

embodiment of what Francis of Assisi was explaining in his prayer.

Reflecting on this Gospel, Father Donal Neary makes the following point:

"This story of Jesus highlights the inequality of rich and poor. Jesus appeals to our sense of justice, right and goodness. There is no need for anyone to come back from the dead to warn us of this inequality. Those outside can only knock, protest and even break down doors. The doors must be opened from the inside."

Father Donal goes on to say:

"This message of justice and hope for an equal share of the world's goods for everyone is strong in the gospel of Jesus. His heart was on fire with the hope of a better life for the poor. He went to help them simply because they were poor."

He concludes by saying:

"The Christian Church, if it is to be faithful to the gospel, should be involved in many ways in the creation of a more just world. The Christian parish takes special care for the refugee, the new poor, the unborn, the elderly, and in fact all whose voices may not be usually heard."

The message of today's Gospel can be summed up in the words spoken to Pope Francis by the Brazillian Cardinal Claudio Hummes shortly after he was elected when he said: *"Do not forget the poor."* We may have different responses depending on our circumstances. Some of us can contribute to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection which goes directly to those in need in our community while others may be able to give some of their free time to assist them (or a different charity) with their very worthwhile work. And when we encounter people in need, like Pope Francis, we should always treat them with dignity and respect.

Let us pray that in the coming week we can reach out to the poor when we meet them and offer them the time, support and assistance that Jesus is challenging us to do today. Gerard Reilly

Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes

The Family Mass Sunday 12.30p.m. - Are you interested in joining one of the Youth Ministry Teams? **The Youth Choir**, the **Young Ministers of the Word** and the **Altar Servers** all are recruiting new Members. Full training will be given.

If you are interested please speak with a member of the Family Mass Team on Sunday before or after the 12.30p.m. Mass or contact Anne in the Parish Office – 01 8375274.



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



PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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"The Lord is constantly calling out to us in and through each other."

29th September 2019

Today's gospel gives us an important insight into the inequality between rich and poor people. Jesus is telling us today that we can learn more from the poor than we can ever possibly teach them. We can reach out to them not only with our financial resources but also with our time, our talents and our support.

In the Gospel parable, the rich man is concerned about his siblings but, while on earth, ignored his brother in need.

The scripture scholar, Father Martin Hogan describes this as a story about a lack of communication between two individuals. In our world today, there are many ways to communicate with email and social media but do we place enough value on personal interaction, especially with those in need? The poor man needed support from the rich man but he had no desire to communicate with him. He was indifferent, took no notice and isolates himself from the suffering of his poorer brother.

In life after death, the reality of the

rich man's true poverty becomes clear. The tables are turned and he becomes the person in need. If he responded more generously to the poor man, he may have found a path to genuine riches.

In the prayer of St Francis of Assisi we are reminded that *"it is in giving that we receive"*. From our own experience, there are many times when we assist others, we can get greater benefit than anything that we can offer them in return.

As Father Martin Hogan says: *"The Lord is constantly calling out to us in and through each other."*

Father Martin says that this is the path to genuine riches, to the fullness of life for us all, both now and in the life hereafter. I was reminded of this on the recent Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes when it was inspiring to watch the volunteers assisting the sick pilgrims. The care and attention that they provided was quite extraordinary and it was wonderful to see them returning year after year. This is surely the

Parish Pastoral Council Assembly, Wednesday 16th October 2019

As the term of the current 3rd Pastoral Council for the parish of Larkhill/Whitehall/Santry commissioned in December 2014 is coming to an end, a Parish Assembly will be held on **Wednesday, 16th October 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Pastoral Centre** to commence the process of forming the 4th PPC of our parish. We look forward to seeing a very good turnout on the night where you will have the opportunity to think about putting your name forward or voting for another parishioner, talk to members of the current PPC, who can answer any questions you may have and hear more about the election process for the formation of the next Parish Council. I look forward to seeing you there.

Noreen O'Prey – Chairperson

Parish Pastoral Collection

The Parish Pastoral Collection will take place this weekend 28th/29th September. The money we receive goes to the training and requirements of all the Pastoral Teams in our Parish. Could those who have agreed to help with this collection please come to the Sacristy before Mass and collect a basket? Our sincere thanks for your continued help with this Parish Collection. If anyone is interested in helping to collect for this collection could they please contact the **Parish Office Tel: 837 5274.**

Friday 4th October 2019 - First Friday

Mass Schedule - Church of the Holy Child - 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.
Confessions on Thursday after the 9.15a.m. Mass & before the 7.00p.m. Mass.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

The Roster for October is now available in the Reception Area of the Parish Centre

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

**Annie Gallagher
Harry Callan**

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



Church Collection 22/9/2019

1st Collection	€1,653
SHARE	€1,425
Family Envelope	€905

Blessing of Animals



Don't forget, in honour of St. Francis, whose feast day is Friday 4th October, all pets will be blessed underneath the Bell Tower **next Sunday 6th October after the 12.30p.m. Mass.** St. Francis embraced poverty and preached the love of God to all. In 1221 while praying at La Verna, he received the wounds of the crucified Lord which caused him great pain in his final years. **Remember to bring your pets along for the special blessing.**

**Ireland's Greatest Voices
The Three Tenors in concert
Friday, 22nd Nov. 2019 at 8.00p.m. in the
Church of the Holy Child**

Tickets €25 – Available from the Parish Centre and the Church Shop.
'Feel Good' Popular Classic Hits from Sinatra, Bob Dylan, the Dubliners and Pavarotti.
Christmas favourites 'O Holy Night' 'Silent Night' 'Ave Maria'.
All the songs you love!!



Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 1 4 6 16 2nd Jackpot: 8 13 20 24 No Jackpot winner.
The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: M. & D. Hanrahan; B. & M. Brady; J. Killoran; J. Virgoe; J. Smith; G. Bergin; J. Fitzgibbon.
Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,850
Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25 and 5 Special prizes of €100.



Mass Intentions from the 28th September 2019 Church of the Holy Child

Sat. 28th Sept.	10.00a.m.	Special Intention- speedy recovery
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Julie Hogg - 1st Anniversary John & Mary Leahy, Maria Hanlon – Anniversaries
Sunday 29th Sept.	11.15a.m.	Elizabeth (Betty) Power - 1st Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Anne Carmel Duff - R.I.P.
	6.00p.m.	Patrick Walsh Anniversary
Mon 30th Sept	9.15a.m.	Intentions of all who sympathised & supported the family of recently deceased Rachel Partridge.
	7.00p.m.	Deceased members of the White Family Special Intention
Wed. 2nd Oct.	7.00p.m.	Liam O'Brien – Anniversary
Thurs. 3rd Oct.	9.15a.m.	Maureen McLoughlin – Memorial Mass
Fri. 4th Oct.	9.15a.m.	Mona O' Donoghue – Birthday Remembrance
Sat. 5th Oct. Vigil	7.00p.m.	Martin Philbin 1st Anniversary Noel Kirwan, Michael Walsh - Anniversaries
Sun. 6th Oct	11.15a.m	Jimmy Moran – Month's Mind Ann Carmel Duff – Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Maureen O'Reilly – Month's Mind
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball		
Sun 29th Sept	10.00a.m.	Doris & Patty Curtis – Birthday Remem. & Annivs. Madeline Doherty – 1st Anniversary Bernard & Dorothy Keyes – Anniversaries
Wed 2nd Oct	10.00a.m.	Deceased members of the Malone & Mitchell Families
Sun 6th Oct	10.00a.m.	Sean McAllister & babies Deborah, Mary Ann & John – Anniversaries

Invitation

Brother Seán Kelly OFM Cap

Minister Provincial of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars
Invites you to join them as they celebrate the Transitus of our Holy Father St. Francis of Assisi
**St. Mary of the Angels -Church Street
Thursday, 3rd October at 8p.m.**
Followed by hospitality in the Capuchin Day Centre

"Walk while you Can" Inspired by the late Fr. Tony Coote, in support of Irish Motor Neurone Disease Ass. 'Walk while you Can' will take place from the Church in Lusk on Sun Oct 13th at 12.30p.m. – those taking part are asked to walk 5K or less to support the charity. Light refreshments provided in Parish Centre Lusk after