

may become instruments of mercy. Let us go forward on this road together."

In our second reading today, from the Book of the Apocalypse, St. John presents us with a vision of heaven. He says: "I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband."

He goes on to explain further: "Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God...there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness."

It is said that, towards the end of his life, St. John always told people to "love one another". This resonates with our Gospel today, St. John quotes Jesus as follows: "I give you a new commandment: Love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another."

As we go forward with this Season of Easter, may we be inspired by the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness and thank God for his presence amongst us. As Pope Francis says, it is our job to be instruments of God's mercy to others. Let us seek out opportunities in the coming days to reach out to those in need of mercy and compassion and to assure them of God's presence in their lives. And let us thank God for the inspiration of the church artists like Harry Clarke who help to illuminate our journey of faith. Gerard Reilly

Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes.

The Exam Mass will be celebrated next Sunday 26th May at 12.30pm in the Church of the Holy Child.

— This is the normal 12.30pm Family Mass with special emphasis on those doing exams, especially the Junior and Leaving Cert. During this Mass students will be invited to light a candle and place it before the Altar and then in turn write their name on a piece of paper and place it in the basket in front of the Altar. The basket will remain there for all Masses during the month of June as a practical and prayerful way of remembering our young people during the exams. If you have a family member or friend or just know someone who is preparing for exams please feel free to place their names in the basket.



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*"We too may become
instruments of mercy."*

19th May 2019

I visited St Patrick's Church in Newport, Co Mayo over the weekend and was interested to see the magnificent Harry Clarke stained glass windows in the church.

The main window at the back of the altar is a beautiful depiction of the final judgement which was Harry Clarke's last work. It is said that he included himself among the damned.

This was a very humble gesture for someone who had contributed so much to the stained glass of our churches in the twentieth century.

During this Season of Easter, it's a good opportunity to reflect on the saving power of God's redeeming love for us all. This is reflected in the Divine Mercy devotions which we celebrated recently on the Sunday before Easter.

Pope Francis often speaks about God's mercy. He has written entitled "The Name of God is Mercy". The Pope tells us that "Mercy is the first attribute of God. The name of God is mercy. There are no situations we can't get out of, we are not condemned to sink into quick sand."

When describing the calling of Matthew, Pope Francis says "Jesus saw the tax collector and by having mercy chose him as an apostle saying "Follow Me."

Mercy is therefore key to our Christian calling. Archbishop Martin recently said: "Mercy is an attribute of God. We see that right throughout the history of salvation. God treats his people with mercy and compassion even – especially – when they were unfaithful."

Pope Francis recently said "Never fear the final judgement because Christ will always be at our side." He went on to say "we can rely on the intercession and benevolence of the Saints because God did not send his Son to condemn but to save. At the time of the last judgement, we will not be left alone. We can count on the goodwill and intercession of so many of our brothers and sisters who have preceded us on the journey of faith."

Pope Francis concluded the Year of Mercy in 2016 by saying: "We give thanks for [this year], as we recall how we have received mercy in order to be merciful, in order that we too

Ministry Sunday Collection-this weekend 18th/19 May
 This new Diocesan collection will replace the SHARE Collection and will be devoted to support new forms of lay ministry in our parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men & women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of parish communities.

Church Collections
12/5/2019

1st Collection	€1,764
Share	€1,545
Family Envelope	€865

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Blessed Margaret Ball - Calling Local Painting and Decorating Firms: Blessed Margaret Ball in Santry will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in Dec. 2019. As part of the celebrations we would like to give the chapel a 'face lift' by painting and decorating it. Quotes for the job would be most welcome from local businesses. Please contact Canon John Flaherty, john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie. We'd also be delighted to receive financial assistance towards the cost of refurbishment. Donations from individuals, families or business sponsorship most welcome. Special Refurbishment Envelopes will be available in the churches shortly.



HOW TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED IN HOLY CHILD PARISH: Recently there have been a number of serious mistakes made in relation to offering Masses for named intentions in the Parish. Two Months Mind Masses weren't said on the dates they were booked and a number of names called out at Masses were wrong. This proved very embarrassing for the families involved as well as for the Priests and Staff for which I can only offer my sincere apology. As a result of these mistakes we're changing the way Mass Intentions are booked. As of now all Masses should be booked through the Parish Office where the Mass Intentions Diary is now kept. This can be done either directly by going in person to or ringing the Reception Desk during Office hours. I know this won't suit everybody so very shortly a new envelope will be available in the churches which you can fill in with all the details of the Mass you want offered and leave it well in advance of the date in one of the church safes or at the Reception Desk on Sunday mornings. Because of the demand for Mass Intentions, particularly at the weekend, we accept multiple intentions for each Mass. The 11.15am Sunday Mass is now also open for Intentions. Please note that Masses can no longer be booked in the Sacristy. Many thanks for your patience as we try to put a more reliable Mass booking system in place.

Canon John.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers:
 Margaret McMahon William (Billy) Brady
 Judy O'Donohue

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



We welcome in Baptism:
Eóin Mark Paterson
Cora Jane Ellis
Noah Joseph Houghton Dwyer

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



Please Support your Parish Lotto
 Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
1st Jackpot: 22 23 24 27 **2nd Jackpot: 5 9 21 25**
No Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:
S. McLoughlin; N. O'Beara; R. Mullins; J. Fitzgibbon; M. & A. Keyes; K. Noonan; J. Virgue.
Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €900
Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25.



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

Mon. 20th May	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Tues. 21st May	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Maureen Murray - Birthday Remembrance
Wed. 22nd May	9.15a.m.	Billy Carrick (R. I. P.)
	7.00p.m.	Brendan Killeen (Month's Mind)
Thurs. 23rd May	9.15a.m.	Michael Comiskey (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Fri. 24th May	9.15a.m.	Kitty & Mary Costello (Anniversaries)
		Sara Warren (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	For the Intentions of all who sympathised & attended the funeral of Mary Fogarty (R. I. P.), Seán Lynch (1st Anniversary)
Sat. 25th May	10.00a.m.	Pauline Power (Anniversary)
	Vigil 7.00p.m.	Lucy Cox (Month's Mind)
		Bridie (Month's Mind) and Vincent Morrissey (Remem)
		Margaret Fagan, Michael & Bridie Kelleher (Annivs.)
		Paul Towell (Birthday Remembrance)
Sun. 26th May	11.15a.m.	Terence McSweeney (Anniversary)
	12.30p.m.	Kathleen Crawford (Month's Mind)
		Jimmy Coleman, Mary & Eamonn Murphy (Annivs.)
	6.00p.m.	Fr. Raymond Comiskey (Anniversary)
		<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>
Wed. 22nd May	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun. 26th May	10.00a.m.	Seán Devine & Doris Curtis (Anniversaries)

Church Gate Collection: The Parish Pastoral Collection will take place **next weekend 25th/26th May**. The money we receive goes towards the training and requirements of all the Pastoral Teams in our Parish. Could those who have agreed to help with this collection please come to the Sacristy before Mass and collect a basket? Our sincere thanks for your continued help with this Parish Collection.

Ministers of the Word -The new Group B roster is available for collection from the reception area in the Parish Centre.

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

