



NEWSLETTER



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When reflecting on the nature of vocations, I can recall various nuns and priests that were “home from the missions” for their holidays when I was growing up which might only have been once every three years or so. I was always very impressed by their faith and commitment as well as their dedication to the third world countries where they worked.

Also, in hindsight, they came over as happy, contented and fulfilled in their missionary work despite the sacrifices they had to make. They were all a great inspiration to me.

Tomorrow, February 11th, is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick. Pope Francis reminds us: *“Like Saint Bernadette, we stand beneath the watchful gaze of Mary. Let us ask Mary Immaculate for the grace always to relate to the sick as persons who certainly need assistance, at times even for the simplest of things, but who have a gift of their own to share with others.”*

Pope Benedict once said that the thin veil that separates heaven and earth is a little more transparent in Lourdes. Let us pray that we may remember that our lives are not just about us. They are part of God’s providential plan, part of a story that stretches infinitely beyond what we can immediately grasp...for people of faith, there are no coincidences, only aspects of God’s providence that we have not yet fully understood.

We are all familiar with the story of St Bernadette in Lourdes but perhaps a little less so with a dozen or so years she later spent in Nevers where she worked in the infirmary as a member of the Daughters of Charity of Nevers. In the convent garden in Nevers, there is a statue of Our Lady of the Waters where St Bernadette would often go to pray. She said: *“It is she who reminds me most of the lady I saw.”*



Let us pray to Our Lady of Lourdes and to Saint Bernadette this weekend for all who are sick both in mind and in body that they may experience the healing grace of God’s love. Our parish pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from September 4th-9th this year and is advertised elsewhere in this newsletter. You might consider going especially if you have not done so in recent years and would like to return.

Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes.

“Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?” I answered, ‘Here I am, send me.’

10th February 2019

Our readings today are all about people receiving a call for mission from God. The first reading speaks about the call of Isaiah who responds in a generous way to God’s request: *“Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?” I answered, ‘Here I am, send me.’*

In the second reading St Paul recalls his own conversion and how *“last of all he [Jesus] appeared to me too.”* And in our Gospel reading, St Peter, has a moment of divine revelation when he declares *“Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man”* when he realised the great power of God in his life. The fish in this Gospel story are also a metaphor for the people who will be converted through Peter’s ministry.

Father Donal Neary tells us that *“Sharing and educating in faith is bringing Christ to life. The teachers and chaplains, priests, religious, parish personnel, all educators in faith are in partnership with the Lord Jesus.”*

We should all reflect on our calling as

Christians and ask ourselves how we can share our faith with the people in our lives and those we meet along the way. How can we respond to the great parting words of Jesus *“Go teach all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

The readings also tell us about the vocations of Isaiah, St. Paul and St. Peter. And, while we immediately think of vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious life, we should also remember that each and every one of us have our own vocation in life. As Blessed John Henry Newman said, God has made us for a definite purpose and that each of us has a special role and path to follow in the eyes of God. Pope Francis tells us that: *“in carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelization. May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own “yes”, conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time.”*

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th September

Hotel Solitude ****

5 Nights – Full Board

Fully Inclusive Price €759

(single room subject to availability €180 supplement)

In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage

To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274



**Holy Child National School
Open Evening for Parents/Guardians
Wednesday, 13th February 2019
from 6.30p.m. to 8.00p.m.**

All Are Very Welcome

Enrolments are now taking place for school year 2019/2020 in the above school.

Closing date for enrolment is 28th Feb.

Forms available to download from the school website www.holychildns.ie or alternatively call to the school office or Tel: 837 5870.

Church Collections 03.02.2019

1st Collection €1,859.00

Share €1,415.00

Family Envelope €1,010.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Emmanuel Secondary Schools Liturgical Music Programme in the Helix. 66

Schools, 2500 students, 18 songs. 25-28th Feb. 7.30pm. See litmus.dublindiocese.ie

Anam Cara North Dublin

Bereavement Information Evening will take place on Wed. 20th February at 7.20p.m. in the Carnegie Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or call 085 2888888 before Tuesday 19th.

Praying the Scriptures

An Introduction to Lectio Divina:

A three evening introduction to praying the Bible with Fr. Séamus O'Connell in the Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue, Holy Faith Sisters Old Finglas Road, Glasnevin. All welcome, no experience necessary. Tuesdays 19th, 26th February & 12th March 7.30-9.00p.m. Cost €35. Tel. (01)797 9364

Church Gate Collection - this weekend is in aid of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**



Holy Communion is available to all communicants under both kinds at the Main Altar, Priest's Chair side.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Larry Mahony
Pat Mahon



May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.

Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto



Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 5 7 12 26 2nd Jackpot: 2 10 22 24

The second Jackpot was won by M. Hogan.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: P. Caul; P. Murphy; L. Lawlor;

P. Hanlon; D. Tierney; L. Murphy; N. O'Beara.

The winners of the 5 Prizes of €100 were; A. Reilly; L. Ruddell; P. & G. Quinn;

F. Noonan; R. Lyons.

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €15,000

Second Jackpot €250

Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

- Mon. 11th Feb. 9.15a.m. Lily Moore (R. I. P.)
7.00p.m. Available for Intention
- Tues. 12th Feb. 9.15a.m. Michael Hennessy (Anniversary)
7.00p.m. Available for Intention
- Wed. 13th Feb. 9.15a.m. John Joe Herrity (Anniversary)
7.00p.m. John Towell (Anniversary)
- Thurs. 14th Feb. 9.15a.m. Charles Rooney (Anniversary)
Fr. Jackie O'Donoghue (Birthday Remembrance)
7.00p.m. Aleyamma Mathew (Anniversary)
- Fri. 15th Feb. 9.15a.m. Pattie Morolo (Anniversary)
7.00p.m. Dennis Spierin (Anniversary)
John & Mary O'Neill (Anniversaries)
- Sat. 16th Feb. 10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Vigil 7.00p.m. Frank Joyce (1st Anniversary)
Niall McCann, Dennis Spierin (Anniversaries)
Mary Morrin, Thomas Hallinan (Anniversaries)
- Sun. 17th Feb. 11.15a.m. People of the Parish & William Strong (Month's Mind)
12.30p.m. Vera O'Brien & Hannah Raymond (Anniversaries)
John Wisley, Séamus Lehane (Anniversaries)
6.00p.m. Available for Intention
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
- Wed. 13th Feb. 10.00a.m. Terry O'Neill (Anniversary)
- Sun. 17th Feb. 10.00a.m. Maura & Tom Flanagan (Anniversaries)
Victoriano (Sr.) & Victoriano (Jr.) DeLa Cruz (Annivs.)
Deceased members of the Finn Family

28th Divine Mercy Conference: Divine Mercy Conference Committee wish to invite you to their annual conference on the 23rd, 24th February in the RDS, Ballsbridge. On Friday night 22nd February, there will be Holy Mass, Adoration and confessions. Full schedule: www.dublindiocese.ie/noticeboard. All welcome.