

The expression comes from St Francis de Sales, a 16<sup>th</sup> century French Bishop and spiritual writer, who inspired Newman. He understood that Christ speaks to us from his own heart. He once wrote: *"Thou art the living flame and ever burnest with love of man."*

As the English Bishops put it at the time of Newman's beatification:

*"It is the heart of God which speaks to us in prayer, in the mass and through the scriptures and also through other faithful Christians and in the teachings of the church – the church as no other heart than the Heart of Christ himself."*

The importance of devotion to the Sacred Heart has never been so significant as in the context of our world today when the church faces great challenges and as we remember the victims of the tragic fires in London and Portugal and all those people who have been caught up in recent terrorist incidents.

Speaking at the mass for the beatification of Newman in Birmingham in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said:

*Cardinal Newman's motto, "Cor ad cor loquitur", or "Heart speaks unto heart", gives us an insight into his understanding of the Christian life and the desire of the human heart to enter into intimate communion with the Heart of God."*

Many of our churches, including my own parish of Donaghmede, have statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus where there are often a large number of candles lighting to reflect the prayers and devotion of parishioners. May we always be willing to turn with confidence to this devotion in our various needs knowing that the risen Jesus remains very close to us which is symbolised by Newman's motto describing two hearts in close communion with one another.

Let us pray as a Christian community that the love that is at the heart of God will inspire our lives with acts of love, kindness and generosity especially towards those who are most in need. And let us pray that the time honoured devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which supported so many generations before us, will also inspire the Church in our times as we bring the message of the Gospel to our world today.

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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### "Heart Speaks Unto Heart"

2nd July 2017

Like many of you, I grew up in a house where there was a picture of the Sacred Heart hanging over the mantelpiece in the sitting room. It was in every sense part of the furniture. This was part of a tradition of devotion to the Sacred Heart in Ireland. In some houses there was a Family Dedication to the Sacred Heart framed on the wall with each of the family names written in on it. This devotion entrusts the care of the family to the Heart of Jesus in a very specific way.

I was reminded of this when we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is a feast that goes back to the apparitions of the Sacred Heart to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in Paray le Monial in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

St Margaret Mary's spiritual adviser was a Jesuit, St Claude de la Colombière. According to the [www.catholicireland.net](http://www.catholicireland.net) website: *"Claude was able to recognise the genuineness of her experiences. By supporting Margaret Mary and recording the visions she had, he was*

*instrumental in having Jesus's request to establish a feast of the Sacred Heart on the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi brought to the Vatican thories."*

Writing in the June 2017 edition of *The Sacred Heart Messenger*, Father Donal Neary puts the feast in the context of our times *"The Sacred Heart devotion is one of the oldest in the Church. The Jesuits were missioned by successive popes to spread the devotion; this is evident in the many churches dedicated, schools named and prayers published which have helped the faith and life of many generations."*

I think it is the accessibility and immediacy of this devotion that has made it so attractive to people over the years. It's a simple and straightforward way of bringing people of faith directly into prayer with Jesus himself.

When the famous Anglican convert and founder of UCD Blessed John Henry Newman became a Cardinal in 1879, he chose as his motto *"Cor ad cor loquitur"* (Heart speaks unto heart) for his coat of arms.

**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



**Peter’s Pence Collection**

The Pontifical Charities Annual Collection (Peter’s Pence) takes place this weekend 1st & 2nd July. The ‘Peter’s Pence’ Collection replaces the SHARE Collection at all Masses.



**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. Few places remaining.

**Venerable Matt Talbot: First Friday Novena** Mass and prayers for healing in St. Agatha’s Church, North William St., Dublin 1 on 7th July at 7.30p.m. They pray especially for those suffering from any form of addiction, those in recovery, their families and the wider community affected by alcohol and drug misuse. Further information tel 855 4078

**The Summit 17: Young Catholics.** The Summit invites you to the Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin on July 13th - 15th. Conference includes keynote talks from speakers, practical breakout sessions, prayer and time spent with other young Catholics. They will be joined by the founder of FOCUS, Curtis Martin; Vice President of the Augustine Institute, Dr. Edward Sri; Director for Evangelisation for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, Fr. Michael Gaitely and a Focus team. More details - <http://the.summit17.com>

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

Monday 3rd July	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Josie O’Neill & Peggy Burke (R.I.P.)
Tuesday 4th July	9.15a.m.	Special Intention
	7.00p.m.	Breda Mullins, Liam Tuck (Anniversaries)
Wednesday 5th July	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Thursday 6th July	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Vincent Morrissey (Anniversary)
Friday 7th July	9.15a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
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Saturday 8th July	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
	Vigil 7.00p.m.	James Eastwood (1st Anniversary) Jim O’Connor (Anniversary)
Sunday 9th July	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Available for Intention
	6.00p.m.	Patrick McCormack (Anniversary)
<b>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</b>		
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**Friday 7th July - First Friday Mass Schedule** – Church of the Holy Child 9.15am. & 7.00p.m. Blessed Margaret Ball: 10.00a.m. Confessions on Thursday after the 9.15a.m. Mass and before the 7.00p.m. Mass.

**Ministers of the Eucharist:** There will be a meeting for Blessed Margaret Ball Ministers of the Eucharist on Tuesday 4th July in the Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball at 7.30pm.

**Ministers of the Word:** The new Group A roster is now available for collection from the reception area in the Parish Centre

**Cemetery Masses 2017**  
2nd July – Balgriffin – Mass at 12.00p.m.  
2nd July - Dardistown – Mass at 3.00p.m.

**Recently Deceased**  
You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Lillie Cooke, Josie Gunne, Alice Doyle, David McNally, James Rooney, Margaret O’Donoghue, Brigid Kilcommons



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



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday’s winning numbers were:  
1st Jackpot: 6 15 18 29 2nd Jackpot: 4 5 9 19  
No Jackpot winner. The winners of the Seven Consolation prizes were:- F. Burke: B. Brown: M & A Keyes: F. Davis: B.M. B. Tea Room: B.M.B. Tea Room: D. Hanlon.

Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €9,250 2nd Jackpot €2,000  
**Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25 and Five Extra Prizes of €100.**



**The Strawberry Fayre – Next 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.



**Praying Together:** - You are invited to join Christians from different church traditions to worship God and pray together. This gathering will take place on Thurs. July 20th , 7.30-9.30pm. Refreshments available from 7pm. Avila Carmelite Centre, Bloomfield Ave., Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4. It will include a small team from the Maranatha Community who have long connections with Ireland, both North and South. It is an opportunity for us to listen together to what the Lord is saying