

he reaches out to people on the margins to show that God genuinely cares for them.

The people of Nazareth are certainly not showing Jesus the love that Saint Paul speaks about. Reading it immediately afterwards, it certainly comes as a stark contrast. They may have thought that Jesus would perform miracles for his neighbours but, as we see elsewhere in the Gospels, he cannot do so due to their lack of faith.

In response to their attitude, we are told that Jesus *“slipped through the crowd and walked away.”* In our own lives too, there are times when we also have to walk away from certain situations where our presence or perhaps our faith may not be appreciated or respected. Jesus is telling us here that sometimes it’s right to step back and to save our energy for another day or for more important matters.

As you know, we are preparing for a synod in Rome next year. There will be consultations in our parishes over the coming months. Pope Francis said the following about the Synod recently using the imagery of music and choirs:

*“A synodal process has just been launched. Let us pray that it will be a great opportunity to listen to one another. Communion, in fact, is not the result of strategies and programmes, but is built in mutual listening between brothers and sisters. As in a choir, unity does not require uniformity, monotony, but the plurality and variety of voices, polyphony. At the same time, each voice in the choir sings while listening to the other voices and in relation to the harmony of the whole. This harmony is conceived by the composer, but its realization depends on the symphony of each and every voice.”*

He concluded by adding the following remarks:

*“With the awareness that we participate in a communion that precedes and includes us, we can rediscover a symphonic Church, in which each person is able to sing with his or her own voice, welcoming the voices of others as a gift to manifest the harmony of the whole that the Holy Spirit composes.”*

We are grateful that our parish choirs can return, even in limited numbers, as they add so much to our liturgies. Our Celtic Spring begins on Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup> and, particularly this year, we can really appreciate new buds on trees, the flowers and longer days to come. The renewal of life and of nature which gives us hope despite our recent challenges. I wish you all a blessed and prayerful Springtime.

*Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes*

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# NEWSLETTER



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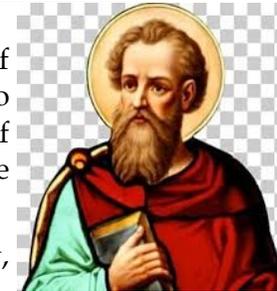
**30th January 2022**

He does not come to an end. It is certainly something for us all to aspire to.

Earlier this week, we celebrated the Feast day of Saint Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles and the author of many of the letters in the New Testament.

In our second reading today, we have one of his most frequently read passages which is often used at weddings including my own.

It has been described as Saint Paul’s great hymn to love. The scripture scholar Father Martin Hogan has suggested that if the word “love” in this reading was replaced with the word “Jesus” we would have a great portrait of Christ himself. Jesus is always patient and kind, he is never jealous or boastful or conceited, is never rude or selfish. He does not take offence and is not resentful: he takes no pleasure in other peoples’ sins. He delights in the truth and is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to ensure whatever comes.



The Carmelite Saint, John of the Cross, once said: *“In the evening of life we will be judged on love alone”*. I think these words perfectly describe the challenge for each and every one of us as we reflect on this reading today.

Our Gospel today is a continuation of last Sunday where Jesus has been preaching in his hometown of Nazareth. Initially, he is well received. We are told that: *“All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.”*

However, this favourable impression does not last long. Jesus refers to two stories from the Hebrew Scriptures from Elijah and Elisha where God came to the assistance of people who were on the peripheries. This is a theme that Pope Francis often returns to where

**Forthcoming Feast days**

**February 1st 2022** - Feast of St. Brigid – is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c.454. The St Brigid’s cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God’s protection.

**February 2nd 2022** - The Presentation of the Lord & World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary the Mother of the Lord. Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate Mass Sat 5th Feb at 11.00a.m. to mark World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. This will be an online event and you can join via webcam at [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)

**February 3rd 2022** - Feast of St. Blaise. He died in 315, Bishop of Sebaste, martyr. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a Bishop. Since the 8th century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

**Volunteers needed for the Parish Centre** – To successfully reopen the Parish Centre volunteers are needed to help with moving tables, putting out the bowling mats, helping in the Coffee Shop and a little light cleaning etc. If you have any time to spare and would be interested in helping us please contact Tina at 01 8375274



**Ministers of the Eucharist**

The Roster for February is now available in the Parish Centre on the table at Reception



**Anniversary Frame** – If your loved one has an anniversary coming up please consider giving their name to the Sacristan. It will be put in the Anniversary Frame, placed on the Altar and prayed for at all Sunday Masses.

**We welcome in Baptism:**

Dawson Paul Neary  
O’Rourke

*May this child always know and love Jesus as his friend*



**Lourdes Novena :**  
“With Mary as our Companion”

Join the community of the Oblate Church of Mary Immaculate, for their annual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. Starting on the 2nd Feb. and concluding with the Feast of Our Lady of Our Lady of Lourdes on the 11th Feb. Limited capacity in Church but the parish would welcome those outside the parish on their parish website [www.oblateparishinchicore.ie](http://www.oblateparishinchicore.ie)

**First Friday 4th February 2022**  
**Mass Schedule – Church of the Holy Child-** 9.15a.m.

**Recently Deceased:**

You are asked to remember in your Prayers –  
Elizabeth Keegan  
Craig Thomas Boylan  
Martin Malone



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

**Covid -19 Support Line for Older People**  
ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to Covid – 19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. This support line is open seven days a week 8a.m. – 8p.m. by calling 0818 222 024.



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last weeks’ results :

1st Jackpot 6 24 28 29      2nd Jackpot 14 21 28 30

No Jackpot winners.

The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows:

C. Murray, L. Lawlor, N. & C. McDonnell, K. Murphy, D. Devine,  
M. Maher & J. Caul

Next weeks’ Prizes are as follows; 1st Jackpot €15,000

2nd Jackpot €1,450 Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25.

Envelopes available at the church doors and in the Parish Centre.

Entries must be received by 9.45a.m on Tuesday morning. Results will be published at the Church doors and in the Parish newsletter.



**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

Sat 29th Jan 7.00p.m.

John Keely – Anniversary  
Frank & Olive Heron – Anniversaries  
James Kane – Anniversary  
Patricia & Dylan Gaffney – Anniversaries  
Patrick Hannigan & Robert & Josephine Redmond – Anniv.

Sun 30th Jan 10.30a.m.

Jim McGarry -Recently Deceased Anne Molloy – Anniv.

12.30p.m

Mary Keogh – Anniversary  
Robert Smith – Month’s Mind  
Des Leech – Anniversary

Mon 31st Jan 9.15a.m.

Catherine Gilmer – Anniversary

Tues 1st Feb 9.15a.m.

Available for Intention

Wed 2nd Feb 9.15a.m.

Available for Intention

Thurs 3rd Feb 9.15a.m.

Available for Intention

Fri 4th Feb 9.15a.m.

Altar List of the Dead

Sat 5th Feb 7.00p.m.

Eileen Herbert – 1st Anniversary  
Sydney Herbert – 1st Anniversary  
Joe Kearney – Anniversary

Sun 6th Feb 10.30a.m.

May Fallon – RIP.

12.30p.m.

David Ruddell – 1st Anniversary  
Pauline Dunphy – Anniversary  
Patrick Mahon – Anniversary

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

Sun. 30th Jan. 10.00a.m.

Mike & Pat Farrelly, Des Bourke – Anniversaries  
Seamus Hanley – Recently Deceased

Wed. 2nd Feb. 10.00a.m.

Available for Intention

Sun 6th Feb 10.00a.m.

Martin Power – Anniversary

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**Thank you.**