

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

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 witnesses to the self-giving love of Jesus with a similar love for those who are excluded: the homeless, the unemployed, the despised and the ostracised and those who are condemned to the margins of society."

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.

Father Donal Neary, the Jesuit writer, also reflects on today's Gospel:

"The Eucharist recalls the love of God and the cruelty of the human race, all at the one time. At the Eucharist, we hold up the world's goodness and joys, along with its depressions and failures, and ask God to be with us in both. The host we receive...is the full and real Jesus, pain and all. It is truly the bread of life and the cup of salvation."

Let us pray this week for a greater understanding and appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist in our lives and pray that it may be a source of strength and encouragement for us on our journey of faith. As the Eucharist sustained and supported many generations of Christians before us, we ask that it may be a guiding light in our times as well and a beacon of hope that the Risen Jesus is truly with us. Gerard Reilly
Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes.

Mass in the Phoenix Park on 26th August for World Meeting of Families.



Chief Celebrant Pope Francis. The buses will leave the Church of the Holy Child on **26th August at 9.15a.m.** 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. If you already have obtained tickets for the Mass we would ask that you give them to someone else.

PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



Parish of Larkhill/Whitehall & Santry Parish Office: Church of the Holy Child, The Thatch Road, Dublin 9. Tel (01) 837 5274 Website: www.whitehall.dublindioocese.ie.

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven."

19th August 2018

Today's Gospel reading, from St John's Gospel, is about the Eucharist. It gives us an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist.

Jesus tells us that:

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever."

He then gives us this wonderful promise:

"Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life."

And, later in the passage, for emphasis, he says:

"Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever."

Father Kieran O'Mahony explains this passage very clearly when he says:

"Today's Gospel puts before us an essential question: Where do we look for nourishment in our lives? We all need such nourishment...but is it the real thing? It's not just a matter of

receiving communion; rather it is a question of where my treasure is, because there my heart will be."

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.

I recently had the opportunity to participate in the Corpus Christi procession in Donaghmede parish which concluded with Benediction. It was great to see so many people participating.

The Eucharist brings us together as a community of faith, it nourishes us and helps us to

Preliminary Mass Notice

Due to the celebration of the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August the 12.30p.m. in the Church of the Holy Child will be cancelled that Sunday. All other Parish Masses are as usual – 7pm. Vigil (Saturday Holy Child), 10a.m. (Blessed Margaret Ball) 11.15a.m. (Holy Child) and 6p.m. (Holy Child)



Celebration of Baptism

A special Ceremony will take place during the 12.30p.m. Mass this Sunday 19th August. This celebration is for all babies baptised in the past twelve months in either the Church of the Holy Child or the Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

We welcome in Baptism:



Ellie Nora Carberry

May this newly baptised child always know and love Jesus as her friend.



Parish Shop

World Meeting of Families
Candles available from the Parish Shop

€2 each or 3 for €5
Large Candle €3.50

Pathways: exploring Faith & Ministry Programme – suitable for Adults who wish to explore issues & questions of faith, ministry, the Church today and the nature of belief, in an environment appropriate to Adult Learning & Adult Faith Development.
Thursdays Clonliffe College.
Tel: Eileen 8087594

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers –
Seamus Woods
May he enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



Ministers of the Eucharist

Congratulations to Joe Smith, Margaret McDermott, Perry Kalk, Ann Purtill Kalk, Gerry Shiel, Margaret Shiel & Dermot O'Brien who were

commissioned as Ministers of the Eucharist during the 11.15a.m. Mass last Sunday. May God bless them as they begin service in this special ministry.

Volunteer in Your Community – Highfield Healthcare, Swords Road, Whitehall & Hampstead Avenue, Glasnevin.

Help required.

For more information & application forms
Tel: Helen Hennessy,
Volunteer Co-Ordinator 8374444

Spirituality Course

This course is run by Fr. Denis Robinson CSSp. in the Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Ave.

This programme aims to introduce students to a broad overview of key contemporary issues in theology, spirituality and human development and the connection between them, in a class group setting.

Further Information Tel: 01 853 5111



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot 4 10 17 24 2nd Jackpot: 2 17 20 26

No Jackpot winner. The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were:

P. McHugh: M. Noone: T. Purdue: M. Dineen:

P. Moore: M. & S. de Burca: C. Hanley.

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €9,250 Second Jackpot €400

7 Consolation Prizes of €25

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Monday 20th August	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Joseph, Anne & John McDonagh (Anniversaries)
Tuesday 21st August	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Wed. 22nd August	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Thurs. 23rd August	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Agnita Curtis (Anniversary)
Friday 24th August	9.15a.m.	Mary & Michael Nolan (Anniversaries)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Sat. 25th August	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Desmond O'Brien (Anniversary)
Sunday 26th August	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	No 12.30p.m. Mass
	6.00p.m.	Available for Intention

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wed. 22nd August	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun. 26th August	10.00a.m.	Michael O'Donohoe (Anniversary) Martin & Ann Patterson (Anniversaries)



Young Adult Catholic Conference 'Be the One with Mary'
September 1st & 2nd 2018 All Hallows College, Dublin
TICKETS: [www.eventbrite.com/legionofmaryevents.com](http://www.eventbrite.com/legionofmaryevents)
Email: deusetpatria@gmail.com A Legion of Mary Project

Radio Maria – Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish – run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen Via FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via phone – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0)1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)

Church Gate Collection: This weekend this collection will be for the Lourdes Invalid Fund.

WMOF Seven Church Pilgrimage Walk 18th–25th Aug. The following seven churches will be open each day 9.30am - 7pm: St Audeon's High St; St. Francis Xavier's, Gardiner St.; St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral; St. Michan's COI Church St.; St Michan's RC Church, Halston Street; St. Saviour's Dominick St.; St. Teresa's, Clarendon St.