

reminds me most of the lady I saw.”

In some ways, the story of Lourdes really begins at the Rue de Bac in Paris in 1830. Our Lady appeared to St Catherine Laboure in the convent chapel and asked that a medal of the Immaculate Conception, or Miraculous Medal, be created and that devoted to it be spread throughout the world. St Catherine was a member of the Daughters of Charity which was co-founded by St Vincent de Paul and St Louise de Marillac, both of whose work has had an enduring influence for the good of the less well off in Ireland.

Later, Pope Pius IX declared the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 after consulting with over 600 bishops around the world. Remarkably, only four years later in 1858 Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette in Lourdes and declared “I am the Immaculate Conception.” This confirmed the validity of what Pope Pius had done only four years earlier.

We also have the extraordinary witness of St Therese of Lisieux who gave us her “little way” of trusting in God. She is Patroness of the Missions despite never leaving the Carmelite convent in Lisieux. This shows the importance of prayer for missionary work and, of course, missions are much closer to home in our times. In every parish, including our own, there are people who would benefit from experiencing the love of God in the different circumstances of their lives. Let us pray to St Therese that we will be instruments of God’s grace to others and encourage them on their journey of faith.

There is a remarkable tradition of faith and spirituality in France and this can nurture and encourage our faith today here in Whitehall parish. In many cases, it was the simple faith of ordinary people, that allowed God to work in an extraordinary way and show his love for our world. May we all be able to play our part in this great work. Gerard Reilly

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“Eldest daughter of the Church”

28th October 2018

France has been described as the “eldest daughter of the Church” due to its strong tradition of Christian devotion and spirituality down through the centuries. We can think of ancient pilgrimage sites such as Rocamadour where grateful seafarers gave thanks in the Chapelle of Notre Dame for being saved from shipwrecks. There is an ancient statue of Our Lady there which has been venerated for well over 1,000 years.

In Ireland, we are familiar with the devotion to the Sacred Heart. This began in the 17th century when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received a number of visions in the Visitation Convent in Paray le Monial. These apparitions led to the First Friday devotions to which many of you are familiar. The Sacred Heart is also the inspiration for the

Pioneer Association. It reflects the love at the heart of Christ for all humanity. St Margaret Mary’s Spiritual Director, St Claude Colombiere, a Jesuit, was canonised by St John Paul II in 1992, following his visit to Paray le Monial in 1986.

We are all familiar with the story of St Bernadette in Lourdes but perhaps a little less so with dozen or so years she later spent in Nevers where she worked in the infirmary as a member of the Daughters of Charity of Nevers. Following her beatification in 1925, her body was moved to the convent chapel where it now rests.

In the convent garden in Nevers, there is a statue of Our Lady of the Waters where St Bernadette would often go to pray. She said: “It is she who

Annual November Remembrance Mass
Friday, 9th November 2018 at 7.00p.m. in the
Church of the Holy Child



For all parishioners and friends who have died since November 2017.
 At this Mass each person who has died will be remembered by name.
 All are welcome especially family and friends.

LOTTO Please Support your Parish Lotto


Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
 1st Jackpot: 2 9 13 29 2nd Jackpot: 5 14 21 25
No Jackpot winner.
 The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were: M. Noone: P. Moore:
 J. Coleman: M. Mullery: T. McCabe: T. Madden: Mary Cronin.
 Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €11,750 Second Jackpot €900
Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25



Sunday 21st October 2018
Church Collections

1st Collection €2,070.00
 Share Collection €2,730.00
 Family Offering €810.00
 Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

We welcome in Baptism:
River-Rae Reilly Lock
Rosalie Jean Collins
Barry Luke Collins
Dylan Doyle Walsh



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

Thursday, 1st November
Feast of All Saints
Holiday of Obligation
Mass Schedule: Holy Child: 9.15a.m.,
11.15a.m. and 7.00p.m.
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
10.00a.m.

The Miscarriage Association of Ireland
Annual Service of Remembrance
 St. Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue Off
 South Circular Road, Dublin 8.
 Sunday 11th November 2018 at 3.00p.m.
 All parents, siblings, grandparents & others
 affected by the loss of a baby are very
 welcome to attend, regardless of whether the
 loss was recent or long ago.

Friday 2nd November – First Friday
& Feast of All Souls
Mass Schedule- Church of the Holy
Child. 9.15am. & 7pm
 Confessions on Thursday after 9.15am.
 Mass and before the 7pm. Mass

Parish Preparation
Programme for the
Sacrament of Confirmation

Each young person
 preparing for Confirmation
 has been invited to take on
 the responsibility of a Youth
 Ministry. So we are
 delighted to now have new members joining
 the **Young Ministers of the Word, Altar**
Servers, Ministry of Welcome and the
Youth Choir.



November Dead list - Altar List of the
 Dead envelopes are provided at the
 doors of the Churches. We invite you to
 complete and return to the Sacristan or
 leave in the Church safes. All Masses on
 the First Friday of each month are
 offered for all names on the Altar List of
 the Dead

Recently Deceased:
 You are asked to remember in
 your Prayers— Maura O'Reilly
 James McCabe, Johanna Lombard
 Kathleen Gibson, John Fay
May they enjoy perfect peace
and reconciliation in the presence of God.



Mass Intentions for the coming week
Church of the Holy Child

Mon. 29th Oct.	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention Public Holiday. No evening Mass.
Tues. 30th Oct.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention May O'Reilly (Anniversary)
Wed. 31st Oct.	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Vigil for All Saints	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Thurs. 1st Nov.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	All Saint's Day Eileen Torphy, Alice Noonan (Anniversaries)
Fri. 2nd Nov.	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Altar List of he Dead Altar List of the Dead
Sat. 3rd Nov.	10.00a.m. 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention Julie Hogg (Month's Mind) Alice & Frank Heron (Anniversaries) Tomás Holt (Anniversary)
Sun. 4th Nov..	11.15a.m. 12.30p.m.	People of the Parish Patrick & Catherine Hammond (Anniversaries) Thomas Murran (Anniversary)
	6.00p.m.	Available for intention
		<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>
Wed. 31st Oct.	10.00a.m.	Jack Reilly (Anniversary)
Sun. 4th Nov.	10.00a.m.	Betty & Thomas Mulvaney (Anniversaries) Patrick & Esther Whelan (Anniversaries) Jim Hayden (Anniversary)

Do you want to help children reach their potential? - Barnardos are seeking extra adult volunteers aged 55 years and older who have lots of life experience and an enjoyment of reading for their volunteer reading programme for primary schools based in Finglas, Dublin 11. Volunteers provide one to one reading sessions to children in 1st & second class who need some extra help with their reading. Further information: Tel. 01 7080431 – 086 8570112

Mindfulness – Give Yourself some Breathing Space: Join Dr. Anne O' Reilly Thursday 8,15, 22, 29. Nov, and 6 & 13 Dec. Cost €90. Venue Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith & Dialogue, Holy Faith Sisters, Old Finglas Road, Glasnevin. Further info. 01 7879364.