

a good point about today's Gospel:

*"The feast we have today and the gospel gives us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for."*

Father Kieran also points out that:

*"The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance."*

Kingship is also mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels. 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 community of faith as we travel on our journey of life.

To illustrate this point, the Jesuit writer, Father Donal Neary, writes:

*"Our Christian life is getting to know Jesus more, and taking part in his mission. The type of person he was. That he came from God and from humanity. He speaks of the best of God and the best of us, the best of heaven and the best of earth. He is worth our following. Our role in life, our vocation and our mission is a calling to live like him in love and service."*

As we come to the end of this Church year, let us reflect on the presence of Jesus in our lives, what direction we are taking and how we can become more aware of his forgiveness and mercy as we approach the Season of Advent which begins next Sunday. I hope we will allow ourselves some space for prayer and reflection before the busyness of Christmas arrives.

Its really important that we take a little "time out" before Christmas and have an opportunity to pause, even briefly to thank God for the gift of his life for our salvation on the cross. Perhaps we might consider attending our parish Advent Reconciliation Service in the coming weeks or go to confession at another time that suits, in order avail of the opportunity to experience God's forgiveness and mercy.

*Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes*

***Parish Christmas Reconciliation Service will take place in the Church of the Holy Child on Monday, 17th December at 7.30p.m.***

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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### Feast of Christ the King

25th November 2018

*In all four Gospels Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"*

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King which is the last Sunday in our Liturgical Year.

The term "king", as we understand it today, is quite different to what it meant in the time of Jesus. We may think of a largely ceremonial figure who is Head of State but with very little real day to day political power.

However, in New Testament times, Kings were often absolute monarchs with complete control over their subjects and were often the rulers of large territories.

People listening to this reading in the early church would have understood it in this light.

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.

In our Gospel today, Jesus says: *'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 Jesus 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.

Father Kieran O'Mahony makes



**Parish Assembly Whitehall Parish Wednesday 5th December 2018**

A Parish Assembly will take place in Whitehall Parish Centre on Wed., 5th Dec. 2018 at 7.30p.m., to discuss the needs of the Parish in light of the recent visit of Pope Francis to Ireland and his call to the Mission of the Laity.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has asked that as a Parish we look at issues around how do we go forward now in the challenge of renewing the faith we have in our hearts and renewing the life of the Church? Reflecting in particular on the Pope's strong message of the importance and beauty of passing on this faith and the message of Jesus in the Gospel to the next generation. We would encourage all parishioners to attend this meeting and share their views. *Noreen O'Prey - Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council*

**We welcome in Baptism:**  
**Ellie Alannah Bonham**

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



**Christmas Fayre  
this Sunday  
25th November 2018  
Parish Centre, from**



**10.30a.m. -1.30p.m.**  
Fun for all the Family with  
Santa, homemade bread & cakes and  
Novelty Stands & Raffle. Please come  
along, enjoy the Fayre while showing your  
support for the Parish Centre.

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

The Roster for the month of December is available from the table in the Reception Area of the Parish Centre

**Pilgrimage to Knock on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday 8th December - Coach from Whitehall Church at 8.00a.m. For more details and to book please contact Marie McAllister Tel: 01 842 5678**

**The Parish Pastoral Collection will take place next weekend 1st/2nd December.**

**Date to remember!**

**Combined Parish Choirs  
present**

**The Annual Choir Service**

**Sunday, 16th December 2018 at 7.30p.m. in the  
Church of the Holy Child  
All Welcome**



**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers: John Bonny  
William Farrell  
*May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.*



**Church Collections**

**Weekend 17/18th November 2018**

1st Collection €1,775.00

Share Collection €1,580.00

Family Offering €800.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

**1st Jackpot: 1 4 12 20 2nd Jackpot: 10 15 20 26 No Jackpot winner.**

**The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were: S. Beades: B. Brown: B. Mahon:**

**V. Cullen: G. Levins: B. Devine: M. Maher.**

**Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €12,750 Second Jackpot €1,100**

**Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

Mon. 26th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Tues. 27th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Una Woods (Month's Mind)
Wed. 28th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Maura Murphy (Anniversary)
Thurs. 29th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Manuel Calvo Rasines (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	John O'Callaghan (Anniversary)
Fri. 30th Nov.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Sat. 1st Dec.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Niall McCann (Birthday Remembrance) Tom Moonan (Anniversary)
Sun. 2nd Dec.	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Niall McCann (Birthday Remembrance) Margaret Whitehead, Ned Dalton, Hilda King (Annivs)
	6.00p.m.	Available for Intention
		<b>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</b>
Wed. 28th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Michael Campelli (Anniversary)
Sun. 2nd Dec.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention

**Share Sunday** This Sun. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> is Share Sunday. Share, the second collection, is an important funding lifeline for the many services that support the pastoral outreach of the diocese as well as providing support for poorer parishes.

**Crosscare Annual Parish Food Appeal** - Archbishop Martin is once again seeking support for a Parish Food Appeal next weekend **Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>** to support the work of the Crosscare Foodbanks. This year Crosscare are asking that collections **be held on one weekend only 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.** This will allow them to distribute hampers in good time for Christmas to hundreds of families. Items that are most needed at this time are:

- A. Toiletries and cleaning products**
- B. Non-perishable food**
- C. Festive foods**

**Starlight G.F.C. Christmas Fair in Santry Resource Centre** - Sunday, 2nd Dec 2018 at 1.30p.m. Meet & Greet with Santa, Face Painting, Gift Stalls, Wheel of Fortune, Raffle & Refreshments. All proceeds will go to their new juvenile section. All Welcome.