

Newman wrote: *“Lead kindly light, Lead gently on,  
I do not ask to see the distant scene  
One step is enough for me.”*

Father Nigel Woollen, who is a curate at Knock Shrine, has recently written a book about Knock which is called *“The Lamb will Conquer”* (Veritas, 2017).

In one of his reflections, Father Nigel speaks about Pentecost as follows: *“The Spirit has already been given and now he must fill his friends in a completely new way, in order to send them out to the ends of the earth, to bring everyone to know the good news of this new life. After his resurrection, Jesus has ascended to the Father: once more he returns to the Father’s house, now glorified and raised to new life by the power of the Spirit.”*

Father Nigel goes on to explain that Jesus did not leave a guidebook or blueprint on how to start the Church but, instead, he sent us the Holy Spirit to do that work instead. He adds; *“When we pray not knowing what God is up to, we have to hang on in there praying and waiting. Then God can do what he wills. And his will is always good.”*

I can recall prayers associated with the Holy Spirit from childhood such as: *“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and enkindle in us the fire of your love”* or the hymn which includes the words *“Spirit of the living God, flow afresh on us.”*

At this time of the year, let us remember the children who have recently made their Confirmation in our prayers. This is a very important occasion in their lives and we pray that Holy Spirit will inspire, encourage and protect them in the years ahead.

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### General Data Protection Regulation

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”), is being introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our Parish that manages and processes people’s personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the Parish website and in the Newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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### Pentecost

20th May 2018

Some of you may have visited Manresa, the Jesuit Retreat Centre in Clontarf. In the prayer room, there are some beautiful stained glass windows by the renowned artist, Evie Hone. One of them is entitled “Pentecost”. The Manresa website explains that: *“The window shows the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. The lower section depicts the ministry of the Apostles after Pentecost as they attended to the care and healing of the sick.”*

The fact that Our Lady is depicted right in the centre of the apostles with her hands raised in prayer as the Holy Spirit descends on them is really significant. The mother of Jesus remained with the apostles after the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Ascension. Now, she is also present at Pentecost.

We are told in Acts 1:14, that that the disciples are in the Upper Room *“in continuous prayer,*

*together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus.”* It can be said that, through her prayers and patience, Mary encouraged the Apostles to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This time has been described as an experience like a retreat as the apostles prayed and reflected on their future mission in the Church.

It’s also a good time for us to reflect on our own mission and ministry as we all have one. It may be a ministry of prayer, a ministry of welcome, a ministry of assisting others, a ministry of service to the poor, a ministry of music or a ministry on the altar assisting with the liturgy.

Just as the apostles did not know what the call of Jesus would mean in their lives, so it is for us as Jesus’s plans for us may only become gradually clearer over time. As Blessed John Henry

**The Exam Mass** will be celebrated on **Sunday 27th 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. If any young person would be willing to help us with the lighting of candles at this Mass please come a little early and speak with a member of the Family Mass Team.



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 7th -12th September 2018**  
**Hotel Solitude \*\*\*\* 5 Nights – Full Board Fully Inclusive Price €739**  
**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**

**World Meeting of Families 2018** – As part of our preparation for World Meeting of Families, the **Parish Family Mass Team** have invited **Fr. Damian McNeice** to help us explore the meaning of the beautiful WMOF Icon. The talk will take place on **Monday 21st May at 7.45pm** in the Parish Centre, Church of the Holy Child. All are very welcome.



**Property & Finance Team**

The next meeting of this Team will take place on Tuesday 22nd May at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

**Blessing of Remembrance** Glasnevin Cemetery, Sunday 27th May at 3.00p.m. at the Old Angels Memory Garden only. A Little Lifetime Foundation – Support Group for bereaved Parents and Families.

**Adult Faith Team**

The next meeting of the Adult Faith Team will take place on Wednesday 23rd May at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

**Count your Blessings** – An evening of music and reflection with the Dublin Diocesan Music Group in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra. Monday 21st May at 8pm.

**Recently Deceased:** You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

**Cemetery Masses/Prayers**

St. Fintan's -June 10th Mass at 12pm (Please note change of time)  
 Balrothery – 17th June Prayers at 4pm  
 Fingal – 17th June Mass at 12pm  
 Glasnevin Cemetery – June 24th at 3pm.  
 Dardistown Cemetery - July 1st Mass at 3pm.  
 Balgriffin – 1st July Mass at 12pm.



Mgr. Owen Sweeney  
 Fr. Liam Hickey  
 Michael Bermingham  
*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: 4 17 23 24      2nd Jackpot: 8 9 22 25

**No Jackpot Winner.** The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: **J. Fitzgibbon: J. Clarke: P. & J. Hardiman: D. O'Kane: B. Brown: D. Tierney: E. Kelly.**

**Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €6,000 Second Jackpot €950**

**7 Consolation Prizes of €25**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

**Monday 21st May** 9.15am **Maureen Murray (Birthday Remembrance)**  
 7.00p.m. **Available for Intention**  
**Tuesday 22nd May** 9.15a.m. **Billy Carrick (Anniversary)**  
 7.00p.m. **Margaret Fagan (Anniversary)**  
**Wednesday 23rd May** 9.15a.m. **Michael Comiskey (Anniversary)**  
 7.00p.m. **Available for Intention**  
**Thursday 24th May** 9.15a.m. **Kitty & Mary Costello (Anniversary)**  
 7.00p.m. **Available for Intention**  
**Friday 25th May** 9.15a.m. **Pauline Power (Anniversary)**  
 7.00p.m. **Paul Towell (Birthday Remembrance)**  
**Saturday 26th May** 10.00a.m. **Fr. Raymond Comiskey (Anniversary)**  
**Vigil** 7.00p.m. **Terence McSweeney (Anniversary)**  
**Carmel, Joe & Brian Stokes (Anniversaries)**  
**Sunday 27th May** 11.15a.m. **People of the Parish**  
 12.30p.m. **Carmel & Gerry Bailey, Jimmy Coleman & Gerry Tyrrell (Anniversaries)**  
 6.00p.m. **Available for Intention**

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

**Wednesday 23rd May** 10.00a.m. **Available for Intention**  
**Sunday 27th May** 10.00a.m. **Doris Curtis, Seán Devine (Anniversaries)**  
**May & Seán Stanley (Anniversaries)**  
**Frederick Nino Calaguin (Anniversary)**

**World Youth Day Panama – Jan 2019** - Pope Francis has invited young people from all over the world to join him in Panama next Jan 22nd – 27th. The theme will be *"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word"* (Luke 1:38). It is hoped that young people aged 16-29 from the Archdiocese of Dublin will travel. Cost €1,500-€1,900. For further information [wyd@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:wyd@dublindiocese.ie)

**Age Action for all older people Computers for the terrified!**

1 to 1 Training for over 55's. Beginners courses in Computers, iPads & Tablets. Once a week for 5 or 6. All courses are Free of Charge. For more information TEL: (01) 475 6989

**Humanitarian Symphony Orchestra** will perform in concert at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Botanic Ave., Glasnevin on **Friday 1st June** at 8pm. Modern and Classical music. All Welcome. Tickets at Door from 7.30pm. Adults €10/Concession €5/ Children under 12 free.