. They see her past and condemn her. He sees her future and

believes in her.

This echoes the Lord's words in Isaiah; 'No need to recall the past. See, I am doing a new deed, can you not see it?' When Jesus believes in her, she sees something new happening in her life, a new future for herself. She comes to know his power in her life. She can begin to say, with Paul, that nothing 'will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord'.

The readings are like a mirror, reflecting back to us our own Baptism journey through life. As we come to know Christ, we come to know what he sees in us. We experience how his belief in us heals our past and opens up our future. We can say with Paul; 'All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection'.

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St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral St Kevin's Oratory [Entrance from Cathedral]

# **LENT WEDNESDAYS** *A Springtime of Faith*

with Fr Kieran J. O'Mahony, OSA

on 10 April—From 11.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.



The annual **Advocate collection for the Sunshine Fund** takes place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for

children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is (Psalm 141:1). their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



# St. John Passion

Palm Sunday, April 14th, 8pm St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral

> Conducted by Blánaid Murphy Marlborough Baroque Orchestra

Evangelista: Andrew Gavin Christus: Eoghan Desmond Pilatus: Simon O'Leary Soprano: Sharon Lyons Mezzo Soprano: Raphaela Mangan Tenor: Conor Prendiville Bass: Benjamin Russell

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Tickets €25



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Saturday 27 April 2019 Time: 11.00am – 4.30pm

Dublin Pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

enquiries to: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

On Fridays from 5.00 to 5.30 p.m. there will be Sung Vespers.

Vespers is also called Evening Prayer, it takes place as dusk begins to fall. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God.

> Thank You 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> Collection € 1,090 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection €660