

the Rite of Election for RCIA candidates in the Pro Cathedral recently:

*"The Christian initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptised. The faith is shared and transmitted not simply through books. It is shared within community. It is shared in that community which worships Sunday after Sunday in the Eucharist. To know Jesus, we must know the scriptures and we must come to share in the life that comes to us in the Eucharist."*

We ask for your prayers for the candidates as they continue on their faith journey in preparation for Easter. It's an important moment in their lives and we ask for the prayerful support of the community for them during this time. I see great hope with our parish RCIA programme where we have had 18 adults participating over the past few years. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) provides an opportunity for people to receive the sacraments later in life and, with their commitment and enthusiasm, to bring new energy to the church.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin tells the story of a lady who told him that she had seemingly no success in passing on the faith to her own children but she did a great job with two people from South Korea!

It has been a great privilege to be involved with the RCIA over the years and, as can so often be the case, the blessings and graces from being involved are far greater than any effort that was put in. With increasing numbers of people not bringing their children to the sacraments at all in recent years, I am sure that in future years some of them may choose to join the Church as adults. Our experience with RCIA can only help prepare us for what, please God, will be the continued fruits of the programme in the years to come.

At the end of our Second Reading, St Paul reminds us that:  
*"You belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God."*

Let us pray that, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, we will encounter the Risen Jesus in the people that we meet in the week ahead. And also that we will support the children and adults preparing for Confirmation with our prayers.

*Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes.*

**Age Action (Ireland) Care & Repair Programme for 60+ year olds;** Have you a small repair job which you would like to have done for you? This programme uses a pool of trustworthy volunteers & handypersons to carry out minor repairs for older people. All volunteers vetted & carry official Care & Repair identification cards. Free Service; you only pay for the materials used where required. Age Action maintain a register of reliable & honest tradespersons for bigger jobs & accept requests for small gardening jobs. Tel: 01 4756989

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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*"You are the temple of  
God's Holy Spirit."*

23rd February 2020

This is the last Sunday before Lent. We are concluding the reading from the Letter to the Corinthians. When we resume ordinary time in June, we will start reading from the letter to the Romans.

In today's second reading, there is plenty to reflect on. The opening paragraph makes a very important statement about each and every one of us: you are the temple of God's Holy Spirit. As St. Paul reminds us: *"Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you?"*

What an extraordinary claim to make, something that should have deep significance in all our lives. The Holy Spirit is the orientation and focus of our lives, our guiding star and ultimately the well spring of our actions.

This is a particularly important reading as many children in our parish are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an important milestone in their lives as it comes

towards the end of their primary education.

We have two adults in Donaghmede parish who are also preparing for Confirmation as part of our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme. We hope it will be a spiritually enriching experience for the candidates, their families and friends and the entire parish community.

RCIA is the way in which the Church welcomes new members who choose to receive the sacraments as adults. The vision behind RCIA is that the ministry of welcome for new Catholics is the responsibility of all parishioners. It challenges us to be a living sign of the saving embrace of God's love. It encourages us to be welcoming, missionary and familiar with the Word of God as we accompany new members of our Church at the beginning of their journey of faith.

As Archbishop Martin said during

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

9th – 14th September - Hotel Solitude 5 nights – Full Board  
Fully inclusive Price €765. (Single rooms subject to availability €180).  
In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage  
For details & to book please contact the Parish Office Tel : 8375274.



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE – Bethany Support Group –** Beginning on

Wednesday 19th February ladies who find it difficult to cope with bereavement or loss of any kind are invited to avail of the help and support of the Bethany Bereavement Support Group. They will be warmly welcomed every Wednesday between 2.30p.m. and 4.00p.m. in the Parish Centre at Holy Child Church. Please note they no longer meet in the Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball.



**We welcome in Baptism:**  
**Ciara Louise Duff**

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



**Eucharistic Adoration Holy Child Church**  
**Mon. - Friday 9.45a.m. - 11.45a.m. & 18.00p.m. – 19.00p.m. All welcome.**  
Additional volunteers appreciated. For further information please contact Marian 087 0533214

**Lenten Series of Talks**

Whitehall, Beaumont & St. Luke's Kilmore West – Parish Pastoral Councils invite you to their Lenten Series of Talks 2020. The theme chosen for this year's talks is one of 'Hope'. The first talk takes place in **Whitehall Parish, Church of the Holy Child Parish Centre on Thursday 5th March 2020 at 7.30p.m.**

Donal Harrington and Catherine O'Brien in conversation will discuss the topic 'Let's Talk Faith' There will be time allocated for discussion in groups and feedback. Tea and coffee will be served. All parishioners and friends are very welcome. Donal Harrington from the Dublin Archdiocese is Coordinator of Catechetical Formation. He is also Author of many books to include Tomorrow's Parish: Vision and Path. Catherine O'Brien, has much experience as an Adult Faith Facilitator and has a Bachelor of Theology and a Masters in Chaplaincy. Further information contact Noreen O'Prey, Chairperson, Whitehall PPC Tel: 086 2939935

**Adult Faith Development Team** – next meeting will take place Wednesday, 26th February 2020 at 7.00p.m. in the Parish Centre

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

Charles Barnwall, Alain Yembeau, Pauline McKenna, Imelda Bollard

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



**Minister of the Eucharist**

The roster for the month of March is available for collection from the table in the Parish Centre.

**Ash Wednesday 26th February 2020 Day of Fast & Abstinence**

Ashes will be blessed and distributed as part of the Penitential Preparation for Mass.

**Holy Child Mass Times:** 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. **Blessed Margaret Ball Mass:** 10am.

**Mass Intentions – Church of the Holy Child**

Sat. 22nd Feb Vigil 7.00p.m. Michael Stewart - Month's Mind  
Kitty & Pauric Murphy – Anniversaries  
Catherine Ormsby – Anniversary  
Mark Macken – Speedy Recovery

Sun. 23rd Feb. 11.15a.m. Ken O'Connor – 2nd Anniversary  
Nancy Hockley, Denis Spierin – Anniversaries  
Francis & Teresa Harding – Anniversaries  
Mary & James Kane – Anniversaries  
12.30p.m. Kathleen O'Hara – 1st Anniversary, Husband George, son George & mother Kate Ivory – R. I. P.  
Monica Hogg, Seamus Domican – Anniversaries

6.00p.m. Michael Deegan – Anniversary

Mon. 24th Feb. 9.15a.m. Margaret Noone – Anniversary  
7.00p.m. Tony McCormack – 1st Anniversary

Tues. 25th Feb. 9.15a.m. Kitty & Mary Costello – Anniversaries  
2.30p.m. Alain Yembeau – Recently Deceased. R.I.P.

Wed 26th Feb. 7.00p.m. Eva Towell – Anniversary

Thurs. 27th Feb. 7.00p.m. Michael Duffy – R.I.P.

Fri. 28th Feb. 7.00p.m. Paul Towell – Anniversary  
Teresa O'Grady – Anniversary

Sat 29th Feb. 7.00p.m. John O'Connell – Month's Mind  
Pauline Kinnear – 1st Anniversary  
Brian Clarke, Jimmy & Phyllis Fagan – Anniversaries

Sun 1st March 11.15a.m. Cora McGuigan – Anniversary  
12.30p.m. Brendan Doherty – 1st Anniversary  
Alice Murray – Anniversary  
Gerry Lally – Anniversary

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

Sun. 23rd Feb. 10.00a.m. Paul Kane – 1st Anniversary  
Victoriano De La Cruz (Jr.) - Anniversary  
Joy Corazon Bawtista – Anniversary

Wed 26th Feb 10.00a.m. Kathleen & Martin Stapleton – Anniversaries

**Church Collections 16-2-2020**

1st Collection €1876.00  
ACCORD €2565.00  
Family Envelope €820.00

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



**Parish Lotto** Please Support your Parish Lotto  
Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 8 19 23 28 2nd Jackpot: 1 4 7 16 No Jackpot winner.  
The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: M. Kilmurray: N. O'Brien:  
P. Kavanagh: W. Gubbins: M. Hallissey: C. Meehan: B. O'Toole:  
Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €950  
Plus 7 consolation prizes of €25

