

not show survivors of whatever kind of abuse, compassion, and seeking of justice and truth through concrete actions. We ask forgiveness.

3. We ask forgiveness for some members of the Church's hierarchy who did not take charge of these painful situations and kept quiet. We ask forgiveness.
4. We ask forgiveness for all those times when many single mothers were told that to seek their children who had been separated from them, and the same being said to daughters and sons themselves, that this was a mortal sin. This is not a mortal sin.

We ask forgiveness.

Lord, sustain and increase this state of shame, and give us the strength to work for justice. Amen."

I think these words really speak powerfully for themselves. It's important for us all to reflect on what the Pope had to say. We thank God for his successful visit and the many significant gestures and remarks that he made.

In particular, it was wonderful to see him visit the Capuchin Day Centre and to acknowledge the wonderful work done by Brother Kevin Crowley over so many years for the less well off in our city.

Pope Francis said: *"They help you without taking away your dignity....that's the face of Jesus Christ."*

Brother Kevin was quoted by RTE as follows:

"Wherever Pope Francis went he always made sure the poor were his priority and I think that is one of the greatest gifts for us here today that the Pope came to visit the centre and showed his great love for the poor and for the homeless."

On his way home on the Aer Lingus plane, Pope Francis told the media who travelled with him that he *"found much faith in Ireland...the country is in the process of healing and the Irish people have faith, lots of faith."* Let us thank God for the Pope's presence amongst us last week and for his words of inspiration, challenge and encouragement. May we all go forward in faith together with confidence. Gerard Reilly
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2nd September 2018

We all have different memories of Pope Francis's historic visit to Ireland last week. I would like to briefly reflect on what were for me two memorable moments: the Pope's remarks in the Phoenix Park on abuse and his visit to the Capuchin Day Centre.

If you were present at the Phoenix Park mass on Sunday or watched it on television or on the internet, you will have heard his comments about the abuse crisis which he made during the Penitential Rite of the mass. They were handwritten and have been widely reported in the media.

The Pope's prayer was translated by his interpreter Monsignor Mark Miles and has been published online by the Diocese of Elphin.

Pope Francis spoke as follows:

"Yesterday, I met with eight survivors who have suffered

abuse of power, conscience, and also sexual abuse. Taking up on what they said to me, I want to place before the mercy of the Lord these crimes, and ask forgiveness for them.

1. We ask forgiveness for the abuses in Ireland, abuses of power, conscience, and sexual abuse perpetrated by members with roles of responsibility in the Church. In a special way we ask pardon for all the abuses committed in various types of institutions run by male or female religious and by other members of the Church, and we ask forgiveness for those cases of exploitation through manual work that so many women and men were subjected to. We ask forgiveness.

2. We ask forgiveness for the times that as a Church we did



Words of welcome given by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin at the opening of Mass at the conclusion of the 2018 World Meeting of Families. "Thirty-nine years ago, over a million Irish people gathered around this Cross for the Mass celebrated by your predecessor Pope Saint John Paul. It was an historical moment.



It is commonplace to say that today you come to a different Ireland. The Church in Ireland has gone through challenging times. People have been wounded in the depth of their being by Church people; people's faith has been challenged and the Church of Jesus Christ has been wounded.

This Cross which dominates our gathering today is a symbol. It was probably never intended to be a permanent memorial. There were times when people asked that it be removed. There were times when this Cross appeared starkly isolated in the bleakness of an Irish winter.

In these years Ireland has had its winter moments but also its moments of spring. Those of us who know what an Irish winter is like – and we have had good experience of that this year – know also what happens when the first rays of spring sun emerge. Ireland changes. Today we gather around the same cross in the hope of a spring for the Irish Church. We look towards a spring sun that does not wish to cover up the harshness of dark days. We wish rather to help families realise anew that the future of Ireland needs the light of the message of Jesus Christ to reappear in all its simplicity and hopefulness.

It may seem a paradox for me to say in the same breath that the faith in Ireland is strong and that faith in Ireland is fragile. There is an intrinsic fragility in faith can steer us away from arrogance and self-centredness and as our Gospel reading will remind us, to journey with Jesus even when others "stop going with him".

Friday 7th September – First Friday
Mass Schedule – Church of the Holy Child 9.15a.m. and 7.00p.m.
Chapel of Margaret Ball; 10.00a.m.
Confessions on Thursday after the 9.15a.m. Mass and before the 7.00p.m. Mass.

Volunteers are needed to help in the Church Shop on Sunday mornings, before and after the Sunday 11.15a.m. Mass, once every four weeks. Please leave your name & address in the sacristy or office if you would like to volunteer Tel: 01 8375274 Thank you.

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers –

Mary O’Riordan
Patrick Carroll
Julia Burns
John Morrin



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

Blessing for Expectant Mothers:

A Special Blessing for expectant Mothers will take place on Wed. 19th Sept. 2018 at 8.00pm in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Artane.

Volunteer in Your Community – Highfield Healthcare, Swords Road, Whitehall & Hampstead Avenue, Glasnevin. Help required. More information & application forms Tel: Helen Hennessy, 837 4444

LOTTO Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were

1st Jackpot: 1 8 12 24 2nd Jackpot: 1 9 24 26 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the 7 prizes of €25 were: F. McMahon: S. Bolton: A. MacDonald: A. Langan: M. Noone: P. Doyle: N. MacGabhann.

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €9,750 Second Jackpot €500

7 Consolation Prizes of €25 plus 5 Special Prizes of €100

Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage: The Catholic Grandparents Association's Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 9th September in Knock Shrine at 2.30pm. Everybody welcome to honour & thank grandparents for all they have done down through the ages. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio. Special Guest Dana will sing 'Our Lady of Knock'. 085 8704722

Whitehall College of Further Education – Returning to work? Need to upskill? Places still available on many courses in Whitehall College of Further Education, Mobhi Road, Dublin 9. Telephone Barbara Forde or Cathy Kelly at 01 8376011. Walk in interview Monday to Friday 9.00a.m. – 3.00p.m.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Monday 3rd Sept.	9.15a.m. Special Intention
	7.00p.m. Catherine Carrick
Tuesday 4th Sept.	9.15a.m. Frank & Nora McGreavey (Anniversaries)
	7.00p.m. Michael & Margaret Smith (Anniversaries)
Wed. 5th Sept.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention
	7.00p.m. Michael Murphy (Anniversary)
Thurs. 6th Sept.	9.15a.m. Available for Intention
	7.00p.m. Bill, Eithne & Brian Denihan
Friday 7th Sept	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Altar List of the Dead
Sat. 8th Sept.	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Vigil	7.00p.m. Teresa Moriarty (1st Anniversary)
	Mary Bowes & John Duffy (Anniversaries)
Sunday 9th Sept.	11.15a.m. People of the Parish
	12.30p.m. Anne Carmel Duff (1st Anniversary)
	Alice Gibney, Angela & Michael Barbour & Maura Ward (Anniversaries)
	6.00p.m. Available for Intention

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wed. 5th Sept	10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Fri 7th Sept	10.00a.m. Altar List of the Dead
Sun. 2nd Sept.	10.00a.m. Kay Black (Anniversary)
	Frances Jones, Anna Sakiz and Marlene Byrne (Anniversaries)