

surviving children, Marie, Pauline, Therese, Celine and Leonie became nuns. They were all Carmelites apart from Leonie who became a Visitation Sister. According to a leaflet produced by the Carmelite Order:

*“Therese told Leonie about the “Little Way” of confidence and love that she had discovered. It resonated with Leonie and she understood and lived it out. It helped her discover God within herself. People have come to pray at her tomb since the 1960s. Her cause for canonisation was opened in 2015.”*

When we reflect on St Therese of Lisieux, we may previously have thought of one individual who became a Saint and later a Doctor of the Church. But I think that one of the blessings of these relics coming amongst us this month is to remind us that Therese was from an ordinary, hard working family, who were people of faith and had their ups and downs like everyone else. They certainly show how parents can influence their children on the journey of faith and encourage them to follow the message of the Gospel. We can also see in the Martin family how the sisters certainly encouraged each other and, in particular, how her older sisters were an influence on Therese in joining the Carmelites and how Therese, in her turn, also encouraged Leonie to follow the example of her own spiritual journey.

The relics will be present beside the altar at the closing Mass for the World Meeting of Families which will be celebrated by Pope Francis in the Phoenix Park on Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>. They will be back in Whitefriar Street on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August and also in other locations in Dublin (including Clarendon Street on Friday August 24<sup>th</sup> and the morning of Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>) after that. If you have an opportunity to go along, I hope that you will find it a prayerful and life giving experience.

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**Mass in the Phoenix Park on 26th August for World Meeting of Families. Chief Celebrant Pope Francis.** The buses will leave the Church of the Holy Child on **26th August at 9.15a.m.** If you haven't paid the €6 for the bus we would ask you to leave it in the Parish Office with your name. The tickets for the Mass will be distributed on the bus. If you already have obtained tickets for the Mass we would ask that you give them to someone else.

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



Parish of Larkhill/Whitehall & Santry Parish Office: Church of the Holy Child, The Thatch Road, Dublin 9. Tel (01) 837 5274 Website: [www.whitehall.dublindioocese.ie](http://www.whitehall.dublindioocese.ie).

### *St Therese, St Louis & St Zelig Martin*

**12th August 2018**

This week the relics of St Therese of Lisieux (often known as the “Little Flower”) and her parents St Louis & Zelig Martin have begun a pilgrimage around Ireland in preparation for the World Meeting of Families.

I was fortunate to have an opportunity to venerate the relics in the Carmelite Church in Whitefriar Street in the city centre this week. It was a very special moment of faith and it was encouraging to see so many people of all ages present, many of them carrying roses in honour of St Therese.

While St Therese of Lisieux is well known to many of you, her parents are much more recent Saints. They were canonised by Pope Francis on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the first time that a married couple have been canonised. They certainly provide a very

relevant role model for the World Meeting of Families. Pope Francis made the following remarks at their canonisation ceremony:

*“The holy spouses Louis and Zelig Martin practised Christian service in the family, creating day by day an environment of faith and love which nurtured the vocations of their daughters, among whom was Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.”*

He went on to say that:

*“Each of us, through baptism, share in our own way in Christ’s priesthood: the lay faithful in the common priesthood, priests in the ministerial priesthood.*

*Consequently, all of us can receive the charity which flows from his open heart, for ourselves but also for others, and become “channels” of his love and compassion, especially for those who are suffering, discouraged and alone.”*

The Martin family were people of deep faith all five of their

### Preliminary Mass Notice

Due to the celebration of the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August the 12.30p.m. in the Church of the Holy Child will be cancelled that Sunday. All other Parish Masses are as usual – 7pm. Vigil (Saturday Holy Child), 10a.m. (Blessed Margaret Ball) 11.15a.m. (Holy Child) and 6p.m. (Holy Child)



### Celebration of Baptism

A special Ceremony will take place during the 12.30p.m. Mass on Sunday 19th August. This celebration is for all babies baptised in the past twelve months in either the Church of the Holy Child or the Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

### Lough Derg

Come home to the love of God's Family on Lough Derg on a day Pilgrimage on **Saturday 18th August**. Coach from Whitehall Church at 6.30a.m. Cost €65 includes return fare, morning tea/coffee, light lunch & admission to island. Tel: Marie McAllister 01 8425678.

### Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Wednesday 15th August Holy Day

Schedule of Masses: -Church of the Holy Child:- Tues. 14th Aug. Vigil 7p.m. Wed. 15th August-9.15a.m, 11.15a.m. & 7p.m. Blessed Margaret Ball 10a.m.

### Radio Maria

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish –run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen Via FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0)1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)

### Ministers of the Eucharist Commissioning Ceremony

A special commissioning ceremony for new Ministers of the Eucharist will take place during the 11.15a.m. Mass this Sunday 12th August.



*Gracious Lord, you nourish us with the Body and Blood of your Son. Bless our Brothers and Sisters who commit themselves in the service of the Eucharist. May the saving mysteries they distribute lead them to the joys of eternal life. Amen*

### Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers –

**Conor Bent**  
**Bernadette Courage**

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



**Spirituality Course** run by Fr. Denis Robinson CSSp. In the Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Ave.

This programme aims to introduce students to a broad overview of key contemporary issues in theology, spirituality and human development and the connection between them. To develop reflection and discernment skills around everyday lived experience. It explores the Christian tradition and its relevance for contemporary life, and provides a forum for discussion and debate in a class group setting. Further Information Tel: 01 8535111



### Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot 2 3 4 5 2nd Jackpot: 8 9 14 29

No Jackpot winner. The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were:

T. Purdue: C. Smith: R. Mullins: M. McDermott:

M. Adderley: B. & C. Carroll: T. Brown.

**Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €9,000 Second Jackpot €350**

**7 Consolation Prizes of €25**

### Mass Intentions for the coming week

#### Church of the Holy Child

**Monday 13th August** 9.15a.m Winifred McShane (Anniversary)  
7.00p.m. Anne Kenny (Anniversary)

**Tuesday 14th August** 9.15a.m. Special Intention  
**Vigil for Feast of the Assumption** 7.00p.m. Patrick & Delia Kelly (Anniversary)

**Wednesday 15th August** 9.15a.m. Jack O'Donoghue (Anniversary)  
11.15a.m. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
7.00p.m. Kathleen & William Bedford (Anniversaries)

**Thursday 16th August** 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention

**Friday 17th August** 9.15a.m. Norman Rogers (Anniversary)  
7.00p.m. Available for Intention

**Saturday 18th August** 10.00a.m. Available for Intention  
**Vigil** 7.00p.m. Tony Gray (1st Anniversary)  
Liam Maher, William Meade (Anniversaries)

**Sunday 19th August** 11.15a.m. People of the Parish  
12.30p.m. Available for Intention  
6.00p.m. Anthony (Snr) & Anthony (Jnr) Dennis (Anniv)  
Eithne (Anniv.) and Joe & Ger Curran (R.I.P.)

#### Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

**Wednesday 15th August** 10.00a.m. Available for Intention  
**Sunday 19th August** 10.00a.m. Anthony Finn (Anniversary)

### Booking for World Youth Day Panama now open!

Young Dubliners are being invited to join in a pilgrimage to Panama for World Youth Day in January 2019. 18th-30th Jan 2019. Further information www.evangelisation.ie

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

**Novena to St. John Vianney** (Cure of Ars) St. John Vianney Church Saturday 4th – Sunday 12th August. Ardlea Rd, Artane.

**WMOF Seven Church Pilgrimage Walk** 18th–25th Aug. The following seven churches will be open each day 9.30am - 7pm: St Audeon's High St; St. Francis Xavier's, Gardiner St.; St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral; St. Michan's COI Church St.; St Michan's RC Church, Halston Street; St. Saviour's Dominick St.; St. Teresa's, Clarendon St.