

well quoting this passage to me to explain his main motivation for following a Christian way of life. He realised that the words of Jesus in scripture can be an inspiration to us and a motivation for spreading the message of the Gospel.

Christoph Schönborn of Vienna spoke at Knock Shrine during the week and gave us some insights into St Joseph who was one of the people to appear at Knock and is also mentioned in the official prayer for the World Meeting of Families.

Cardinal Schönborn said that Pope Francis has a deep trust in St Joseph and has a statue of him in his private office. He said that, unlike at Knock, the statue of St Joseph is not standing up but is lying down and, in fact, asleep. He said that Pope Francis often places petitions under his head, so that Saint Joseph may intercede for him.

He went on to say that we all have a share in the vocation of St Joseph. At Knock, the Cardinal explained, *"heaven is present in our midst."*

Apparitions show that the *"sovereignty of heaven can act in our world"*. He said that heaven is still acting in our lives and we can be sure that God is acting.

St Joseph was a man with realistic expectations in life who acted with courage at important and decisive moments. He had to work hard in the world of business using his practical skills as a carpenter. His positive attitude allowed him to build up and run a successful business in Nazareth. He also took care of Jesus and Mary. St Joseph, the Cardinal reminds us, had a tender, compassionate heart.

During the World Meeting of Families, let us pray to St Joseph, for a listening discerning heart, that we may be realistic and practical about what we can achieve in our daily lives and that we will have a heart of goodness towards others. *Gerard Reilly*

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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*"What about you, do you  
want to go away too?"*

**26th August 2018**

These words from St John's Gospel have a strong contemporary resonance as we prepare for the visit of Pope Francis this weekend. It is certainly not an easy time to be a Christian in Ireland.

Unfortunately, there have been a number of high profile media stories in the run up to the World Meeting of Families that has been predominately negative concerning the Church, most notably the very serious and sobering report concerning child protection in Pennsylvania.

Pope Francis has addressed some of the issues raised by the Pennsylvania report in his unprecedented *"Letter to the People of God"*, which was published on Monday. He writes:

*"With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial*

*community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives. We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them."*

He also makes another important point:

*"It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others."*

And yet, in the darkness, we have to look for signs of hope and encouragement. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that *"the words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."* I can remember a priest that I know



On behalf of the parishioners of the  
Parish Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry

# Céad Míle Fáilte Romhat Pope Francis



**Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage:** The Catholic Grandparents Association's Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 9th September in Knock Shrine at 2.30pm. Everybody welcome to honour & thank grandparents for all they have done down through the ages. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio. Special Guest Dana will sing 'Our Lady of Knock'.



**We welcome in Baptism: Joshua Slator**

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

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

Rosters for September are available on the Table in the Reception area of the Parish Centre.

**Parish Shop**

World Meeting of Families Candles available from the Parish Shop

**€2 each or 3 for €5 -Large Candle €3.50**

**Pathways: exploring Faith & Ministry Programme**

— suitable for Adults who wish to explore issues & questions of faith, ministry, the Church today and the nature of belief, in an environment appropriate to Adult Learning & Adult Faith Development.

Thursdays Clonliffe College.  
Tel: Eileen 8087594

**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers —

**Paula Christal (nee Mullins)  
Mary O'Riordan**

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



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**Blessing for Expectant Mothers:**

A Special Blessing for expectant Mothers will take place on Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 8.00pm in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Brookwood Grove, Artane. If you need any further information contact: Alice: 01 8319770 or Eileen: 01 8319617 All are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Volunteer in Your Community – Highfield Healthcare, Swords Road, Whitehall & Hampstead Avenue, Glasnevin.**

**Help required.**

For more information & application forms  
Tel: Helen Hennessy,  
Volunteer Co-Ordinator 837 4444



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were

1st Jackpot: 8 11 24 28 2nd Jackpot: 14 18 19 28

No Jackpot winner. The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were:

J. Fitzgibbons: P. Caul: A. Hackett: P. O'Connor:

M. McAllister: J. Lindsay: M. & J. Stanley.

**Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €9,500 Second Jackpot €450**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

<b>Monday 27th August</b>	9.15a.m	<b>Special Intention</b>
	7.00p.m.	<b>Stephen Burke (Anniversary) Peter Walsh (Birthday Remembrance)</b>
<b>Tuesday 28th August</b>	9.15a.m.	<b>Available for Intention</b>
	7.00p.m.	<b>Jim O'Grady (Month's Mind)</b>
<b>Wed. 29th August</b>	9.15a.m.	<b>Available for Intention</b>
	7.00p.m.	<b>Rose Cordial, Maureen Kirby, Eileen Uí Mhuirí (Anniversaries) Rev. Eugene B. Dowd (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Thurs. 30th August</b>	9.15a.m.	<b>Available for Intention</b>
	7.00p.m.	<b>Regina Witke (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Friday 31st August</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	<b>Available for Intention</b>
	<b>Sat. 1st September</b>	<b>Available for Intention</b>
<b>Vigil</b>	10.00a.m.	<b>Mary Crowley (1st Anniversary) Frank McGeogh, John Commins (Anniversaries)</b>
	7.00p.m.	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd Sept.</b>	11.15a.m.	<b>Seamus Greene, (1st Anniversary)</b>
	12.30p.m.	<b>Richard Heaney, Maureen Scahill &amp; Tom Traynor (Anniversaries)</b>
	6.00p.m.	<b>Cecil Graham (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</b>		
<b>Wed. 29th August</b>	10.00a.m.	<b>Available for Intention</b>
<b>Sun. 2nd September</b>	10.00a.m.	<b>John &amp; Kathleen Doyle (Anniversaries) Jerry O'Brien (Anniversary)</b>
		<b>Kathleen &amp; Tommy Hewitt (Month's Mind)</b>

**Catholic Young Adults Conference:**



This Annual Youth Conference takes place in All Hallows College, Gracepark Road, Dublin. 9 next weekend 1st & 2nd Sept. It will include interesting events including talks, liturgies, adoration, confessions and a social evening. The Conference is open to all young Catholics between 18 & 40 years (strictly). The cost of full residential accommodation including all meals is €95 while non-residential is €50. A single day rate for those whose commitments will not allow them attend the entire conference. Visit website: [www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com](http://www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com) A Legion of Mary project.