

carry the burdens of life even when we don't fully realise what we are doing. It can be a kind word of support or a practical gesture that can make a real difference in the lives of others. We can never fully know the burdens that other people are carrying and sometimes it's enough just to be there to listen and to support them.

### The Women

*"The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments."*

The women in the Gospel play an important part in Holy Week and stayed around when all the other disciples fled in fear apart from St John. In 2016, Pope Francis elevated the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene (presumed from other Gospel accounts to be one of the women) to a full feast day similar to that of the twelve apostles. The Vatican said at the time:

*"Saint John Paul II paid great attention to the particular role of Saint Mary Magdalene as the first witness who saw the risen Christ, and as the first messenger who announced the Lord's resurrection to the Apostles."*

The women observed carefully what was happening and prepared for the next part of the Jewish burial customs. Mary Magdalene, in particular, could not have known at this point that her actions would lead her to being the first witness of the resurrection in the following days.

As we reflect on St Luke's Gospel during Holy Week let us remember the important role played by the people I have mentioned. And to recall that it's not always the most important or high ranking amongst us who have significant roles to play but often it's the more quiet, reflective people who can act decisively and get things done effectively in difficult times.

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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### Palm Sunday

14th April 2019

Today is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week and the day when we read the Gospel story of the passion of Jesus Christ, Our Saviour.

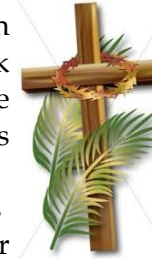
This year, it is the turn of St Luke's Gospel and I would in particular like to focus on three people who are mentioned in the gospel today. In each case, they are not perhaps the most obvious people or the ones who were especially prominent but they showed great insightfulness and consideration in a very difficult and challenging situation.

#### Joseph of Arimathea

*"Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the Council, had not agreed to their plan and action."*

The figure of Joseph of Arimathea is mentioned in all four Gospels. He was an important member of the Jewish community and Mark tells us that he was a member of the Council. It could be said that he was important enough for Pilate to take him seriously. John (19:38) confirms this by telling us that:

*"Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of*



*Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and removed his body."*

We can conclude that

Joseph was able to use his position and influence to ensure that Jesus had a proper burial. St John explains the rest of the story: *"Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They [Joseph and Nicodemus] took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid."*

#### Simon of Cyrene

*"As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus."*

We often help other people to

### Church Gate Collection:

**This Weekend 13th & 14th April**

**Annual Advocate Collection – the Sunshine Fund.**

**For this Fund, a special works conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting outside all churches in the Dublin Diocese to fund a holiday for up to 1,000 young guests in Sunshine House.**

**For nearly 85 years these holidays have been dependent on the generosity of the people of the diocese.**

**Please be as generous what you can.**





**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019**  
**Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th Sept. Hotel Solitude \*\*\*\***  
**5 Nights Full Board Fully Inclusive Price €759 per person sharing.**  
**(single room €180 supplement)**  
**In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage.**  
**To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274**



**HOLY WEEK**

*We invite you to be with us as we celebrate Holy Week in our Parish. We hope and pray this Easter will bring renewal in peace and joy to all.*

**Church Collections 7-04-2019**

1st Collection €1,906  
 Share €1,720  
 Family Envelope €1,300  
 Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

**We welcome in Baptism:**

**Callum James Raftery**  
**Lewis Scott McKiernan**  
**Lauren Janet Murphy**  
**Jasmine Millie Mahon**

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



**Easter Reconciliation Service**

**Church of the Holy Child**

**Monday,**  
**15th April 2019**  
**At 7.30p.m.**



**Recently Deceased:** You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Mary Fogarty  
 Seán Ralph Maureen Wyse  
 James Brennan



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

**Easter Timetable - Holy Child**  
**Monday Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week** – Masses 9.15a.m., 7.00p.m.  
**Holy Thursday 18th April**  
 10.00a.m. - Morning Prayer  
 5.00p.m. - Family Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 7.00p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch and Pray.  
**Good Friday 19th April**  
 10.00a.m. – Morning Prayer  
 12 noon - Stations of the Cross for Families  
 3.00p.m. – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.  
 7.00p.m. – Stations of the Cross  
**Holy Saturday 20th April**  
 10.00a.m. – Morning Prayer  
 Confessions 10.15a.m. to 12.00p.m.  
 9.00p.m. – Easter Vigil  
**Easter Sunday 21st April**  
 11.15a.m., 12.30p.m. & 6.00p.m.

**Blessed Margaret Ball**  
**Holy Thursday**  
 7.30p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch and Pray.  
**Good Friday**  
 3.00p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.  
 7.30p.m. Stations of the Cross  
**Holy Saturday**  
 Confessions 10.15a.m. to 11.00a.m.  
 8.00p.m. Easter Vigil  
**Easter Sunday 21st April 2019**  
 10.00a.m. Mass

Holy Communion is available to all communicants under both kinds at the Main Altar, Priest's Chair side.



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:  
 1st Jackpot: 8 15 27 30 2nd Jackpot: 15 17 20 29  
 No Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:  
 T. O'Brien: B. Magee: J. Hughes: P. Casey:  
 C. Barker: G. Quinn: R. Gorman.



Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €700  
**Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25**

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

**Mon. 15th April** 9.15a.m. Ellen & Patrick Lalor (Anniversaries)  
 7.00p.m. Kathleen Coleman (Anniversary)  
 Gerard & Bernie O'Sullivan (Anniversaries)  
**Tues. 16th April** 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention  
**Wed. 17th April** 9.15a.m. Deceased members of the Tully Family (R.I.P.)  
 7.00p.m. Available for Intention  
**Thurs. 18th April** 5.00p.m. Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper – Families  
 7.00p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Fri. 19th April** 3.00p.m. Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**Sat. 20th April** 9.00p.m. Easter Vigil  
**Sun. 21st April** 11.15a.m. Niamh Oglesby (Anniversary)  
 12.30p.m. Robert & Brigid Blennerhasset ( Anniversaries)  
 6.00p.m. Available for Intention  
**22nd April to 26th April** Mass at 10.00a.m. No Evening Mass

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

**Wed. 17th April** 10.00a.m. Available for Intention  
**Sun. 21st April** 10.00a.m. Available for intention

**Blessing for Expectant Mothers:**

A Special Blessing for Expectant Mothers will take place on Thurs. 9th May at 8.00p.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Brookwood Grove, Artane.

**Our Lady's Choral Society Presents -Handel High**

**Lights featuring Our Lady's Choral Society Merchants Quay Church Sunday 14th April 2019. at 3.00p.m.** Programme includes highlights from various works. Admission Free (Collection for the Merchants Quay Project & Focus Ireland).

**Parish Easter Mailing**

We are looking for Volunteers to help with the delivery of our Easter Cards. If you have some spare time and are willing to deliver in your area please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 01 8375274.



**Bereaved Parents**

Bereaved Parents Anam Cara, North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 17th April at 7.20p.m. in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.