

conclude our Liturgical Year and with it our reading of Luke's Gospel on Sundays, where we see Jesus in the role of Merciful Saviour granting eternal life to the repentant thief. This Gospel story offers hope to us all that, no matter how difficult our circumstances, God is always ready, willing and able to forgive us. We will have the opportunity to ask forgiveness from God through the Sacrament of Confession at our Advent Reconciliation Service next month.

Pope Francis tells us that "God, in his loving design, excludes no one." Like the Good Thief, we are reminded that we all need forgiveness, and the Pope tells us that we also need the encounter with those "brothers and sisters who help lead us to Jesus", where ever we may meet them in our lives.

In all four Gospels Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus is indeed a King in this story but, from a human point of view, is a very unusual King. He rules from the cross and his gifts to us are forgiveness, mercy and eternal life. The crown that Christ wears is a crown of thorns. Jesus says in Chapter 18 of St John's Gospel: 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

But the kind of Kingship that he is talking about is very different to what we might regard as a brash regal figure with great powers ruling over a large territory. In fact, it is the complete opposite. Jesus's power of love can be seen in the way he forgives, shows mercy and is open to everyone.

In Luke 17:21 "Jesus tells us that "The kingdom of God is among you". This reminds us that Jesus continues to accompany us as a community of faith as we travel on our journey of life.

As we reach the end of this Church year, let us give thanks to God for all the graces and blessings that we have received in our lives, for the gift of ministry to others, for the gift of life itself and, above all, for the gift of faith which was so important to the Good Thief in today's Gospel. It is important to pause for a moment and to give thanks before we move forward next week to celebrate the Season of Advent.

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"Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom."

24th November 2019



"Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." He must have

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King which is the last Sunday in our Liturgical Year. The story of the Good Thief only appears in St Luke's Gospel. The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the Crucifixion, not in a wonderful display of spectacular worldly dominance, but in Jesus sharing our own human weakness and vulnerabilities.

It was only later, with the hindsight of the resurrection, that this poignant moment of helplessness can be seen as one in which the power of God was truly present. This can be the case for us as well when it is only when we look back on difficult situations that we can see the Lord was truly present accompanying us in our challenges even though it may have been hard to recognise it at the time.

The Good Thief's request asks:

had his problems and struggles in life and was certainly in a tight corner at that particular moment but the Good Thief's faith allowed him to request the reply from Jesus which is one that we would all like to hear ourselves as well when our time comes: "Indeed, I promise you today you will be with me in paradise."

The much loved and familiar Gospel scene shows us the power of God's forgiveness, love and mercy. The forgiveness of Jesus on the cross brought the embrace of God in heaven to the Good Thief hanging on the cross with him. And Jesus offers the same invitation to each and every one of us as well.

What an appropriate Gospel to

Date to remember!
Combined Parish Choirs
 present
The Annual Carol Service
Sunday, 15th December 2019
at 7.30p.m.
in Church of the Holy Child 
All welcome.

Pilgrimage to Knock – Sunday 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Coach from the Holy Child Church at 8.00a.m. Contact Marie McAllister. 01 842 5678

We welcome in Baptism:

Ava Anna Kelly
Jack Joseph Curran
Benjamin Thomas Moran



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

Property & Finance Committee

The next meeting of this committee will take place on Monday, 25th November at 8p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Liturgy Group

The next meeting of the Liturgy Group will take place on Wednesday 27th November in the Parish Centre at 7.30p.m.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers: John Doyle, Kay Kelly, Patrick McHugh, John Maher, William Scahill Andrew Mulligan,



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



Christmas Fayre
Sunday 1st December 2019
Parish Centre, 10.30a.m. - 1.30p.m.

Fun for all the Family with Santa, home-made bread & cakes and Novelty Stands & Raffle. If you have any new or nearly new unwanted gifts, alcohol or juice, bric-a-brac, which you would like to donate, we would gladly accept them for one of our stalls. If you would like to bake bread, scones or cakes you can bring them on the morning of the Fayre. Thanking you for your continued support.



Ministers of the Eucharist:

The rosters for December are now available in the Reception area of the Parish Centre.

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball



This Chapel re-opens this Sunday, 24th November after re-decoration. The Mass Schedule will be at the usual times – 10.00a.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays

St. Francis Hospice: Home Visit Volunteers required to join their team. The role would be to visit patients in their own homes, to sit and have a chat or bring them out into the community. The time commitment is 2 hours once a week. If you are interested please contact Brenda/Joyce on 01 832 7535/ 01 829 4000.

Sponsor a light on the Hospice Christmas Tree 832 7535/829 4000 or www.sfh.ie

Anniversary Frame

If your loved one has an anniversary coming up please consider giving their name to the Sacristan. It will then be put in the Anniversary Frame, placed on the Altar and prayed for at all Sunday Masses. Small donation appreciated.



Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto Last Tuesday's winning numbers were: 1st Jackpot: 6 24 27 28 2nd Jackpot: 1 13 16 22
No Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: W. & G. Kenny; D. Timpson; T. O'Brien; C. Barker; M. Maher; A. Flood; C. L. Devine.
Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €400
Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25 .

Mass Intentions from the 23rd November Church of the Holy Child

Sat. 23rd Nov.	10.00a.m.	John & Seamus Hyland – Anniversaries
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Maurice Flanagan, Brendan O'Neill – Months' Mind Helen Whelan, Bridie Whelan – 1st Anniversaries John & Rose Keely – Anniversaries
Sun. 24th Nov.	11.15a.m.	Mary McDermott, Paul & May Brady – Anniversaries
	12.30p.m.	Mary & Michael Myler, Benny McDonald – Anniversaries
Tues. 26th Nov.	7.00p.m.	Thanksgiving
Thurs. 28th Nov.	7.00p.m.	Maura Murphy – Anniversary
Fri. 29th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Manuel Calvo Rasines – Anniversary
	7.00p.m.	Cecil Manning -Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance Edward McDermott – Anniversary
Sat. 30th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Elizabeth Sweeney – Month's Mind, Thanksgiving
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Niall McCann – Anniversary Frank Dunne – Anniversary & deceased members of the Cantwell Family
Sun. 1st Dec.	11.15a.m.	Nancy Seery – 1st Anniversary
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball		
Sun. 24th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Marie Flood, Charles E. Maguire – Anniversaries Bernadette & Stephen Barrett - Anniversaries
Wed. 27th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Breda Maguire - 1st Anniversary

Your Credit Union Needs You!!! -Larkhill & District Credit union are currently seeking new volunteers to join one of their committees, their Board of Directors or their Board Oversight Committee. For all positions, training will be provided and it can be taken at your own pace and to suit your own personal circumstances. If you are interested, please contact nominations@ldcu.ie, The Chairperson, Nominations Committee, Larkhill & District Credit Union, 234 Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9 by post, or give your name and contact details to any of their staff. Credit unions rely on volunteers –so if you have experience in Lending, Finance, IT, Marketing, Strategic Planning get in touch.
Note-you must be a member of Larkhill & District Credit Union in order to volunteer.

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



Church Collections

Sunday	17th Nov.
1st Collection	€1,540
SHARE	€1,470