

journey of faith.

Throughout the Gospels, there are many examples of Jesus at prayer most notably in the Garden of Gethsemane. He also encouraged his disciples to go to a lonely place to pray and, when they asked him how to pray, Jesus gave us the Our Father.

In our Gospel today, Jesus gives us the Our Father. It focuses, in the first instance, on God and then on our own needs. We acknowledge who God is and, in the second part, who we are before God. It is a prayer that shows us what is at the heart of all prayer.

Brother John of Taizé says of the Our Father: *“They want to learn Jesus’s prayer. In other words, they wish to be introduced into his own particular relationship with God. We cannot fail to be struck by two things: first, its utter simplicity – it is almost a child’s prayer.”*

When we pray the Our Father, we say “Give us this day our daily bread”. In other words, we pray for the things that we genuinely need. Let us pray today for the graces and blessings that we genuinely need in our lives in whatever way God may decide to send them to us.

We can say the Our Father so frequently that we can often skip over its meaning. In this prayer, Jesus tells us that we can ask for divine assistance through our prayers as we try to do the best we can in our lives. And that is all that Jesus expects of us.

Father Donal Neary offers this beautiful reflection on the benefits of prayer for us all:

“For any time we give to prayer, we get something. We are transformed. St Ignatius speaks of the effect of prayer – an increase in faith, hope and love. We may not get the specific intention but we always get the Holy Spirit. I have never left prayer the poorer than when I began. In the knocking at the door itself something is opened. In asking and seeking we get something. The first gift of prayer is the love of God. Other gifts follow.”

I would like to wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Gerard Reilly

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PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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The summer may also allow us to spend a little more time with

We are now almost half way through holiday months of July and August when schools are closed and people can enjoy more free time. Some of us may be fortunate enough to be going away for a week or so and others may be staying closer to home. Whatever our circumstances, it is very important to have some “down time” over the next few weeks as our regular commitments may become less demanding and hopefully the weather will remain sunny so that we can enjoy the longer evenings and hopefully continued sunshine. Last Monday, it was 25 degrees in Dublin as hot as Gran Canaria!

I was down in Co. Meath last weekend and it was wonderful to see all the flowers and trees in full bloom. There is something wonderful about being able to smell the sweet scents of summer flowers

Jesus whether at Mass, at prayer or reading the scriptures. When we are going out for a walk perhaps near our beautiful nearby Dublin coastline, or the National Botanic Gardens or sitting in our back garden, it can be a great opportunity to return to a favourite reading in the bible or perhaps one of the Sunday readings and reflect on what God may be saying to us during these lovely summer days.

It may be to step back from life a little bit and to be present to God even for a few brief moments of prayer and reflection. We can really benefit from being present to Jesus in prayer and to invite him to assist us and to give us the graces we need for our

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th September 2019

Hotel Solitude ** 5 Nights Full Board**

Fully Inclusive Price €759 per person sharing.

(single room €180 supplement)

Travelling in conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage.

For more information and to book please contact Anne
in the Parish Office Tel: 01 8375274



Lough Derg – A one day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Saturday 24th August 2019: Coach from Holy Child Church Whitehall at 6.30a.m. Cost €60 includes Return Fare & Stay on Island, morning tea/coffee, light lunch. Concluding with Mass at 3.00p.m. A deposit of €20 is required. For more information contact Marie McAllister 01 842 5678 086 3990998

We welcome in Baptism:

Grace Rose Purdue

Isla Lynsey Tucker

Lily Angela Hand

We pray that these newly baptised children will always know and love Jesus as their friend.



Friday 2nd August - First Friday

Schedule of Masses: Church of the Holy Child – 9.15a.m. and 7.00p.m.

Confessions on Thursday after the 9.15a.m. Mass and before the 7.00p.m. Mass.

Ministers of the Eucharist: The Roster for August is now available in the Parish Centre on the table near Reception Area.



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

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your

Prayers: Michael Gray

Kathleen Carney, Ann Cox

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



Church Collection 7/7/2019

1st Collection €1,389

SHARE €1,365

Family Envelope –

Church Collection 14/7/2019

1st Collection €1,485

SHARE €1,305

Family Envelope €2,350

Church Collection 21/07/2019

1st Collection €1,500

SHARE €1,500

Family Envelope €360

Many thanks for your continued Generosity.

Triduum - St. Maximilian Kolbe:

Fairview parish will hold a three-day Triduum in honour of St. Maximilian Kolbe, O.F.M. Conv. in the Church of the Visitation, Fairview from Monday 12th August - Wednesday 14th August the Feast day of St. Maximilian. The solemn act of consecration of Mary Immaculate and the Blessing of the relic of St. Maximilian will take place each day at the end of the 10.00a.m. Mass. All most welcome.

Young Adult Catholic Conference

Seek Beauty; Find Truth - Mary guide our hearts

August 31st & September 1st 2019

All Hallows' College, Drumcondra

For further information visit www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com

A Legion of Mary Project

Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 2 5 23 26 2nd Jackpot: 6 13 14 23 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:

H. McGeogh; P. Hardiman; E. McBrien; R. McCormack;

B. Screene; R. Joyce; L. Hooper.

Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,400

Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25



Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Mon. 29th July	9.15a.m. Thanksgiving 7.00p.m. James O'Grady (1st Anniversary)
Tues. 30th July	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Wed. 31st July	9.15a.m. Joseph, Annie & John McDonagh (Anniversaries) James Fitzpatrick (Birthday Remembrance) The Fitzpatrick Family 7.00p.m. Elizabeth & Anthony Flynn (Anniversary)
Thurs. 1st Aug.	9.15a.m. Marie Scorer (1st Anniversary) Anne O'Flynn (Anniversary) 7.00p.m. Marie Scorer (1st Anniversary) Joe & Eileen Noonan (Anniversaries)
Fri. 2nd Aug.	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Altar List of the Dead
Sat. 3rd Aug.	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Vigil	7.00p.m. Anna Hogg (Month's Mind) Frank & Mary Fortune (Anniversaries) Michael Murray (Anniversary) Thomas Doyle (Anniversary)
Sun. 4th Aug.	11.15a.m. Thomas Power (Month's Mind) 12.30p.m. Kathleen Evans (Month's Mind) Edward, Karen & Aidan Murray & Gary Henry (Annivs) Anne Carmel Duff (R.I.P.) 6.00p.m. Available for Intention
<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>	
Wed. 31st July	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Sun. 4th Aug.	10.00a.m. Available for Intention

Search: A man who became unconscious circa 7.30p.m. on the 9th January and collapsed on the left side of Swords Road past the flyover bridge coming from the Omni Centre wishes to contact the man who came to his aid to thank him. He may possibly have saved his life. Details to the Parish Office.

Thanks:

The Holy Rosary Sisters wish to thank Parishioners who contributed so generously to their recent Church gate collection.

The Church Gate Collection this weekend will be for St. Michael's House