

being sensitive to God's plan for us and to his love for us.

God's love is lavish and is lavished on us. Should we overlook the fact that God is the one who lavishes love on us, then we have failed to understand God. If we do not abandon ourselves to understand and be enriched by the lavishness of God's love, then we can even misinterpret any true definition of God and interpret God's power and glory in terms that are utterly worldly. We can call God lord and creator, yet if we fail to understand that God loves everything and everyone he created, then we begin to misunderstand our faith.



Let us thank God for the gift of faith in our own lives. It is something that we often take for granted and, in our world today, is not a blessing that everyone shares. So, we should reflect on how we can share this gift with the people we meet in the different circumstances of our lives whether at work, at college, at school or in our parish community.

And let us ask ourselves the question that Jesus puts to his disciples today: "Who do you say that I am?" and reflect on what Jesus means to us today. We may think of him as a companion, a friend, an inspiration, a source of strength and help in difficulty. Also, Jesus is a source of forgiveness and mercy for each of us.

As Archbishop Martin puts it: "God's love is lavish".

I am not sure what a Sky News or CNN reporter would make of the question posed by Jesus but it is certainly one that we should try to answer at some stage on our journey of faith. Gerard Reilly

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NEWSLETTER



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"Who Do You Say that I am?"

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If Sky News or CNN were around in the time of Jesus, you could well imagine that he might pose this question to one of their reporters:

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

This can be a defining moment in our faith journey. At some stage, we are going to have to answer this question for ourselves. Who is Jesus for me in the particular circumstances of my life? This may occur to us gradually over time or perhaps an unexpected illness or bereavement may occur which will cause us to question the role of Jesus in our lives.

The Jesuit Father Donal Neary writes: *"We need the rock that Peter found in Jesus. He was called rock only because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, the one who calls forth our faith and love and gives our lives a huge meaning."*

It is through faith that the Church can at all times have trust in the

promise of God's protecting power.

The Scripture scholar Martin Hogan points out that Jesus was willing to entrust enormous responsibility to human beings. He may have given special responsibility to Peter but he also entrusted great responsibility to all his followers. At the very end of Matthew's gospel he called on all his disciples to go forth and make disciples of all the nations.

Archbishop Martin was at Knock this week to mark one year until the World Meeting of Families in 2018 and made the following remarks about faith:

"Faith is trust in God. Faith is trust and recognition that God cares even when we are not aware of it. Faith is not telling God what he should do for us. Faith is not a situation in which we feel we know what God should be doing. It is

World Meeting of Families

Registration & Tickets for the WMOF2018

Registration for the World Meeting of Families is now open. Visit the [ticket section](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) on www.worldmeeting2018.ie to access information on the different type of tickets and registration available. Accommodation booking is also available online at time of registration through the same booking form on the website.



Friday 1st September - First Friday

Mass Schedule: **Church of the Holy Child:-** 9.15a.m. & 7p.m.

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball:- 10a.m.
Confessions on Thursday after 9.15a.m. and before the 7p.m. Masses

Annual Pilgrimage

The Grandparents National Annual Pilgrimage takes place on **September 10th** in **Knock Shrine** at 2.30p.m. Everybody welcome to honour and thank grandparents for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin – Ballina School Choir – Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'. All Welcome

The 16th Annual Young Adults Conference, All Hallows College, Gracepark Road, D9 on **Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd Sept.** The conference invites young adults to learn, share and discuss our Catholic faith. The schedule includes a host of exceptional speakers and group activities. Theme: "Know Mary, Know Jesus ... Dare to Believe!" 2 days non-residential: €50, Residential: €80. Meals included. Further information call Keith on 086-8899123 or Lucy on 087-9959803.
Legion of Mary Project

Recently Deceased

You are asked to remember in your Prayers

Patrick Tony Gray
May he enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



CAPUCHIN DAY CENTRE

Autumn Sale will be held at 58 Shanliss Way Santry on Sat. 2nd Sept. 11am. – 2pm. Stalls include cakes, gifts, toys, hand knitted jumpers, scarves, hats, tea cosies, & baby blankets, golf clubs, variety of lovely new clothes including jeans, jackets, handbags, shoes and a selection of jewellery. Donations of such items would be appreciated. Light Refreshments, Tea, Coffee & Soft Drinks available. Bro. Kevin Crowley (Director of the Centre) will be in attendance at the Sale and looks forward to seeing you there.

Fatima – Communion of Reparation on Five First Saturdays of each month –

On the 10th December 1925, Our Lady of Fatima promised Sister Lucia, one of the visionaries "... she would 'assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation if they fulfil her four requirements' -

- (1) Confession,
- (2) Receive Holy Communion,
- (3) Say five decades of the Holy Rosary,
- (4) Meditate for a quarter of an hour on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary (Separate from praying the Rosary).

Church Gate Collection:

This weekend the collection is for the **Little Sisters of the Poor.**
Next Sun. 4th Sept. the Church Gate Collection will be for the **Lourdes Invalid Fund.**

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 28th August	9.15a.m.	Tommy Gunn (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Tuesday 29th August	9.15a.m.	Jack and Anne O'Donoghue (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Rose Cordial, Maureen Kirby, Eileen Ní Mhuirí (Anniversaries)
Wednesday 30th August	9.15a.m.	Noel Comiskey (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Regina Witke (Anniversary)
Thursday 31st August	9.15a.m.	Peter Doggett (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 1st September	9.15a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
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Saturday 2nd Sept.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Christopher Moore, Frank McGeough, Marcus & Allie Balfe, John Cummins (Anniversaries)
Sunday 3rd Sept.	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Maureen Scahill, Richard Heaney, Maura Ward (Anniversaries)
	6.00p.m.	John Murtagh, Mary & Nicky Courage, Joanne & Bridget Connor (Anniversaries)
		Catherine Carrick, Jenny Gibson, Bill & Brian Denihan (Anniversaries)

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wednesday 30th Aug	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 1st Sept.	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead.
Sunday 3rd Sept.	10.00a.m.	Pat Dunne (Month's Mind)
		Francis Jones, Marlene Byrne, Anna Sakiz (Annivs.)

LOTTO

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 3 8 24 30 2nd Jackpot: 3 5 12 22

No Jackpot winner. The winners of the Seven Consolation prizes were:- B.&M. Brady: B. Curtin: H. McGeough: H. Goodwin: B.M.B. Tea Room: K. Reilly: A. Rundle.

Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €11,250 2nd Jackpot €2,000

Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25



St. Francis Hospice - Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning - Thursday 14th September - 25th Anniversary. To become a Host for this special Coffee Morning and to receive a morning pack please contact 832 7535 or register online at www.sfh.ie

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