

do not have to deal with leprosy but, unfortunately, there are many people who are excluded or ignored for a great number of reasons. This may be due to poverty or race or religious beliefs or even due to family circumstances when a particular family member may have become estranged for different reasons. As Christian people, it is our duty and responsibility to reach out to those on the margins of society as Jesus did in today's gospel and to offer them comfort, healing and help.

Jesus is also reminding us today that faith can be found in different places and sometimes among people that we would not expect. Jesus did not offer the gift of healing to a member of the religious authorities of his day or even to a prominent citizen such as a lawyer but instead reached out to a poor man in desperate need who had been discarded by society.

Let us pray that, in the coming week, we may be inspired to pray for and assist those in need and also be aware that God may surprise us by placing before us people we did not expect to meet. By his grace, we may have the opportunity to improve their lives for the better (even in the smallest of ways) which can make a great difference to them as it did for the leper in our Gospel reading.

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PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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"As they were going away, they were cleansed."

13th October 2019

Today's Gospel reading gives us an interesting insight into Jesus's work and ministry.

We are told by St. Luke : 'Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.'

And then the healing is immediate as the Gospel tells that "Jesus said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests'. Now as they were going away they were cleansed."

In the time of Jesus, lepers were regarded as untouchable and were excluded from society. That's why it would have been unheard of for the leper to approach Jesus in the way that he did. This act of courage shows his faith and determination and that's what Jesus responded to.

The story shows the respect that Jesus has for the Jewish law which required lepers who were cured to present themselves to a priest and to make an offering in thanksgiving for their

recovery. But, as this was at this stage in his ministry, he may not have wanted to attract too much attention from the Jewish authorities by having huge crowds following him.

This reading also shows us the importance of gratitude: "Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him."

This Gospel story may remind us of periods of illness in our own lives when we desperately wanted to recover as soon as possible. But, as we know, sometimes healing can take time and we have to be patient both with ourselves and with God.

The reading also reminds us that Jesus is always ready to help those who approach him with genuine faith. Whether it was the Centurion who sought healing for his servant or the synagogue official whose daughter had died, Jesus always responds to the requests of people of faith in every age.

In our society today, thank God, we

Ireland's Greatest Voices
The Three Tenors in concert
Friday, 22nd Nov. 2019 at
8.00p.m. in the
Church of the Holy Child



Tickets €25 – Available from the Parish Centre and the Church Shop.

'Feel Good' Popular Classic Hits from Sinatra, Bob Dylan, the Dubliners and Pavarotti.
 Christmas favourites 'O Holy Night' 'Silent Night' 'Ave Maria'. All the songs you love!!

<p>Holy Communion is available to all communicants under both kinds at the Main Altar, Priest's Chair side.</p> 	Church Collection 6-10-2019	
	1st Collection	€1,648
	SHARE	€1,415
	Family Envelope	€1,265

Parish Pastoral Council Assembly, Wednesday 16th October 2019
 As the term of the current 3rd Pastoral Council for the parish of Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry commissioned in December 2014 is coming to an end, a Parish Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 16th October 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Pastoral Centre to commence the process of forming the 4th PPC of our parish. We look forward to seeing a very good turnout on the night where you will have the opportunity to think about putting your name forward or voting for another parishioner, talk to members of the current PPC, who can answer any questions you may have and hear more about the election process for the formation of the next Parish Council. I look forward to seeing you there. *Noreen O'Prey – Chairperson*

WINTER TIME MASSES - The 7p.m. Mass Monday-Friday will once again be celebrated in Our Lady's aisle in the coming months. We are delighted to be able to continue to offer this service and are, as far as I'm aware, the only Parish on the north side to offer evening Mass seven days a week. Having monitored the attendance at 7p.m. Mass last year, the average attendance is fifty, sometimes more, sometimes less. For security and safety of staff and congregation during the dark evenings I'm convinced this is the best solution if the Mass is to continue.

In terms of our depleting resources both human and financial it is no longer viable to heat and light a huge Church like ours throughout the winter for such a small number. Our Lady's aisle comfortably seats 100 + people with access to four escape routes and public toilets. The 10a.m. Saturday Mass with an average attendance of 30 (last Saturday 23) will also move to Our Lady's aisle except when there is a funeral. Many thanks for your understanding. *Canon John Flaherty*

We welcome in Baptism:

**Ellie Jude Farrelly
 Millie Jing May
 Harry James Eviston**

We pray that these newly baptised children will always know and love Jesus as their friend.



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 Annual Clothing Appeal**

**Church of the Holy Child
 Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**
 Clothing bags will be collected this weekend, **12th and 13th October.**

Autumn Talks-Gardiner Street Parish – this year we ask the question – 'What it means to be a Christian?' - 9.30a.m. to 1.00p.m.

19th October: Walking in solidarity with the excluded – Fr. Peter McVerry SJ, Sr. B. McMahon. **26th October:** Accompanying youth towards a hope-filled future- Pdraig Swan, Callum Douglas

2nd November: Practising Prayer & discernment Fr. Brendan McManus SJ
 Light lunch available, voluntary contribution.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Denis Johnston, Michael O'Connor, Ann Heeney, Ursula McEvoy, Damian Doyle



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 17 22 25 2nd Jackpot: 12 17 20 21 No Jackpot winner.
 The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: S. Keegan; M. Ruddell; B. Mahon; M. Smith; F. Burke; G. Farrell; P. Lawler.
 Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,950
Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25.



Parish Lotto – Many thanks to all who continue to support our Parish Lotto. Our lucky winners may arrange to collect their winnings at the Parish reception desk Monday – Friday 9.45a.m. – 5p.m. and after 7p.m. Mass Mon – Wed. Reception is closed on Saturdays but open 11a.m. – 1p.m. on Sundays.

Mass Intentions from the 12th October Church of the Holy Child

- Sat. 12th Oct. 10.00a.m. Damian Doyle – Memorial Mass
- Vigil 7.00p.m. Elizabeth Doyle, Eddie & Sheila Darcy – Anniversaries
 Rita Lynch, Teresa O'Connor – Anniversaries
 Mary O'Connor - Birthday Remembrance
- Sun. 13th Oct. 11.15 a.m. Olive & Seán Timothy, Patrick James Savage – 1st Anniv.
 Florence Mackey – Anniversary
- 12.30p.m. Mary Campell - Month's Mind
 Catherine Briscoe – Anniversary
 Ciarán Kelly & Chris Standen - Birthday Remembrance
- Mon. 14th Oct. 9.15a.m Fr. Jackie O'Donoghue – Anniversary
 7.00p.m. Thomas Kelly – Anniversary
- Tues 15th Oct 7.00p.m. Maureen Shanahan, Ryan Geraghty – Anniversaries
- Wed. 16th Oct. 9.15a.m. Special Intention
- Thurs. 17th Oct. 9.15a.m. Margaret & Michael Padden – Anniversaries
 7.00p.m. Paddy Blayney – Anniversary
- Fri. 18th Oct. 9.15a.m. Maura O' Reilly – 1st Anniversary
 7.00p.m. Mary Regan – Anniversary
- Sat. 19th Oct. 10.00a.m. William McDermott – Anniversary
 7.00p.m. Michael Fitzgerald, Gilbert & Frances Berg – Anniv.
 Gerry Curley, Tommy Flaherty (Anniversaries)
 Maureen & Jimmy Fay & Esther Fay - Anniversaries
- Sun. 20th Oct. 12.30p.m. Bridget Crowe – Anniversary

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

- Sun. 13th Oct. 10.00a.m. No Intentions
- Sun. 20th Oct. 10.00a.m. Kathleen & Jackie Timmons - Anniversaries.

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

**Church Gate
 Collection this
 weekend is for the
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 Vincent de Paul**