

reading is assuring us the Father cares deeply for those disciples who have the courage to live publicly their faith in Jesus and his gospel."

Bishop Denis Brennan of Ferns spoke at an ordination recently. He said that: "In these Pentecost days we need to cast off our fears too. We are not the first generation of Christians to worry about the future. In every age, people have written the obituary of the Church and our age is no exception."

Jesus tells us not to be afraid three times in this Gospel reading. He says "Have no fear of them", "Do not fear" and "do not be afraid." He is also telling us that his Father cares deeply for those who are prepared to take on the task of witnessing for him in the world, which was not an easy task in the time of Jesus and is an equally difficult task in the world today. He says to tell people about the Gospel "in the light" and to proclaim it "from the rooftops". Jesus also makes us a spectacular promise: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

Like St. Therese, many of our opportunities to acknowledge Jesus amongst our friends, families and in our communities may seem to be on a less significant end of the scale but they are most certainly no less important for that. The greatest Saints were often those who lived the simplest lives and their contribution to the spreading of the faith has been very important. This is an example for each and every one of us to follow.

If we recall family members, friends, priests and religious who have assisted us on our journey of faith over the years, it can be very often simple gestures or short conversations that we will recall as being significant or helpful. As the Old Testament writers say, God is more present in the gentle breeze than in more spectacular events. In the week ahead, let us pray for the opportunity to bring the Risen Lord to others in the particular circumstances of our lives.

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"Be Not Afraid"

25th June 2017

The poet Patrick Kavanagh had a phrase that God is present in the "bits and pieces of life." And, for most of us, the opportunities to live the Christian life can often be found in the simplest and smallest of circumstances.

St. Therese of Lisieux would say to "do the small things with great love" and Saint Teresa of Calcutta said "to be faithful in little things is a great thing."

In today's Gospel from St Matthew we are told that God is also concerned with the smaller things in life: "Are two sparrows not sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing." In order to emphasise his point further, Matthew adds "even the hairs of your head are counted."

The Jesuit writer, Father Donal Neary, says that "Jesus is addressing the need for grace in our lives. Jesus encourages us to

place our trust in those who care for us and to trust in God who does not want destruction but development." He goes on to remind us that "Jesus wants us to trust in God who would not even harm a hair on our head."

Father Martin Hogan, a scripture scholar, says that "in more recent decades, there has been a tendency for believers to retreat somewhat from the public domain. Many of us have become more circumspect in witnessing to our faith. We are less likely to declare our allegiance to Christ. We sense that the environment has become more hostile to the Gospel. There is a danger that we will have a collective loss of nerve when it comes to the gospel and to the church, through and in which, for all its faults, we receive and hear the gospel." Father Martin concludes that "Our Gospel

Dardistown Cemetery Mass

Sunday, 2nd July 2017. -This annual Mass is a huge undertaking for our Parish and many people are required to help our Parish Team. We invite Ministers of the Eucharist to minister at this Mass. We also require people to accompany each Minister carrying an umbrella (this will enable people attending the Mass to see clearly where each Minister of the Eucharist is standing during the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament). Maybe each Minister could bring along another person to help with this. People are also needed to help with the Collection before and after the Mass. If you can help in any way please leave your name and contact details on the list available on the table in the Parish Centre or with the Sacristan in the Church of the Holy Child or in Blessed Margaret



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
 7th -12th September 2017
Hotel Solitude ****
 5 Nights – Full Board
 Fully Inclusive Price €725
 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

Ministers of the Eucharist
 The Roster for July is now available in the Reception area of the Parish Centre.

Peter's Pence Collection
 The Pontifical Charities Annual Collection (Peter's Pence) takes place next weekend **1st & 2nd July**. The 'Peter's Pence' Collection replaces the SHARE Collection at all Masses.

Recently Deceased
 You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Megan Farrell
 Rosaleen Tuite
May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



Cemetery Masses 2017
 25th June – Glasnevin – Mass at 3.00p.m.
 2nd July – Balgriffin – Mass at 12.00p.m.
 2nd July - Dardistown – Mass at 3.00p.m.

We welcome in Baptism:
 Oscar Robert Prenter
 Keeva Ann McMahon
 Taylor Mae Harcourt
 Clodagh Lily Hudson
May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.



Rome Eternal City, Rome
Thurs 28th Sep – Tues 3rd Oct
Mgr. John Fitzpatrick will lead our tour to Rome.
Price €799.00 per person sharing B & B. For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office. Tel: 01 8375274. Few places remaining. Booking subject to availability.



Church Gate Collection
 This weekend, 24/25th June, the Church Gate Collection will be for **St. Michael's House.**

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 26th June	9.15a.m.	Sara Hannon (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Tuesday 27th June	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Wednesday 28th June	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Thursday 29th June	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 30th June	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Clare Rowlands (Month's Mind)
Saturday 1st July	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
	Vigil 7.00p.m.	Bernadette Longmore (Month's Mind)
Sunday 2nd July	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Declan Scott (Anniversary)
	6.00p.m.	Available for intention
		Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Wednesday 28th June	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sunday 2nd July	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention

LOTTO Please Support your Parish Lotto
 Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
 1st Jackpot: 6 9 11 14 2nd Jackpot: 3 5 20 22
 No Jackpot winner. The winners of the Seven Consolation prizes were:- JMB Maher: H. McChesney: E. McDonnell: P. Grogan: P. & K. Tolan: J. Costello: M. Rowe.
Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €9,000 2nd Jackpot €2,000 Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25.



The Strawberry Fayre – Sunday 9th July 2017- 10.30a.m. – 1.30p.m.
 This is always a wonderful morning with lots of strawberry goodies. As usual we are looking for your support. If you have any new or nearly new unused gifts we would gladly accept them for our stalls. If you would like to bake bread, cakes or scones for the cake stall, donate bottles of alcohol or juices for the Wheel of Fortune or if you can help in any way, it would be very much appreciated.



Yoga Fundraising Night for Nepal Holy Child National School Larkhill on Wednesday June 28th, 8.00 – 9.30p.m.
 More Information John Daly 086 8631689.

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

FIRE HAZARD
 Please do not place lighted candles under Shrines as this is a serious fire hazard.
 If there is no space for your candle please leave it unlit to the side of the Shrine.
 The Sacristan **will** light it and put it in the correct place when there is room. Thank you.