

way they continue to walk together on the journey of faith with us. We can experience their presence assisting us in challenging situations. The Feast of the Ascension offers us the sure and certain hope that Jesus continues to accompany us and that in a very real sense that he is working with us because Jesus remains with us through the power of the Holy Spirit. This gives us confidence and hope as we journey together.

If today, May 13th were not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, 101 years since the apparitions. When speaking about Fatima in 2000, Saint John Paul II said: *“The message of Fatima is a call to conversion. Our final goal is heaven, our true home, where the heavenly Father awaits everyone with his merciful love.”*

The year 1917 was a very auspicious and important one in world history coming as it did a year before the end of the First World War in 1918 and just a few months before the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia in October 1917. Both major historic events which shaped the course of our world for many decades that followed. There were six apparitions in Fatima to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta between May and October 1917. I visited Fatima in 2015 and found it a most prayerful place.

Speaking in Fatima last year, Pope Francis said: *“God created us to be a source of hope for others, a true and attainable hope.... Whenever we experience the cross, [Jesus] has already experienced it before us. We do not mount the cross to find Jesus. Instead it was he who, in his self-abasement, descended even to the cross, in order to find us, to dispel the darkness of evil within us, and to bring us back to the light.”*

At Fatima, Our Lady reminds us that our future is in God and that we are active and responsible partners in creating that future.

“Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.”

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

General Data Protection Regulation

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”), is being introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our Parish that manages and processes people’s personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the Parish website and in the Newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



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Feast of the Ascension

13th May 2018

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which the Acts of the Apostles tells us, took place 40 days after Easter.

Before departing, Jesus leaves us with a very important instruction. He says:

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. The one who believes and is baptised will be saved.”

This is the great Christian missionary call to action which has inspired so many people down through the centuries. Those who take up this challenge are assured that they will not be acting alone. We are told that Jesus continued to “work with” his disciples after the Ascension as he continues to do with believers today.

There are several descriptions of what happened at the Ascension recorded in the New Testament. In 1 Tim 3:16, we are told that Jesus was *“taken up in glory.”* In Luke 24:51, we read that *“[Jesus] withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven.”* And in St John’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that *“I am going to the Father.”* In Acts 1: 10, it says *“Jesus was taken up from you*

into heaven.”

I particularly like the picture painted in Luke 24: 5-53.

“When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.”

We always have a blessing at the end of mass. I think it’s very appropriate that Jesus’s last act on earth would be to bless his disciples. It’s an indication of his approval for their mission to come.

The Ascension marked the end of Jesus’s physical presence with his disciples but he reminded them in Matthew 28:20. *“I am with you always, to the very end of time.”* In other words, he has promised to remain with us in other ways.

Often when a family member or good friend passes way, we say that they are “absent but not gone”, because we believe that in some

The Exam Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 27th May at 12.30pm in the Church of the Holy Child**. This is the normal 12.30pm Family Mass with special emphasis on those doing exams, especially the Junior and Leaving Cert. During this Mass students will be invited to light a candle and place it before the Altar and then in turn write their name on a piece of paper and place it in the basket in front of the Altar. The basket will remain there for all Masses during the month of June as a practical and prayerful way of remembering our young people during the exams. If you have a family member or friend or just know someone who is preparing for exams please feel free to place their names in the basket.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

7th -12th September 2018

Hotel Solitude ****

5 Nights – Full Board Fully Inclusive Price €739

In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage

(single room subject to confirmation – supplement €175)

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

New Organ Fundraising Fund- After all expenses paid, a magnificent amount of €13,400 was realised as a result of the Red Hurley Concert. The generosity of people matched the tremendous effort of choir members. *Fr. John*

World Meeting of Families 2018 – As part of our preparation for World Meeting of Families, the Parish Family Mass Team have invited Fr. Damian McNeice to help us explore the meaning of the beautiful WMOF Icon. The talk will take place on Monday 21st May at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, Church of the Holy Child. All are very welcome.

Blessing of Remembrance Glasnevin Cemetery, Sunday 27th May at 3.00p.m. at the Old Angels Memory Garden only. A Little Lifetime Foundation – Support Group for bereaved Parents and Families.

One Day Retreat Saturday 26th May Lough Derg—Cost €65. Includes return fare and island admission. Further information & Bookings contact Marie on 01 842 5678.

Count your Blessings – An evening of music and reflection with the Dublin Diocesan Music Group in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra. Monday 21st May at 8pm.

We welcome in Baptism:

Seán Óg Paul Walsh

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



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

**Mark Swinburn
Gerald Mackey
Laurence Clarke
John Quinn**

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



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 2 9 16 26 2nd Jackpot: 1 15 22 30

No Jackpot Winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: T. Halpin: P. Smith: K. Heffernan: G. Smith: B. Adderley: H. Long: M. O'Donohoe.

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €5,750 Second Jackpot €900

7 Consolation Prizes of €25

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Monday 14th May	9.15am & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Tuesday 15th May	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Wednesday 16th May	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Annie Burke (1st Anniversary) Brian Quigley (Anniversary)
Thursday 17th May	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Denis Whooley (Anniversary)
Friday 18th May	9.15a.m.	Sean Brown (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Paul Carragher (Anniversary)
Saturday 19th May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Dympna Rourke (Anniversary)
Sunday 20th May	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Batt, Peg, and Anne O'Mahony (Anniversaries) John & Ella Beades (Anniversaries) Mary & Eamon Murphy (Anniversaries)
	6.00p.m.	Available for Intention

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wednesday 16th May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sunday 20th May	10.00a.m.	Adalgisa Levins (Anniversary)

World Youth Day Panama – Jan 2019 - Pope Francis has invited young people from all over the world to join him in Panama next Jan 22nd – 27th. The theme will be "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). It is hoped that young people aged 16-29 from the Archdiocese of Dublin will travel. Cost €1,500-€1,900. For further information wyd@dublindiocese.ie

Magenta Ladies Club Santry -Mass for Deceased Members of this Club will be offered on Wed 16th May in **Blessed Margaret Ball Chapel at 7.30p.m.** All are Welcome.

Cemetery Masses St. Fintan's -June 10th at 12pm (Please note change of time) Glasnevin Cemetery – June 24th at 3pm. Dardistown Cemetery - July 1st at 3pm.

Church Gate Collection This week this collection will be for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Age Action for all older people - 1 to 1 Training for over 55's. Beginners courses in Computers, iPads & Tablets. Once a week for 5 or 6. All courses Free of Charge. TEL: (01) 475 6989