

Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32), the disciples have just left Jerusalem and are on their way back home. As far as they are concerned, with the death of Jesus their dreams have been shattered and they are returning to their previous lives. But then, unexpectedly, they meet Jesus even though they do not recognise him.

Because they met Jesus and through the knowledge they have gained by the encounter, the disciples are given the courage to return to Jerusalem to share the good news of the resurrection with their community.

This story reminds us of the tradition concerning St Peter fleeing from likely crucifixion in Rome and along the road outside the city he encounters risen Jesus. Peter asks Jesus "Quo Vadis?" to which he replies, "I am going to Rome to be crucified again". Peter thereby gains the courage to continue his ministry and returns to the city, where he is eventually crucified.

Every day Jesus can be speaking to us to us directly through prayer and reflection or through what we read or see on television or the internet. But, just like the disciples, we don't recognise him either. Let us pray for a *listening heart* so that we can be ready to respond to the Lord in whatever way he may choose to approach us.

The Eucharist is at the centre of the Emmaus story. In his encyclical on the Eucharist Saint John Paul II invites us to be amazed by this altogether special and unique element of God's love for us. He tells us that the gift of the Eucharist evokes profound amazement and gratitude.

When speaking about the Eucharist in the Pro Cathedral, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said:

"Those of us who share in the Eucharist are called to live our lives as witness to the self-giving love of Jesus with a similar love for those who are excluded: the homeless, the unemployed, the despised and the ostracised and those who are condemned to the margins of society."

This Easter may we journey together in faith as the disciples did on the road to Emmaus and may we be strengthened and encouraged as they were by our encounter with the Risen Lord.

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PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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Road to Emmaus

The artist Caravaggio is probably best known to us for his painting *The Taking of Christ* which was discovered in a Jesuit residence on Leeson Street and is now on display in our National Gallery. Amongst his other works is a painting called *The Supper at Emmaus* which, as you might expect, depicts Jesus having a meal with the two Disciples towards the end of the well-loved Gospel story which resonates with us as one of our gospel readings during the Easter Season. This painting is currently on display in the National Gallery in Merrion Square as part of the "Beyond Caravaggio" exhibition which continues until May 14th.

What particularly struck me about the painting is the reaction of one of the Disciples as Jesus breaks the bread. He leans forward towards Jesus with his hands forcefully grasping the arms of his chair - almost lifting him out of it - as he

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stares intently at Jesus and his expression is one of absolute incredulity and amazement. Because the artist has captured the moment that this Disciple recognised the Risen Lord as the bread is broken.

There is nobody sitting in the space immediately opposite Jesus which is, I think an invitation for all of us to participate and be present at the Lord's Table.

And this invitation is as fresh and relevant this Easter as it was 2,000 years ago or when Caravaggio lived in the sixteenth century. In the best possible way, we can become very familiar with the Eucharist, which Jesus gave us at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday as it can be celebrated on a weekly basis or, for some of us, more frequently than that.

In the story of the Road to



Easter Garden - Have you seen the beautiful Easter Garden in the Church of the Holy Child? It will be in place until Pentecost so don't forget to visit and say a little prayer. It is located at the top left hand side of the Church. Many thanks to all who donated flowers and a special thanks to Dorothy Gray and helpers who created the prayerful space.



Eternal City, Rome
Thurs 28th Sep - Tues 3rd Oct 2017
Mgr. John Fitzpatrick will lead our tour to Rome

Hotel Domus Carmelitana 3*
is centrally located in Rome about 10 mins walk from St. Peters. Price €799.00 per person sharing B & B. For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office. Tel: 01 8375274. Booking subject to availability.

Feast of Divine Mercy 23rd April 2017
Celebration of the Feast of Mercy this Sunday 23rd April - 3pm including Mass at 4pm in the Church of the Holy Child.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

7th -12th September 2017

Hotel Solitude ****

5 Nights - Full Board
Fully Inclusive Price €725

Spiritual Director
Rev. Tom Kearney

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

We welcome in Baptism:

Maya Pantea

May this newly baptised child always know and love Jesus as her friend.



Ministers of the Eucharist - Ministers are asked to collect their roster for May from the table in the Reception area of the Parish Centre.

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Ciaran Kelly
Marion Soden
Patrick O'Farrell

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



Family Matters:

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families next year, you are invited to a special day dedicated to the theme of family organised by the Focolare movement. There will also be programmes for children and teenagers. **Date: Saturday, 29th April 2017**
Aula Maxima, South Campus, Maynooth University. 10.30a.m. to 4.00p.m. Mass at 4.00p.m. Cost €10 for individuals & €20 for a family. For more information tel Marian 087 2031741.

Synod on Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment.

Pope Francis would like to hear the views of young people around the world. Dublin Diocese are arranging a listening process for the youth of the Dublin Diocese (16-30 years) Tues. 25th April at 7p.m. St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay (Smithfield)

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 24th April	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Mary MacNamara (R. I. P.) Josephine Coffey (Anniversary) John & Mary O'Neill (Annivs.)
Tuesday 25th April	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Mary Reilly (Anniversary) Timothy O'Sullivan (Anniversary) Special Intention - Zouharis Family
Wednesday 26th April	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Pearl Murphy (Anniversary) Anna O'Hara (Anniversary)
Thursday 27th April	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Carmel Duff (R. I. P.) Christopher Rafferty (Anniversary)
Friday 28th April	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention Maureen McGrath, Dominic O'Brien (Annivs.)
Saturday 29th April	10.00a.m. Vigil 7.00p.m.	Eve Dunne (1st Anniversary) Gerry Curley (Birthday Remembrance) Winifred Watson, Martin O'Malley, Nora O'Hanlon (Anniversaries)
Sunday 30th April	11.15a.m. 12.30p.m. 6.00p.m.	People of the Parish Christina Traynor (Anniversary) Bredy Parkinson (Anniversary)
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball		
Wednesday 26th April	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sunday 30th April	10.00a.m.	Gráinne Dooley (Anniversary)

LOTTO

Please support the Parish Lotto

1st Jackpot €6,750
2nd Jackpot €2,000



Plus 7 consolation prizes of €25
Envelopes available at the doors of both Churches. Please leave all entries in the Church safes, with the Sacristan or with the Receptionist in the Parish Centre. Next draw will take place on Tuesday, 25th April 2017

ChildVision (National Education for Blind Children) **Garden Centre**, Gate 3, Grace Park Road, Druncondra. Open 7 days. 9.30am - 4.30pm. All proceeds to **ChildVision Funding**. Admission free. Parking available. tel: 01 8373635.

TLC Nursing Home, Santry has exciting opportunities for care assistants who are motivated to provide high quality elderly patient centred care. The post involves working as part of the care team in the provision of care services to the residents. Training for the post will be provided. Excellent package with benefits. For further information please see www.tlccentre.ie, apply by sending your CV to Rose Stanley Email: rstanley@tlccentre.ie or by post to TLC Centre, Northwood Park, Santry, D9.

The Lourdes Kindness Pilgrimage (sponsored by Joe Walsh Tours) **Bumper Bingo Night** Tolka Rovers Football Club, Griffith Ave. Glasnevin **11th May**. Prizes €75 per line, €150 per panel €300 Jackpot. Adm. €10 Advance Booking (advisable) tel. 087 412 9782 after 6pm. or pay at door.