

*ostracised and those who are condemned to the margins of society."*

Pope Benedict wrote out the redemptive power of Jesus:

*"The institution of the Eucharist demonstrates how Jesus' death, for all its violence and absurdity, became in him a supreme act of love and mankind's definitive deliverance from evil."*

St Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians *"as often as you eat this bread and this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes."* This is part of Christ's tremendous parting promise to us: *"I will be with you always to the close of the age."* (Matt 28:20).

Father Kieran O'Mahony OSA puts Corpus Christi in the following context:

*"Jesus expressed God's unconditional love and acceptance. Before he died, he spoke words over the bread and wine, words which disclosed the meaning of his death and resurrection."*

*"When St Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the Lord's Supper, he had to remind them that the sacrament is meant to be a communion among all who celebrate it and to have a practical effect in our lives."*

We can become very familiar with the Eucharist as we celebrate it on a weekly basis or, for some of us, more frequently than that. In his encyclical on the Eucharist Saint John Paul II invites us to be amazed by this altogether special and unique element of God's love for us. He tells us that the gift of the Eucharist evokes profound amazement and gratitude.

As we reflect on the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives, let us give thanks to God, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, for his great gift of the Eucharist to us all. Let us pray that he will continue to enrich our lives spiritually and help us to grow as a people of faith, so that we can encourage others to share the Bread of Life. Gerard Reilly

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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### Corpus Christi

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Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, which literally means the body of Christ. This is an important feast day and gives us an

opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist.

One of the ceremonies that I most enjoy celebrating as a Deacon is Benediction. It is usually preceded by a time of prayer with the Blessed Sacrament. This is a

wonderful opportunity to spend time with Jesus who is present to us in a very special way and to thank him for all the blessings that he has given us in our lives, in those of our families and our community.

The Eucharist brings us together as a community of faith, it

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nourishes us and helps us to support one another so that, in parish life, we can bring about the kingdom of God in our community.

The Jesuit writer, Father Donal Neary, describes today's feast as follows:

*"The feast [of Corpus Christi] today highlights the central place of the Eucharist in Christian life, our faith that God becomes present in a real way in ordinary bread and wine – food for the journey of life in the bread, energy and joy for the journey of life in the wine."*

When speaking about the Eucharist, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin speaks about those who are excluded from society:

*"Those of us who share in the Eucharist are called to live our lives as witness to the self-giving love of Jesus with a similar love for those who are excluded: the homeless, the unemployed, the despised and the*

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**  
 7th -12th September 2017  
**Hotel Solitude \*\*\*\* 5 Nights – Full Board**  
 Fully Inclusive Price €725 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

**Ministers of the Word** – New Group B and  
 Group C rosters are ready for collection from  
 the reception area in the Parish Centre.

**An Invitation & Thank You** – As the choir  
 takes a well earned summer break, it is an  
 opportunity to thank all members for their  
 commitment and devotion to the 11.15 Mass  
 week in week out. New members are always  
 welcome. If you would like to join the Choir,  
 please contact Kathryn Browne, their Musical  
 Director; she would be delighted to meet you.  
 We are deeply grateful to all who help,  
 financially and otherwise, to keep the show on  
 the road. At the present time fundraising is tak-  
 ing place towards a much needed new organ  
 and the sum collected to date (end of May)  
 amounts to €4370.00 (including €2,600 proceeds  
 from the recent Table Quiz and the balance  
 resulting from the Christmas Carol Service  
 Collection and private donations. Many thanks  
 to all donors.

*Fr. John*

**P.S. Update** – money donated through the Tesco  
 Initiative amounts to €240.96

**Cemetery Masses 2017**  
**18th June – Fingal – Mass at 12.00p.m.**  
**25th June – Glasnevin – Mass at 3.00p.m.**  
**2nd July – Balgriffin – Mass at 12.00p.m.**  
**2nd July - Dardistown – Mass at 3.00p.m.**



**We welcome in Baptism:**  
**Ruadhan Farrell Joshua Grange**

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

**Eternal City, Rome**  
**Thurs 28th Sep – Tues 3rd Oct**  
**Mgr. John Fitzpatrick will lead our**  
**tour to Rome.**  
**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.**  
**Few places remaining.**

**Dardistown Cemetery**  
**Mass**



**Sunday, 2nd July 2017.**

This annual Mass is a huge  
 undertaking for our Parish  
 and many people are  
 required to help our Parish Team. We  
 invite Ministers of the Eucharist to  
 volunteer to minister at this Mass. We  
 also require people to accompany each  
 Minister carrying an umbrella (this  
 will enable people attending the Mass  
 to see clearly where each Minister of  
 the Eucharist is standing during the  
 distribution of the Blessed Sacrament).  
 Maybe each Minister could bring  
 along another person to help with this.  
 People are also needed to help with  
 the Collection before and after the  
 Mass. If you can help in any way  
 please leave your name and contact  
 details on the list available on the table  
 in the Parish Centre or with the  
 Sacristan in the Church of the Holy  
 Child or in Blessed Margaret Ball.  
 Our sincere thanks for your continued  
 help with this special Mass in our  
 Parish.

**Church Gate Collection**

No Collection this weekend.  
 Next weekend, **24/25th June**, this  
 Collection will be for  
**St. Michael's House**

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

<b>Monday 19th June</b>	9.15a.m.	Sally Behan (R. I. P.)
	7.00p.m.	Patrick Kelly (1st Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 20th June</b>	9.15a.m.	Thomas MacNamara (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Seamus Fogarty (Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday 21st June</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
<b>Thursday 22nd June</b>	9.15a.m.	Jim Doggett (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
<b>Friday 23rd June</b>	9.15a.m.	Fred & Doreen Begley (Anniversaries)
	7.00p.m.	Paddy Leahy (Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 24th June</b>	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
<b>Vigil</b>	7.00p.m.	Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Donegan (1st Anniv.) Sarah O'Malley, Eithne & Paddy Reilly Anniv
<b>Sunday 25th June</b>	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Philip Roche (1st Anniv.) Tom Browne, Paddy Mullen, Paddy & Son Patrick Tobin (Anniversaries)
	6.00p.m.	Marion Soden (Month's Mind)
<b>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</b>		
<b>Wednesday 21st June</b>	10.00a.m.	Sashi Bala Arora (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 25th June</b>	10.00a.m.	Peg O'Connor (Anniversary)

**LOTTO**

**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 18 19 26 30 2nd Jackpot: 13 14 17 20

No Jackpot winner. The winners of the Seven

Consolation prizes were:- V. McDonnell: P. Kavanagh: M. McGuirk:

M. Lynch: L. Siggins: M. Costello: J. Doyle.

**Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €8,750 2nd Jackpot €2,000**

**Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25.**



**The Strawberry Fayre – Sunday 9th July 2017- 10.30a.m. – 1.30p.m.**

This is always a wonderful morning with lots of strawberry goodies.

As usual we are looking for your support. If you have any new or  
 nearly new unused gifts we would gladly accept them for our 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.



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



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

*To Fathers everywhere,  
 we honour you  
 and wish to say  
 may God's blessings be with  
 you in a special way today!*