

leading the way along the road of obedience and suffering.

At Easter we still feel the pain of the world, the pain in our families and among our friends, and the pain in our own hearts. But a new element has been introduced into our lives. It doesn't remove the pain but it gives it a meaning. It lights it up with hope. All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks his words of peace to us as he spoke them to the apostles.

Faith and the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us and a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than despair.

*Had this one day not been, or could it cease to be -  
How smitten, how superfluous were every other day. (Emily Dickinson)*

*Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy SDB*



**Alleluia! Alleluia!  
He has Risen**

O Happy Day! Resurrection joy is something we do not fully understand: yet every Easter we feel it. It brings with it the assurance of new life and joy in the Spirit. It helps us to see that death has indeed lost its sting. As dawn brings new hope to a new day, may this Easter bring light and life to all the dead and dark places in our lives.

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And in the brightness of our faith, may we seek always to live lives of light and joy in all that we do and are.

On behalf of the Priests of the Parish I would like to offer our sincere thanks to all those involved in the preparation of the Easter Ceremonies. Thanks to all who prepared the liturgies, the liturgical space, décor, flower arrangements, the Parish Choir, the Folk Group and all involved in music ministry, those who cleaned the Church of the Holy Child and Blessed Margaret Ball for Holy Week and the Easter Ceremonies. Also many thanks to those who packed and delivered our Easter Cards. Many thanks also to our young people who are involved in ministry, the Youth Choir, the Altar Servers, the Young Ministers of the Word and all who participated in the Stations of the Cross, we are so blessed to have so many young people involved in Parish life. Special thanks to Jim Soden, Master of Ceremonies, to Anne, the staff & Sacristans of both Churches and the many others who give of their time and talents so generously.

*Fr. John*

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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### The hope Easter gives

We can face anything, endure anything, as long as we know or believe it will not last for ever, and that something better will happen.

For instance, people will face a long, painful and dangerous operation if they believe it will make them well again. Prisoners can face a long sentence as long as they believe it will end, and that they will enjoy freedom again. We can face the rigours of a long and miserable winter because we know that spring will come again. What all this underlines is the importance of hope. Hope is as necessary for the spirit as bread is for the body. It is amazing what the human spirit can endure and overcome provided it is nourished by the bread of hope.

Easter provides an enormous injection of hope for the human spirit. And how much it is needed. There is a lot of tragedy in life. Good things are destroyed. Good people are cut down: Thomas More, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Oscar Romero.... And of course Jesus. He too was cut down. But he rose again.

### 16th April 2017

The world didn't take much notice of the resurrection of Jesus. The reason for this lies in the fact that it was a humble, hidden event. Jesus did not appear in triumph in the Temple in Jerusalem, humiliating those who humiliated him. Only those whom he called by name, with whom he broke bread and to whom he spoke words of peace, were aware of what happened. And even they had difficulty in believing. Like us, they were slow to believe. Yet, it was this hidden event that freed humanity from the shackles of death.

Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him and followed him that God's love is stronger than death. The resurrection of Jesus must not be separated from the resurrection of humanity saved by him. By entering fully into human life, and by experiencing the bitterness of death, Jesus became a Brother and a Saviour to all people. The death of Jesus was part of God's plan. Jesus is the Pioneer and Leader of our salvation: pointing the way and



**Easter Garden** - Have you seen the beautiful Easter Garden in the Church of the Holy Child? It will be in place until Pentecost so don't forget to visit and say a little prayer. It is located at the top left hand side of the Church. Many thanks to all who donated flowers and a special thanks to Dorothy Gray and helpers who created the prayerful space.



**Eternal City, Rome**  
Thurs 28th Sep - Tues 3rd Oct 2017

Mgr. John Fitzpatrick will lead our tour to Rome  
Hotel Domus Carmelitana 3\*

is centrally located in Rome about 10 mins walk from St. Peters. Price €799.00 per person sharing B & B. For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office. Tel: 01 8375274. Booking subject to availability.

**Table Quiz** Enjoy a great night out and help raise much needed funds for our **New Church Organ** Friday 21st April at 8pm - Comet Pub, Swords Road - €40 for a Table of 4 people - prizes galore!

**Divine Mercy Sunday 23rd April** - Pilgrimage to Knock -bus from Holy Child at 8.30a.m. For details and to book contact Marie McAllister at 01 8425678

**We welcome in Baptism:**

Jack Charlie Cummins  
Khal Thomas Martin  
Hudson Gray Lambert Bonny



*May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.*

**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Ciaran Kelly, John Carney

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



**Feast of Divine Mercy 23rd April 2017** Jesus said " on the first Sunday after Easter – the Feast of Mercy, the depths of My Mercy will be open to all. Whoever will go to Confession and Communion on that day, will receive complete forgiveness of sin and all punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy." Jesus further asked that this Feast of his Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena of Chaplets which began on Good Friday. Celebration of the Feast of Mercy Sunday 23rd April – 3pm including Mass at 4pm in the Church of the Holy Child.

**Ministers of the Word**

**Group A Readers** are asked to collect their new roster from the reception area in the Parish Centre please.

**Welcome**

We welcome Fr. Brendan Cooney among us. He is a retired Priest, a member of St. Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers).

Wishing him God's blessing, we are very grateful to him as he has made himself available to assist in the pastoral ministry of our Parish.



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 7th -12th September 2017**

**Hotel Solitude \*\*\*\***

5 Nights – Full Board – Fully Inclusive Price €725

Spiritual Director Rev. Tom Kearney

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



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:: 1st Jackpot: 8 23 28 29

2nd Jackpot: 3 13 24 26 There was no Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:

C. Reid; S. Murphy; A. Meehan; C. Kerrigan;

A. Byrne; M. Alegre; F. Burke.

**Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €6,750 2nd Jackpot €2,000**

**plus consolation prizes of €25 Next Lotto Draw 25th April 2017**

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

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| <b>Monday 17th April</b>    | 10.00a.m.    | Pat Doyle (Anniversary)   |
| <b>Tuesday 18th April</b>   | 10.00a.m.    | Derek Hession (Anniversary)   |
| <b>Wednesday 19th April</b> | 10.00a.m.    | Mary McDermott (Anniversary)  |
| <b>Thursday 20th April</b>  | 10.00a.m.    | Anne & Eddie Moran (Anniversaries)  |
| <b>Friday 21st April</b>    | 10.00a.m.    | St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society   |
| <b>Saturday 22nd April</b>  | 10.00a.m.    | For all who sympathised with the family on the death of the late Kitty Kelly (R. I. P.) |
|                             | <b>Vigil</b> | 7.00p.m.  |
|                             |              | Brendan Downey (Month's Mind)   |
|                             |              | Maura O'Shea (1st Anniversary)  |
|                             |              | John Joyce (Anniversary)  |
|                             |              | Kay & Tom Smith (Anniversaries)   |
| <b>Sunday 23 April</b>      | 12.30p.m.    | Danny & Doris Birney, Ursula Jane Reid, Maureen McCabe, (Anniversaries)                 |
|                             |              | Robert & Bridget Blennerhassett (Annivs.)   |
|                             | 6.00p.m.     | Bernadette Kendlin, Maura Keely (Annivs.)   |
|                             |              | <b>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 19th April</b> | 10.00a.m.    | Vishal Arora (Thanksgiving)   |
| <b>Sunday 23rd April</b>    | 10.00a.m.    | Laura Nelson (Anniversary)  |

\*Monday 17th April to Friday 21st April – No evening Mass

**TLC Nursing Home, Santry** has exciting opportunities for care assistants who are motivated to provide high quality elderly patient centred care. The post involves working as part of the care team in the provision of care services to the residents. Training for the post will be provided. Excellent package with benefits. For further information please see [www.tlccentre.ie](http://www.tlccentre.ie), apply by sending your CV to Rose Stanley Email: [rstanley@tlccentre.ie](mailto:rstanley@tlccentre.ie) or by post to TLC Centre, Northwood Park, Santry, Dublin 9.