

ahead with their mission.

And so it is with us. When we set out on a journey we are not absolutely sure where it will lead us. There may be surprises along the way. We may end up taking diversions. Some roads may be smooth and straight, others narrow and full of potholes. But we need to be confident that the journey is worthwhile and that the ultimate destination will be well worth the effort.

Blessed John Henry Newman once wrote a homily entitled

“The Ventures of Faith.” He said the following:

*“In various ways, the circumstances of the times cause [people] at certain seasons to take this path or that, for religion's sake. They know not where they are being carried; they see not the end of their course; they know no more than this, that it is right to do what they are now doing; and they hear a whisper within them, which assures them that whatever their present conduct involves in time to come, they shall, through God's grace, be equal to it.”*

Newman had a great journey of conversion in his life from the Church of England to Catholicism. He had many twists and turns on this journey but always believed that the “kindly light” of God would lead him to the truth. I think his words give us courage and confidence today. He says when we pursue our journey of faith, we know it is right to do and we hear a whisper within us which assures us that we will be able for the challenges ahead, with God’s grace. Let us pray that, as we reflect on our own calling as Christians, we will be enlightened to take the path that God has chosen for us by the grace of the Holy Spirit as we continue our own journey of faith.

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**Mass in the Phoenix Park on 26th August for World Meeting of Families. Chief Celebrant Pope Francis.**  
**Both buses going from the Parish to the Mass are fully booked.**  
**More details later regarding the departure time.**  
**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.**

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



Parish of Larkhill/Whitehall & Santry Parish Office: Church of the Holy Child,  
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### The Concept of Freewill

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus emphasises the concept of freewill. We are free to either accept or reject the message of the Gospel. He sets the following criteria for accepting the message of the Gospel: “If any place” (i) Does not welcome you **OR** (ii) People refuse to listen to you, then he advises his disciples to move on elsewhere and shake the dust from their feet as they do so.

Jesus is not calling for an immediate or complete conversion. He realises that this may take time. Instead, he is expecting people to show an openness to the message of the Gospel. Crucially, he asks that they *listen* to what the disciples have to say. In our busy lives (not least my own!) how often do we allow time to *listen* to Jesus whether this is by reading his word, listening to people of faith or through prayer. Often the

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words of Jesus can become obscured by the noise and busyness of the soundtrack of our lives.

Many people associate the ministry of the apostles as commencing in the time after Pentecost. But, from this Gospel reading, we can see that it commenced a lot earlier than that. We are told that Jesus sent them out “in pairs” and “gave them authority”. The disciples responded positively to this request from Jesus: “they set off to preach repentance and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.”

Often the response that we make to the call of Jesus can lead us off in unexpected directions. The disciples can never have imagined where this call would lead them but they were prepared to trust Jesus and go



**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**



**The Strawberry Fayre Sunday, 22nd July from 10.30a.m. – 1.30p.m.**

Any new or nearly new unused gifts gladly accepted for the stalls. If you would like to bake bread, cakes or scones for the cake stall, donate bottles of alcohol or juices for the Wheel of Fortune or if you can help in any way, it would be very much appreciated.

**Ministers of the Word** – The new Group C roster is available for collection from the reception area in the Parish Centre.

**Items donated to church shop**

A number of religious CDS, many by Father Richard Rohr OFM, and a number of religious books, were kindly donated to the church shop. You are welcome to come into the shop and take any of them. A small donation would be appreciated.

**Pathways Exploring Faith as an Adult**

This programme is geared towards those who wish to explore issues and questions of: faith; ministry; the Church today and the nature of belief, in an environment appropriate to Adult Faith Development. It runs on Thurs. over 2 years from Sept. to May. 3 optional Sats. 7.00p.m.- 9.30 p.m. in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Rd. Fees €400 per year. Tel: Eileen Houlahan, CHF PhD 01 8087594

**Church Gate Collection The Parish Pastoral Collection** will take place this weekend 14th/15th July. The money we receive goes towards the training and requirements of all the Pastoral Teams. It ensures that each Team – the Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Team, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Baptism Team, R.C.I.A. Team, Funeral Ministry Team, Bethany Team, Family Mass Team, Adult Faith Team and not forgetting those involved in Music Ministry in both churches can be resourced and trained and therefore can give the best service to their ministry. **Could those who have agreed to help with this collection please come to the Sacristy before Mass and collect a basket. Many thanks for your continued help with this important Parish Collection.**

**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](http://www.evangelisation.ie)

**Lough Derg** – Come home to the love of God’s Family on Lough Derg on a day Pilgrimage on Sunday 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 01 842 5678.

**Holidays**

**Due to Staff Holidays there will be no Newsletter for the next 2 weeks. Parish Office will reopen on Monday 30th July 2018**



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday’s winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot 12 17 19 20 2nd Jackpot: 11 15 19 21

No winner of 1st Jackpot. The 2nd Jackpot of €1,300 was won by M. & J. Stanley.

The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were: D. Smith: P. Moore: D. Barry:

D. & A. O’Brien: T. Flood: S. Noonan: S. & M. Earley

**Next Week’s Lotto: First Jackpot €8,000 Second Jackpot €250**

**7 Consolation Prizes of €25**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

<b>Monday 16th July</b>	9.15a.m. Available for Intention
	7.00p.m. Terence McSweeney (Birthday Remembrance)
<b>Tuesday 17th July</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
<b>Wednesday 18th July</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
<b>Thursday 19th July</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
<b>Friday 20th July</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
<b>Saturday 21st July</b>	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
<b>Vigil</b>	7.00p.m. Josie Smith (Anniversary) Winnie O’Rourke (R. I. P.)
<b>Sunday 22nd July</b>	11.15a.m. People of the Parish
	12.30p.m. John Joe Lynch, Fr. Andrew O’Reilly Susie & Joe O’Callaghan
	6.00p.m. Available for Intention

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

<b>Wednesday 18th July</b>	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
<b>Sunday 22nd July</b>	10.00a.m. Pat Dunne (1st Anniversary) Rita Devine, Foy Family (Anniversaries)

**The Irish Cancer Society** needs an extra 200 drivers for their Volunteer Driver Service in the north and west of Dublin to drive cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy appointments. They are looking for drivers with free week day availability who have a car available to them & can commit to driving at least two full week days a month. All volunteer expenses are paid. If you would like to volunteer, please call Laura on 01 2310 594, for an application form.

**Thanks – Capuchin Day Centre**

Nora Wogan wishes to thank all who contributed so generously to the recent function in aid of this Capuchin Centre.

**Faith for Life- an adult faith course to help you discover more energising ways to live out your faith. Visit [evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie)**

**Study theology by distance learning FLEXIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE COURSES. Application deadline – 25 September 2018. Further Information Tel: (01) 4048124**

**Thank You – St. Michael’s House** St. Michael’s House wish to thank Parishioners who gave so generously to the recent Church Gate Collection.