

Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and removed his body.”

We can conclude that Joseph was able to use his position and influence to ensure that Jesus had a proper burial. St John explains the rest of the story: “Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They [Joseph and Nicodemus] took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid.”

### **Saint Mary Magdalene and Mary the Mother of Joset**

“Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.”

The women in the gospel play an important part in Holy Week and stayed around when all the other disciples fled in fear apart from St John. In 2016, Pope Francis elevated the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to a full feast day similar to that of the twelve apostles. The Vatican said at the time: “Saint John Paul II paid great attention to the particular role of Saint Mary Magdalene as the first witness who saw the risen Christ, and as the first messenger who announced the Lord’s resurrection to the Apostles.”

The two women mentioned here observed carefully what was happening and prepared for the next part of the Jewish burial customs. Mary Magdalene, in particular, could not have known at this point that her actions would lead her to being the first witness of the resurrection in the following days.

As we reflect on St Mark’s Gospel during Holy Week let us remember the important role played by the people I have mentioned. And to recall that it is not always the most important or high ranking amongst us who have significant roles to play but often it is the more quiet, reflective people who can act decisively and get things done effectively in difficult times.

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### **Divine Mercy**

Just a gentle reminder to begin the Novena of Chaplets in preparation for the Feast of Mercy, beginning on Good Friday and ending on Saturday. As well as the Chaplets, one can also do the special Novena that Jesus asked St. Faustina to say for *His own intentions*, to bring a different group of souls on each of the nine days. “Bring to My Heart and immerse them in this ocean of My Mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. On each day beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls”. More information about the Divine Mercy in the frames on each side of the Shrine in the Church of the Holy Child.

## **PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY**



# **NEWSLETTER**



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The Thatch Road, Dublin 9. Tel (01) 837 5274 Website: [www.whitehall.dublindioocese.ie](http://www.whitehall.dublindioocese.ie).

### **Palm Sunday**

**25th March 2018**

Today is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week and the day when we read the Gospel story of the passion of Jesus Christ, Our Saviour.

This year, it is the turn of St Mark’s Gospel and I would in particular like to focus on four people who are mentioned in the gospel today. In each case, they are not perhaps the most obvious people or the ones who were especially prominent but they showed great insightfulness and consideration in a very difficult and challenging situation.

#### **The Centurion**

“The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, in truth this man was a son of God.”

The centurion was a Roman soldier who was part of the occupying army who had participated in the crucifixion. So, he was certainly not a person who would have been expected to speak favourably about Jesus. Nonetheless this is the person whose words on the death of Jesus are passed down to us through

history. In his profession of faith, the centurion says “*in truth this man was a son of God*”. These are the first words spoken about Jesus in Mark’s Gospel after his death and they are coming from a most unlikely source. They show that, even at this early moment of post crucifixion history, the proclamation of faith does not come from the Jewish people but from the Gentiles.

#### **Joseph of Arimathea**

“Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.” The figure of Joseph of Arimathea is mentioned in all four gospels. He was an important member of the Jewish community and Mark tells us that he was a member of the Council. It could be said that he was important enough for Pilate to take him seriously. John 19:38 confirms this by telling us that: “Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked



**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

**Easter Ceremonies 2018**

**Holy Child**

**Holy Thursday** – 10.00a.m. Morning Prayer  
- 5.00p.m. Family Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
- 7.00p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by Watch & Pray

**Good Friday** - 10.00a.m. Morning Prayer  
- 12.00 noon Stations of the Cross for Families  
- 3.00p.m. Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion  
- 7.00p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday** - 10.00a.m. Morning Prayer – Confessions 10.15a.m. – 12 noon.  
- 9.00p.m. Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday** - 8.30a.m. 11.15a.m., 12.30p.m. & 6.00p.m. Masses.

**Blessed Margaret Ball**

**Holy Thursday** – 7.30p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by Watch & Pray

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- 8.00p.m. Easter Vigil

**We welcome in Baptism:**

**Frankie Jay McMahon**



*May this newly baptised Child  
always know and love Jesus as  
BAPTISM his friend.*

**Eucharistic Ministers Roster for April** is available on Table at Reception in the Parish Centre.

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

Joseph Reilly, Desmond Browne  
Mary Teresa Gavaghan

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



**Easter Reconciliation Service**  
**Monday 26th March at 7.30p.m. in the**  
**Church of the Holy Child. Join us as we**  
**begin our preparation for Easter.**

**Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock**  
**Saturday 21st April 2018**

**Led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin**  
**Knock invites you to Healing and Peace.**  
**Coach from Whitehall Church at 8.00a.m.**  
**For more information contact**  
**Marie McAllister 8425678**

**Church Gate Collection** This weekend  
this Collection will be the **Advocate**  
**Collection** for the Society of **St. Vincent de**  
**Paul’s Sunshine Fund** which enables less  
fortunate children from Dublin the  
opportunity of a holiday.



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday’s winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 1 3 7 29 2nd Jackpot: 1 4 13 17

No Jackpot Winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: T. Tierney: T. & B. Brown: V. Cullen:  
Kennedy: T. Savage: B. M. B. Tea Room: S. & M. McIntyre Barn.

Next Week’s Lotto: First Jackpot €4,000 Second Jackpot €550

Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

**Monday 26th March** 9.15a.m. Tully Family (Anniversary)  
7.00p.m. Michael Brady (Anniversary)

**Tuesday 27th March** 9.15a.m. Michael & Margaret Padden (Anniversaries)  
7.00 p.m. Kathleen & Stephen Kennedy Snr.  
& Stephen Kennedy Jnr. (Anniversaries)

**Wednesday 28th Mar.** 9.15a.m. Available for Intention  
7.00p.m. Clare Rowlands (1st Anniversary)  
Maureen McElhinney (Anniversary)

**Thursday 29th March to Saturday 31st March inclusive** see Easter Time Table

**Sunday 1st April** 11.15a.m. People of the Parish

**Easter Sunday** 12.30p.m. Catherine (Kay) Mullen (Anniversary)  
William Brennan (Anniversary)  
Mona & Pearse Hoban (Anniversaries)  
Niamh Oglesby (Anniversary)  
6.00p.m. Richard Carrick, Mary O’Cnnor, Patrick Murphy  
(Anniversaries)

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

**Wednesday 28th Mar.** 10.00a.m. Teresa Campelli (Anniversary)  
**Easter Sunday 1st April** 10.00a.m. Available for Intention

**Registering to attend the World Meeting of Families** -Pope Francis personally chose Ireland to host this event. If you would like to attend all or part of it you can register now for the three-day Pastoral Congress at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie). Places for the Congress are limited & guarantee a ticket for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass which are expected to be led by Pope Francis.

**Crosscare Annual Youth Services Church Collection** -This Church Collection took place at all Masses last weekend on Sat/Sun 17th & 18th March. Crosscare are extremely grateful for all who generously donated on the day. Given the bad weather over the weekend, many parishioners may not have been able to attend Mass. Should you wish to make a donation to Crosscare they have advised that they can accept donations over the phone on (01) 8360011, or by post to Crosscare, 2nd Floor, Clonliffe College, Drumcondra, Dublin 3.

**Summertime**



**Did you remember to put your clock forward one hour this weekend?**