



Church of the Holy Child
The Thatch Road, Whitehall,
Dublin 9

PARISH of LARKHILL WHITEHALL & SANTRY

Parish Newsletter 29th October 2023



Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Oak Park Avenue,
Santry, Dublin 9



PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will be holding a Christmas Raffle in December this year. If you would like to donate any new unwanted gifts which we could use as prizes, we would be grateful to receive them at the Parish Centre Reception any weekday morning between 9am and 1pm. **Items need to be received no later than Tuesday 31st October.**



MASS FOR PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Mass for the Parish Partnership on the **Feast of All Saints, 1st Nov**, will be in the **Church of the Holy Child at 7pm**. There will be no evening Mass on 31st October.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meet in the Parish Centre each **Tuesday morning after 9.15am Mass**. New members are always welcome. If you would like more information, please come along to one of the weekly meetings.

MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for your donation of **€1,695** for Mission Sunday.

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Envelopes for the Altar List of the Dead are available in the Church. Please ensure that any completed envelopes are returned no later than **Tuesday 31st October**.

PART TIME VOLUNTARY SACRISTAN

There is a vacancy here in the Church of the Holy Child for an additional voluntary Sacristan. This is a part time role which includes weekends. If you would like more information or to express an interest, please contact the office or speak to one of the Sacristans.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from **10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday**, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

If you would like to submit something for inclusion in the newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

HOLY LAND

We are united in prayer for peace in the Holy Land. The pilgrimage planned to the Holy Land in November is cancelled. Those who had booked to travel on pilgrimage there next month have received an email from Marian Pilgrimages.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor would like to thank you for your generous donation of **€1,923** at their outdoor collection last weekend.

TALKS ON THE MYSTICS

The Church of St Francis Xavier (Gardiner Street Parish) would like to invite you to join us for Talks on the Mystics. This is a series of seven talks by Fr Brendan Comerford SJ on seven different Christian mystics. Learn about their intimate experiences of God and their growth in the Christian life.

Saturday mornings from November 4 to December 16, 10am to 12.15pm, in the John Sullivan Room. No registration needed. Listen to Fr Brendan introducing the Talks on the Mystics: <https://youtu.be/vwMxxuZ0Gck/>.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you or your family need assistance, our Parish Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is here to help.

Contact the East Region helpline: 01-8550022

PARISH LOTTO

Lotto results for the 17th October 2023.

Winning Numbers Draw 1:

12 19 28 29

Winning Numbers Draw 2:

9 12 25 30



No Jackpot Winner

Four €25 Consolation Prize Winners for:

D. Hanrahan A. Ryan M. Maher J. O'Hanlon

Next Week's Jackpots: 1st €15,000 2nd €1,350

Results available on Parish Website.

Thanks for your support.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

MASSES

Monday to Friday: 9:15am
Saturday: 7:00pm
Bank Holidays: 10:00am
Sunday at 10:30am & 12:30 pm

All Masses are broadcast daily by webcam

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated after the 7pm Saturday Mass or on request.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Mon to Fri: 08:45am - 12:00pm
Saturday: 6:30pm until after Mass
Sunday: 10:00am until after 12:30pm Mass

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on Saturdays at 12pm. This can be arranged by appointment with the Parish Office at least one month in advance of the Baptism.

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

MASSES

Wednesday: 10:00am
Sunday: 10:00am

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MASS INTENTIONS

(FROM SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2023)

Saturday 7pm	Gerald O'Brien Terry Meaney Jim Ryan Tomás Holt Peg Fitzgibbon and her brothers Sean & Phil Smith and her grandson Cillian Shanley	Month's Mind Month's Mind Anniversary Anniversary
Sunday 10:30am	Christy & Chrissie McCabe Yvonne Flynn	Anniversary Anniversary
Sunday 12.30pm	Cornelius (Con) Downey Anthony Groves Kathleen Gibson Cecil Manning Tony McMahan Bank Holiday	Birthday Remembrance Month's Mind 1 st Anniversary 5 th Anniversary 11 th Anniversary 40 th Anniversary
Monday 10am Tuesday 9.15am Wednesday 9.15am Wednesday 7pm Thursday 9.15am Friday 9.15am	Available for Intention Marlene Bonar Mass for Parish Partnership All Souls – Altar List of the Dead First Friday – Altar List of the Dead	Anniversary

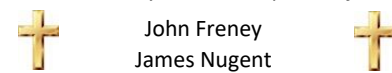
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Sunday 10am	Ross Mahon	23 rd Anniversary
Wednesday 10am	Available for Intention	

If you would like your Mass intentions to be included in the parish newsletter, please submit them to the Parish Office on or before the Tuesday preceding the requested date of the Mass.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer our friends and loved ones who have recently died in the peace of Christ:



John Freney
James Nugent

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbour is the holiest object presented to your senses.

(C.S. Lewis)

"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons."

(1 Corinthians 10:21)



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Christian History of All Hallows Eve

The one thing we can be certain is that the name, Hallowe'en, is a contraction of All Hallows Eve, and this refers to a Christian festival known in old language as All Hallows, that is All Saints day. So, what should we make of Hallowe'en and how might Christians respond to it?

The Christian All Saints day on 1st November, coupled with All Souls Day on the day after, goes back to the 8th Century when it was celebrated on these dates in England and Germany. This date was officially ratified in 839 by Pope Gregory IV. From this dating we get All Hallows Eve, Halloween, on the 31st of October. Prior to this, All Saints Day was part of the festival of Pentecost, a sort of 'Birthday of the Church' when the first followers of Jesus went out first to speak publicly of Jesus's resurrection at Easter. Eastern Orthodox churches still celebrate it at the festival. In Ireland a festival celebrated over these dates is called Samhain. This festival marks the beginning of winter and marked the end of the harvest season. It was also the time the cattle were brought in to over-winter. This was a time of feasting before winter set in and old tales suggest it may have been a time that the gates to the otherworld were believed to be open and the dead, spirits and monsters came out. Again evidence is sketchy but in Christian Ireland Samhain customs continued and included lighting

bonfires, wearing disguises and carving lamps out of turnips to ward off evil spirits.

During the potato famine in 19th Century Ireland, Irish immigrants to America took with them the Hallowe'en customs of souling and guising and a belief in warding off evil spirits as well as honouring the dead. These were then Americanised, replacing turnips with pumpkins and gradually also commercialised into the contemporary practice of trick or treat. This then returned to Britain in its American form as part of the import of aspects of American culture. It is beautiful to remember that we can recognize and enjoy simple earthly pleasures as gifts from God. Many of the practices of Halloween are innocent fun and some deal with healthy reminders of death, sin and the devil.

Some parts of Halloween can be extreme. Since the All Saints and All Souls feasts are back-to-back, we can balance some of the focus of Halloween to the Communion of Saints in action. We combine honouring the saints in heaven, remembering our loved ones and then earn graces for our own souls by prayer and actions. Through this approach we see the Mystical Body in action.

