

bridge between the world of work and that of the church. I can be present in certain situations where a priest may not be there to assist and encourage people at significant times in their lives. I think that the right approach is to do what I can and to leave the rest to God's grace.

Jesus is telling us to focus on the values of his Kingdom and on living a good Christian life and that, in return, he will accompany us and he will care for us.

In our First Reading today, the prophet Amos criticises people who "trample the poor". Speaking on the same theme in Mauritius last week, Pope Francis spoke about the exploitation of the poor, the environment and our natural resources: *"[I want to] encourage you not to yield to the temptation of an idolatrous economic model that feels the need to sacrifice human lives on the altar of speculation and profit alone, considering only immediate advantage to the detriment of protecting the poor, the environment and its resources."*

It is important to reflect on these comments and see how we can put them into practice in our own lives. Whether its by highlighting issues in the developing world or simply being more careful about recycling and using less plastic which is so damaging to our oceans.

Thomas Merton said: *"We all need enough silence and solitude in their lives to enable the deep inner voice of our true self to be heard at least occasionally."*

Let us pray that in the coming week we discern the right balance between the working and spiritual parts of our lives so that the gifts that God has given us may be of service to the church also to those we meet in the different circumstances in which we encounter them. We should, of course, engage with the world in various way but not become overly dominated by it to the expense of living out our faith in a positive way.

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PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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"No servant can be the slave of two masters"

22nd September 2019
only one thing."

In the Gospel today, Jesus presents us with a real-world dilemma. He tells us that *"No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money"*.

This reading speaks about the importance of relationships over money. The steward in our Gospel realises this and calls in his master's debtors to reduce the amounts he owes. Jesus acknowledges that this is a clever strategy as it means that they will be more likely to help him when he is out of a job. The steward also realises that at times of crisis its our networks of friends and family that really make a difference. No amount of money will heal and support us in the way a good friend can do in a time of need.

The reading also addresses the interaction between the church and the world of work. Which should take priority?

As I have a full-time job, my ministry is for the most part focused on weekends. My main role is baptism preparation with families and the celebration of the sacrament. This is a great opportunity to share sacramental joy with families many of whom are not regular churchgoers and to hopefully give a positive impression of ministry in the church today that will assist them on their journey of faith.

I can be an important witness to the faith in the busy world of work today. It can be very beneficial to have a Christian presence in large corporations. Although, I have not been called upon very often, at time of baptisms and bereavement in particular I have been called upon to provide support, advice and assistance.

In this Gospel reading, Jesus is telling us to get our priorities right. This reminds us of the story of Martha and Mary in St Luke's Gospel where we are told that *"Martha was distracted by her many tasks."* Jesus tells her *"You are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of*

As a Permanent Deacon, I act as a

Church Collection 15/9/2019	
1st Collection	€1,754
SHARE	€1,460
Family Envelope	€1,000

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



The Family Mass Sunday 12.30p.m. - Are you interested in joining one of the Youth Ministry Teams? **The Youth Choir, the Young Ministers of the Word and the Altar Servers** all are recruiting new Members. Full training will be given. If you are interested please speak with a member of the Family Mass Team on Sunday before or after the 12.30p.m. Mass or contact Anne in the Parish Office—01 8375274.

Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 4 5 10 29 2nd Jackpot: 6 14 18 20 No Jackpot winner.
 The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: K. Heffernan; M. Tyrrell;
 M. Gormley; M. Fitzgerald; M. McQuillan; E. Maguire; M. McGuirk.
 Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,800
Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25



Parish Pastoral Council Assembly, Wednesday 16th October 2019

As the term of the current 3rd Pastoral Council for the parish of Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry commissioned in December 2014 is coming to an end, a Parish Assembly will be held on **Wednesday, 16th October 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Pastoral Centre** to commence the process of forming the 4th PPC of our parish. We look forward to seeing a very good turnout on the night where you will have the opportunity to think about putting your name forward or voting for another parishioner, talk to members of the current PPC, who can answer any questions you may have and hear more about the election process for the formation of the next Parish Council. I look forward to seeing you there.

Noreen O'Prey – Chairperson

We welcome in Baptism:

**Robyn Browne
 Kyle Bonham
 Jamie Doyle Walsh**



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

Ministers of the Word The new Group B roster is available for collection from the reception area in the parish centre

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

**Brendan McGrane
 Michael Savage**



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

Diocesan Safeguarding Day Sunday 22nd September

This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday and we in this Parish want to encourage and promote the participation of children and vulnerable adults in the life and work of our Parish. Safeguarding ensures the creation of an environment which facilitates such involvement so all of us in this community can grow together in love of God and service to his Church.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Derek Scott & Katie Judge.



Ireland's Greatest Voices The Three Tenors in concert Friday, 22nd Nov. 2019 at 8.00p.m. in the Church of the Holy Child

Tickets €25 – Available from the Parish Centre and the Church Shop. 'Feel Good' Popular Classic Hits from Sinatra, Bob Dylan, the Dubliners and Pavarotti. Christmas favourites 'O Holy Night' 'Silent Night' 'Ave Maria'. All the songs you love!!



Mass Intentions from the 21st September 2019 Church of the Holy Child

Sat. 21st Sept. 10.00a.m. Mary Keane - Anniversary
 Vigil 7.00p.m. Sean Moore – 1st Anniversary
 David Donohoe, Bill, Eithne, & Brian Denihan Annivs.
 John, Norah, & Gene Dowd -Anniversaries
 Decd. members of Sherlock & Kilmurray Families Annivs
 George Troy - R.I.P.

Sun 22nd Sept. 11.15a.m. George O'Brien, William Kerrigan – Anniversaries.
 12.30p.m. Breda & John Lennon – Anniversaries
 6.00p.m. Brendan Halpin - Anniversary

Mon 23rd Sept 9.15a.m. Special Intention
 7.00p.m. Rory McDyer – Anniversary

Tues. 24th Sept. 9.15a.m. Rachel Partridge – Month's Mind
 7.00p.m. Richard Daly – Anniversary
 Arthur, Mary, John Patrick Ray – Anniversaries

Wed. 25th Sept. 9.15a.m. Josephine Bonar-Anniversary & Decd. members of the Bonar Family

Thurs. 26th Sept. 9.15a.m. Noel Comiskey – Birthday Remembrance & Anniversary

Fri. 27th Sept. 9.15a.m. James Tully – Birthday Remembrance

Sat. 28th Sept. Vigil 7.00p.m. Julie Hogg – 1st Anniversary
 John & Mary Leahy, Maria Hanlon -Anniversaries

Sun. 29th Sept. 11.15a.m. Elizabeth (Betty) Power -1st Anniversary
 12.30p.m. Anne Carmel Duff – R.I.P.
 6.00p.m. Patrick Walsh -Anniversary
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Sun. 22nd Sept. 10.00a.m. Francis Jones, Marlene Byrne, Anna Sakiz, & Joseph Wogan – Anniversaries

Sun 29th Sept 10.00a.m. Doris & Patty Curtis – Birthday Remembrance & Annivs.
 Madeline Doherty – 1st Anniversary
 Bernard & Dorothy Keyes – Anniversaries

**Liam Lawton in Concert
 Bonnybrook Parish** – celebrating its Golden Jubilee on Fri 27th Sept. at 8p.m. Tickets €20 each can be obtained from the Parish Office or Parish Shop, Bonnybrook or call 01 848 5262. The beautiful Altar & Ambo used by Pope Francis in the Phoenix Park is now in this newly renovated Church.

Parish Pastoral Collection
 The Parish Pastoral Collection will take place next weekend 28th/29th September. The money we receive goes to 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.

Church Gate Collection this weekend is in aid of the Peter McVerry Trust

If anyone is interested in helping to collect for this collection could they please contact the **Parish Office Tel: 837 5274.**