

resonated deeply with them.

Let us pray in the coming week that we may be inspired by authentic preachers and teachers that may try to share the word of God with us and pray that Jesus may give us the courage and confidence to act on it in the different circumstances of our lives.

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### Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

*The Feast Day of Blessed Margaret Ball (patron of our Chapel of Ease in Santry) occurs this week, on Tuesday 30th January 2018.*



Margaret Bermingham, born in Skreen, Co. Meath C.1515 was married to Bartholomew Ball, a prosperous and important merchant. Margaret and Bartholomew had homes in Ballygall and on Merchant's Quay in Dublin. Margaret, who provided safe houses for hunted bishops and priests, often invited her eldest son, Walter to dine with them hoping for his re-conversion. He was elected Mayor in 1577. He had his crippled mother arrested and drawn through the streets on a wooden hurdle. She was imprisoned with terrible cruelty in Dublin Castle until her death in 1584.

### Prayer

*God our Father, in the life of Blessed Margaret Ball, you have given us a wonderful example of courage under persecution, of faithfulness to the Gospel, and of loyalty to the Church.*

*She laid down her life for the right of all people to live and worship in accordance with their consciences.*

*She died with forgiveness in her heart for those who had injured her or who differed from her in any way.*

*Through her intercession, may we be strengthened to act according to our own beliefs and to respect the beliefs of others.*

*Through her example, may we learn to banish bitterness from our hearts and to live together in peace and harmony in this county of ours.*

*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Blessed Margaret and the Irish Martyrs pray for us. Amen.*

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



Parish of Larkhill/Whitehall & Santry Parish Office: Church of the Holy Child,  
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th January 2018

In today's gospel we see Jesus at the beginning of his ministry. He commences it in quite a dramatic way by driving out a demon.


But what is most remembered from this text is the way he spoke to his audience. We are told that he taught them with authority unlike their regular preachers.

There is a real sense of turning over a chapter in the Gospel today. We have a new authentic voice who can speak with authority and bring healing to those in need. The message from Saint Mark is that something different is happening, there is a change of gear and a new direction.

In our lives we too can recall times when a new voice of authority entered our lives to encourage and inspire us. This may have been a teacher, a sports coach or perhaps a priest giving a retreat. Whatever the reason, their words caused us to sit up and to take notice and may have

caused our lives to go off in a new way. This, of course, may not have been a dramatic change, it may even have been a gradual one, but it was enough to cause us to think again about the decisions we have made and to consider doing things in a different way.




When I think back on voices of authority in my own life, I often recall nuns and priests who lived out the Christian life in a generous and life giving way. Many of them were missionaries who brought the word of God to far off places while others worked in pastoral ministry closer to home. But if I want to try to put my finger on what caused them stand out, it was the authority and confidence with which they went about their work. Some were teachers, others nurses or administrators and some priests or brothers. But what they all had in common was a belief in what they did and it was clear when meeting them that the word of God



**Church of the Holy Child**  
**Diamond Jubilee**  
 1957- 2017

**Book on sale now**  
**in the Parish Shop**  
**and at Reception in the Parish Centre**  
 Cost €5

**All proceeds will go**  
**towards a new Parish Organ**

**Thursday 1st February – St. Brigid’s Day**  
**Friday 2nd February Candlemas Day:**  
 Blessing of Candles will take place before the 9.15a.m. and 7.00p.m. Masses. Please leave candles in the Sacristy on Sunday with your name clearly on them.

**Friday 2nd February - First Friday**  
 Masses: Church of the Holy Child 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Blessed Margaret Ball 10a.m. Confessions before 9.15a.m. & 7pm. Masses on Thursday.


**Saturday 3rd February Feast of St. Blaise**  
 Blessing of Throats will take place at the 9.15a.m. and 7.00p.m. Masses in the Church of the Holy Child.

**Parish Calendar –** the Parish Calendar & Information Sheet is available at the doors of the Churches and at Reception in the Parish Centre. Please take one.

**Ministers of the Eucharist –** the roster for February is available for collection from the table in the reception area Parish Centre.

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

**Noel Monks Brendan Hickey**  
**Noel O’Reilly Andrew Rogan**  
**Eileen Kelly**




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

**Church Gate Collection**  
**Parish Pastoral Collection** will take place this weekend 27th/28th January 2018. The money we receive goes towards the training and requirements of all the Pastoral Teams. It ensures that each Team – the Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Team, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Baptism Team, R.C.I.A. Team, Funeral Ministry Team, Bethany Team, Family Mass Team, Adult Faith Team and not forgetting those involved in Music Ministry in both churches can be resourced and trained and therefore can give the best service to their ministry. **Could those who have agreed to help with this collection please come to the Sacristy before Mass this weekend and collect a basket. Many thanks for your continued help.**

**We welcome in Baptism:**

**Oliver Patrick Whelan**  
**Blake Rose Durnin**




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

**Laudate Festival 2018 Catholic Schools Week Tuesday 30th January at 7p.m.**  
**Our Lady of Victories Church**  
**Ballymun Rd.**

**Catholic Schools Week**  
**January 28 – February 3rd**  
 Theme Catholic Schools:  
 ‘Called to be a Family of Families.’

**Our Thanks –** The Priests of the Parish wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks all who have forwarded Christmas Dues. If you wish to receive an individual acknowledgement please contact the Parish Office.



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**  
 Last Tuesday’s winning numbers were:  
**1st Jackpot: 10 21 26 30 2nd Jackpot: 5 11 13 18**  
**No Jackpot Winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:**  
**H. Murphy: T. Colgan: M. & J. Stanley: S. Keegan: N. Fox: N. Lindsay: A. Diaz.**  
**Next Week’s Lotto: First Jackpot €2,000 Second Jackpot €2,000**  
**Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25**

**Cistercian Vocations Weekend:** Friday 9th to Sunday 11th February. Venue: St. Mary’s Abbey, Glencairn, Lismore, Co. Waterford. Visit [www.glencairnabbey.org](http://www.glencairnabbey.org)

**Inter-Church Service on the occasion of the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking.** Thursday 8th February 2018. 19.30p.m.-20.30. St Paul’s Church, Arran Quay, Dublin Side Entrance.

**Life to the Full (Jn 10:10) Book Club**  
**Young People 20s & 30s** Join other young people to meditate, share and discuss life to the full. They read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect their thoughts every Thursday from 7.00p.m. to 8.30p.m. in St. Paul’s Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7.  
 Email : [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie)

<u>Mass Intentions for the coming week</u> <u>Church of the Holy Child</u>		
<b>Monday 29th Jan.</b>	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Annie & Jack Morrissey (Anniversaries)
<b>Tuesday 30th Jan.</b>	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Joe Kearney & Des Byrne (Anniversaries)
<b>Wednesday 31st Jan.</b>	9.15a.m.	Valerie McDonald (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Catherine Gilmer, Ben Philpott (Anniversaries)
<b>Thursday 1st Feb.</b>	9.15a.m.	Neighbours & Friends of the late Rita Lynch R.I.P.
	7.00p.m.	Margaret Matthews (Anniversary)
<b>Friday 2nd Feb.</b>	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Altar List of the Dead
<b>Saturday 3rd Feb.</b>	10.00a.m.	Pauline McCarthy (Anniversary)
	Vigil	7.00p.m. Tommy Murray, Eileen Jackson (Anniversaries) Mary & John Halpin, Paul Conlon (Anniversaries) Judy Noonan (Birthday Remembrance R.I.P.)
<b>Sunday 4th Feb.</b>	8.30a.m.	Sheila Reilly (Anniversary)
	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Gretta Dominic Coll (Anniversary) Josephine Garland (Anniversary)
	6.00p.m.	Robert Power (Anniversary)
<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>		
<b>Wednesday 31st Jan</b>	10.00a.m.	Available for Intentions
<b>Friday 2nd Feb.</b>	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
<b>Sunday 4th Feb.</b>	10.00a.m.	Rita Kennedy (Month’s Mind.) Desmond Bourke, Bob Farrar (Anniversaries)