

people in our lives and those we meet along the way. How can we respond to the great parting words of Jesus *“Go teach all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”* (Matt 28:19)

The Gospel tells us about the beginning of the vocations of the apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John. And, while we immediately think of vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious life, we should also remember that each and every one of us have their own vocation in life. As Blessed John Henry Newman said, God has made us for definite purpose and that each of us has a special role and path to follow in the eyes of God.

Pope Francis tells us that: *“in carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelization. May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own “yes”, conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time.”*

When reflecting on the nature of vocations, I can recall various nuns and priests who were “home from the missions” for their holidays when I was growing up which might only have been once every three years or so. I was always very impressed by their faith and commitment as well as their dedication to the third world countries where they worked. Also, in hindsight, they came over as happy, contented and fulfilled in their missionary work despite the sacrifices they had to make. They were all a great inspiration to me.

We can help missionaries in many ways both by our prayers and by assisting the different missionary orders financially when we can afford to do so, perhaps by buying a magazine or supporting a collection.

When reflecting on vocations, Pope Francis reminds us that: *“Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the ‘peripheries’ in need of the light of the Gospel”.*

Let us pray that in the week ahead we may share the gift of God’s love with the people we meet and remember that we all have a vocation in life and that God will help us to discover this as our lives unfold.

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“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.”

26th January 2020

Jesus did not live in the age of the sound bite where a catchy slogan or even a clever phrase on Twitter would get people’s attention. But, if he had done so, he might have chosen the words of today’s Gospel in order to make his point. He tells his audience:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.”

Jesus gets his message across to us in a clear and concise way. He asks us to repent of our sins as his kingdom is very near to us.

Our Gospel reading today is about the calling of four of the apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John who receive a call for mission from God.

St Matthew tells us that:

“As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said

to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed him.”



And then, almost immediately afterwards:

“[Jesus] saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he

called them. At once leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.”

Father Donal Neary says the following about today’s Gospel:

“The first of the apostles had something new. Each of us, week by week, can get this new thing, the love of God. Everything else flows from that. To know the love of God is a huge gift, and to know the love and acceptance of another or a few others in life is also a huge gift. Both are one, in every love and friendship we have.”

We should all reflect on our calling as Christians and ask ourselves how we can share of faith with the

Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were: 1st Jackpot: 7 11 23 27
 2nd Jackpot: 20 23 25 26 No Jackpot winner.
 The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: M. Kilmurray;
 R. Mullins; E. O'Hara; R. Kelly & S. Doyle; A. Foley; M. O'Neill;
 H. & G. Sheil. Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000
 Second Jackpot €750 Plus 7 consolation prizes of €25



Blessed Margaret Ball Folk Group 25th Anniversary Mass

On Sunday, 23rd February the Blessed Margaret Folk Group will celebrate their 25th Anniversary at 10a.m. Mass in Blessed Margaret Ball. They would like to invite past members to join them on the day. The first rehearsal will take place on Saturday, 1st February in Blessed Margaret Ball at 11a.m. For more details please contact Mary 083 3469029

Catholic Schools Week 2020 26th Jan. to 2nd Feb. 2020: This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Living in harmony with God's - Creation- God, neighbours, all generations, Earth, and our Catholic school.

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



Ministers of the Word: The new Group B roster is available for collection from the reception area in the Parish Centre.

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

**Frank Wearen
Michael Steward
Bernadette Bonny**

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



Church Collections

19/1/20

1st Collection €1,535
 SHARE €1,505
 Family Envelope €1,055

Holy Child National School

Enrolments are now taking place for September 2020 for Junior Infants in Holy Child National School. Closing date for enrolments is 31st January 2020. Please call to the school for an enrolment form or download one from their website www.holychildns.ie Holy Child National School are having an Open Evening on Thursday, 30th January 2020 from 7p.m. – 8.30p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**We welcome in Baptism:
Seán Carroll,
Maggie Bridget Ball**



May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

The roster for February is now available at Reception in the Parish Centre.

World Day of the Sick Mass will take place on Sun. 9th February in Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Ave., Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Theme: *Hope in the Face of Suicide* Further information contact Trish 087 6220349

Mass Intentions from the 25th January

Church of the Holy Child

Sat. 25th Jan. Vigil	10.00a.m. 7.00p.m.	John Hegarty R.I.P. – Recently Deceased John Yule – 1st Anniversary Eileen Sinnott – 1st Anniversary Peter Farrell – 1st Anniversary Mr. & Mrs Crean & Bernadette Crean – Anniversaries John Keely – Anniversary
26th Jan.	11.15a.m. 6.00p.m.	Jimmy Kane, Annie Smith – Anniversaries Robert Halpin, Peggy Kenny – Anniversaries Máirín Holt – Month's Mind & Tomás Holt – Anniv. Gerry Lingwood – Anniversary
Mon. 27th Jan.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Decd. members of the Mangan, Curtis & Brady Families Ann Garland – Anniversary
Tues. 28th Jan.	7.00p.m.	Eamonn & Kathleen Stynes – Anniversaries
Thurs. 30th Jan.	7.00p.m.	Pauline McCarthy – Anniversary Thanksgiving
Friday 31st Jan.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Gerry Lingwood – Anniversary Larry Mahony – 1st Anniversary Catherine Gilmer, Ben Philpott – Anniversaries
Sat. 1st Feb.	7.00p.m.	Frank & Olive Heron – Anniversaries Paul & Beatrice Colfer – Anniversaries Fox & Murray Families – Anniversaries
Sun. 2nd Feb.	11.15a.m. 12.30p.m.	Des Leech, Brian Murphy – Anniversaries Betty Whitford – Month's Mind Justin Jose R. I. P. – recently deceased William Elliott – Anniversary
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball		
Sun. 26th Jan.	10.00a.m.	Helena Foran – Month's Mind Michael & Kathleen Mulhall – Anniversaries Patrick & Michelle O'Toole – Anniversaries Agnes Murphy, Patricia Curtis – Anniversaries Linda Curtis – Birthday Remembrance Martha Carrigan – Month's Mind
Sunday 2nd Feb.	10.00a.m.	Pat & Mike Farrelly & Des Bourke – Anniversaries Elizabeth Connolly – Birthday Remembrance

Laudate Festival: This Festival will be held during Catholic Schools Week in the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road., on Tuesday 28th January at 7.00p.m. to 8.15p.m. A large choir of children from schools in the diocese will lead in song and prayer. The festival nights are joyful and reflective gatherings celebrating the gift of faith.

Saturday 1st February – Feast of St. Brigid

Sunday 2nd February - Feast of The Presentation of the Lord – Blessing of Candles

Monday – Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats