

Pope Francis tells us: *“Paradise is the embrace of God, infinite Love, and we enter thanks to Jesus, who died on the cross for us. Where there is Jesus, there is mercy and happiness.”* I think this is a very good way of thinking about it. We believe that those who have gone before us to God remain with us in spirit. They are absent but not gone. I think they are especially present with us at mass and that’s why it is so important to remember our relatives and friends at anniversary masses which is a wonderful tradition in this parish.

Let us pray that we will experience the consolation of God’s presence as we reflect on those people who have inspired, encouraged and helped us in life. Sometimes our achievements are based on theirs. May they now enjoy the rewards of their goodness and kindness with the Risen Lord in heaven.

As we reflect this weekend on St Luke’s *“Sermon on the Plain”*, let us thank God for the gifts and blessings of our lives and to pray that we will always be aware of those who are less well off whether materially or spiritually.

Last Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated 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 Saint Bernadette in Lourdes but perhaps a little less so with the 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.

*Gerard Reilly – Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes.*

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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*“How happy are you who are poor:  
yours is the kingdom of God”*

**13th February 2022**

Our Gospel today, the Sermon on the Plain in Luke corresponds to the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. Jesus presents us with a vision of society that is almost the exact opposite of what we would expect. He tells us:

*“How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven.”*

The message here is that God’s ways are not our ways and that he looks at things differently to the way we do. I am reminded of the tremendous emphasis that Pope Francis puts on the poor. He frequently visits and meets with

those who are not well off and has recently provided facilities for the homeless near St Peter’s Square.

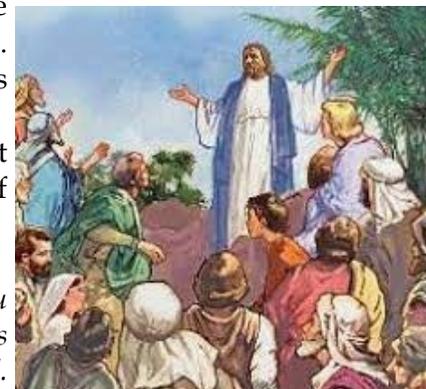
One way that we can assist the poor is to contribute to the Society of St Vincent de Paul or another charity that helps the homeless.

In our second reading, St Paul makes a dramatic statement. He tells us that:

*“If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.”*

But he goes on to assure us that: *“Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.”*

When speaking about the next life in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI said: *“Death opens to life, to eternal life, which is not an infinite duplicate of the present time, but something completely new.”*



**Special Collection this Weekend  
The Annual Collection for  
ACCORD, Dublin,**

the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family will be made at all Masses this weekend **12th & 13th February 2022.** **It will replace the usual SHARE Collection** ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:- Marriage Preparation Courses – online and for small groups. Counselling for couples & individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone, A relationship & Sexuality Programme for Schools. Please use the SHARE envelopes provided.

**We welcome in  
Baptism:**

**Tillie Mai Olechno Keogh**

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



**Please Note**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection**  
**will not take place this weekend, instead it**  
**will take place next weekend 19th/20th**  
**February.**  
Please be as generous as you can.

**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers –  
Ann Rundle,  
Kathleen Barrable,  
Declan McAleavy,  
Colm Maher  
Fr. Philip Corcoran

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



**Whitehall Active Retirement  
Coffee Morning  
Monday, 14th February 2022 at 10.00a.m.**

**Continuing Covid Protective Measures**

The Archbishop has requested that the following protective measures remain in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of the congregation. The Archbishop will review towards the end of March.

- ◆ **The wearing of face coverings inside Church buildings;**
- ◆ **Good sanitising and cleaning arrangements;**
- ◆ **Suspension of a handshake as the Sign of Peace**
- ◆ **Holy Communion to be received in the hand only.**

**The Office of Vocations for Priesthood**

The Office for Vocations to Priesthood invite you to join in praying for Deacon Joe Keegan who will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. The Ordination takes place on Sunday, 20th February at 3pm in the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Cabra West, Dublin 7. The Ordination can be viewed on the parish webcam link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/cabrawest>. This is a great joy and blessing for Deacon Joe and for the whole diocese.

**Anniversary Frame** -If your loved one has an anniversary coming up please consider giving their name to the Sacristan or place in one of the safes. It will then be put in the Anniversary Frame, placed on the Altar and prayed for at all Sunday Masses. Small donation appreciated.



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last weeks' results :

1st Jackpot 6 10 15 17 2nd Jackpot 1 3 14 19

No Jackpot winners.

The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows:

A. McChesney: A.C. Farrell: J. Fawcett: J. Bourke: P. Smith: T. Comiskey: S. & M. Earley.

The winners of the 5 extra prizes of €100 are: M. Carrick: M. Nolan: B. Moore: M. Ryan: M. & A. Keyes.

Next weeks' Prizes are as follows; 1st Jackpot €15,000 2nd Jackpot €1,550 Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25.

Envelopes available at the church doors and in the Parish Centre.

Entries must be received by 9.45a.m on Tuesday morning. Results will be published at the Church doors and in the Parish newsletter.



**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

Sat 12th Feb	7.00p.m.	Robert Donnelly – 1st Anniversary Margaret Donnelly & Molly Fahey – R.I.P. Patrick (Sonny) Kinsella – Anniversary Hugh Lynch – Anniversary John Farrelly – Anniversary
Sun 13th Feb	10.30a.m.	Moyra de Lacy – Anniversary Brendan & Louisa Hynes – Anniversaries
	12.30p.m.	Michael Holland – Month's Mind Rita McKiernan – 1st Anniversary Linda Campelli, John & David Kavanagh – Anniversaries
Mon 14th Feb	9.15a.m.	Fr. Jack O'Donoghue – Birthday Remembrance
Tues 15th Feb	9.15a.m.	Brenda O'Shea – Special Intention
Wed 16th Feb	9.15a.m.	James & Cecilia Stapleton – Birthday Remembrance
Thurs 17th Feb	9.15a.m.	Peter Bermingham – Anniversary
Fri 18th Feb	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Sat 19th Feb	7.00p.m.	Elizabeth Keegan – Month's Mind Kitty & Paurie Murphy – Anniversaries Rose Doyle, John Wisley – Anniversaries
Sun 20th Feb	10.30a.m.	Gerry Higgins – Anniversary Mary Waldron & Catherine Higgins – Anniversaries Niall McCann – Anniversary
	12.30p.-m.	Rita Tyrrell – 1st Anniversary, James Domican – Anniversary
		<b><u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u></b>
Sun. 13th Feb	10.00a.m.	Sean MacGabhann – Anniversary
Wed 16th Feb	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun 20th Feb	10.00a.m.	Charles Barnwell – Anniversary & deceased members of the Barnwell Family – R.I.P. Marriana Besagni – Anniversary