

you to consider saying the Morning, Evening and Night Prayer of the Church even once a day if your schedule permits. It's a beautiful way to connect with a global faith community in a spiritual way and to enhance our own faith. You can buy a hard copy of the book in Veritas or similar religious bookshops or download it from the internet if you prefer or even purchase an App such as Universalis.

This week, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent with only three weeks to go until Easter. Today's Gospel reading is from the Gospel of St. John and gives us the very powerful image of Jesus being lifted up on the Cross, so that our sins can be forgiven. This really encapsulates the gift to us all of Easter as we come to more fully understand the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

Our reading today echoes the very beginning of John's Gospel where he says: *"God loved the world so much that he gave us his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."*

By God's grace, we are people of the resurrection, we are an Easter people, joyfully proclaiming our salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Over the next three weeks, the Church asks us to be patient and prayerful as we await the celebration of the Easter Triduum. So, let us pray and reflect this weekend on the sacrifice of Jesus for us all on the Cross as we look forward to the great feast of Easter. And let us thank him for the great offering of himself in love for us all. As the prayer at Mass says:

"Lord by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free, you are the saviour of the world."

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

7th -12th September 2018

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**In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage
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NEWSLETTER



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*"Lord by your Cross and
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11th March 2018

community about the Prayer of the Church which is said by many millions of people every day, whether privately in their own homes, in church or as part of a religious order.

With all the snow over the past few days, many of have been spending a lot more time indoors than usual. As a result, we have been out of our usual routine which may have provided us with more time for reading or watching television. We may also not have had the opportunity to attend Mass as much as we normally would and may have joined in on the radio or on the internet instead.

As many of you know, the office mainly consists of the Psalms which go back to the time of King David in the Hebrew Scriptures. I have been saying these prayers for a good number of years now and am constantly amazed by freshness of the content when I return to it and how often I can gain new insights when I reflect on the Psalms again in the light of different situations.

The Prayer of the Church also includes readings from the bible and prayers of Intercession and will often adapt to reflect a particular feast day.

One way that I tried to stay connected with the Church during the snowbound days was to recite the Morning, Evening and Night Prayers of the Church. This was known as the "office" which was at one time reserved mostly for priests, nuns and religious but, in more recent times, has been extended to include all the faithful who may wish to participate. There is a wonderful sense of extended

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*May this newly baptised Child
 always know and love Jesus as her
 friend.*

**Ireland of the Welcomes
 Hosting Families for WMOF2018**

Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018) Many would be unable to come if they had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience. Learn more at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily or Tel: 01 5676800.

Liturgy Team - The next meeting of this team will be on Monday 12th March at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Annual Collection for CROSSCARE Youth Services- Social Support Agency will take place next weekend at all Masses 17th/ 18th March. It will replace the usual SHARE Collection.

Congratulations to the boys and girls who made their First Confession this week. We ask God to bless them on their journey of faith as they continue their preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in May.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Eileen Gibson Margaret (Dorrie) Farrell
May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



**St. Patrick's Day
 Holy Day of Obligation
 Mass Schedule:
 Holy Child:
 Friday, 16th Vigil 7.00p.m.
 Saturday, 17th March 2017
 10.00a.m., 11.15a.m.**

Vigil for Sunday at 7.00p.m.
Blessed Margaret Ball: 10.00a.m.

Registering to attend the World Meeting of Families -Pope Francis personally chose Ireland to host this event. If you would like to attend all or part of it you can register now for the three-day Pastoral Congress at www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Places for the Congress are limited & guarantee a ticket for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass which are expected to be led by Pope Francis.



**Bethany Remembrance Mass
 Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 8pm
 Upstairs in the Parish Centre.**

The Mass is for family & friends of those who have died in the last few months & will include a candle lighting ceremony. Refreshments will be served after the Mass. All Welcome.

Whitehall, Beaumont & St. Luke's Kilmore West are hosting a series of talks centred on the 'Family of God' in preparation for the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) in Aug 2018. All parishioners & their friends are very welcome. Each evening will commence with a presentation, with a break for tea/coffee followed by time for discussion and questions. **Wed 14th Mar Beaumont Church at 7.30p.m.** Fr. Pat Collins Theme: The importance of Family Prayer – Some Suggestions. **Wed, 21st Mar St. Luke's Church at 7.30p.m.** **Speaker** :Breda O'Brien (Irish Times Columnist) Theme: 'Nurturing Faith in the Family – Lessons from a lived experience'. For further details & information contact Noreen O'Prey Tel: 086 2939935



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
 1st Jackpot: 7 19 21 24 2nd Jackpot: 4 6 21 22

No Jackpot Winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: F. Noonan: A. McChesney: F. Sexton: T. Tierney: D. & J. Taylor: B. Rowe: N. Brennan.

The winners of the five special prizes of €100 were: K. McChesney: B. Kirwan: E. McDonnell: J. Venables: J. Costello.

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €3,500 Second Jackpot €450

Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25

**Mass Intentions for the coming week
 Church of the Holy Child**

Monday 12th March	9.15a.m. Available for Intention 7.00p.m. Phyllis Mellon, deceased members of the Mellon Family & Moira Fitzgerald (Anniversary)
Tuesday 13th March	9.15a.m. & 7.00 p.m. Available for Intention
Wednesday 14th Mar.	9.15a.m. & 7.00 p.m. Available for Intention
Thursday 15th March	9.15a.m. Betty O'Leary (Anniversary) 7.00p.m. Sheila Connaughton (1st Anniversary)
Friday 16th March	9.15a.m. Available for Intention
Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day	7.00p.m. Louis Cottell (Month's Mind) Ciarán Cottell (Anniversary)
Saturday 17th March	10.00a.m. Patrick & Mary Tyrrell (Anniversaries)
St. Patrick' Day	11.15a.m. St. Patrick's Day
Vigil for Sunday	7.00p.m. Ciarán Kelly (1st Anniversary) Peig & Pat O'Callaghan (Anniversary)
Sunday 18th March	8.30a.m. George Hooper (Anniversary) 11.15a.m. People of the Parish 12.30p.m. Pauline & Gerry O'Farrell, Patrick Hannigan, Josephine & Robert Redmond (Anniversaries) 6.00p.m. Elizabeth & Frederick Gorman (Anniversaries) Mary Walsh (Anniversary)

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

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Saturday 17th March	10.00a.m. St. Patrick's Day
Sunday 18th March	10.00a.m. Seán MacGabhann (Month's Mind) Patrick & Elizabeth Foy, Richard Dignam, Lauren Johnson (Anniversaries)

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

Holy Child Boys' School Larkhill
 If you would like to enrol your boy in the school for next September, please ring the school secretary on 01 8372472 for full details. Holy Child Boys' School caters for boys from 1st to 6th Class.