

of our daily lives. As Patrick Kavanagh said, "God is in the bits and pieces of life".

Life as a quest is embedded deeply in our humanity and is often expressed in literature. The poet Henry Vaughan once wrote that mankind is "ever restless and irregular, about this earth doth run and ride" and also said that "God ordered motion but ordained no rest".

In our First Reading, Solomon is given an opportunity to make a request to God and he chooses the following: "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil." God is impressed with his request and replies positively "I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you."

I think it is fair to say that, in making this particular request, Solomon was already showing great wisdom and discernment on his journey of faith. He already discovered the pearl of great price and wanted further help from God, so that his journey would become more fruitful. The three parables today are unique to the Gospel of Matthew. They give us an insight into what was important to him. And for him, whether it is the "treasure hidden in a field", the "merchant looking for fine pearls" or the "dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds" each suggests a quest for something very important and which, once discovered, is far too precious to be kept to oneself to must be shared with others.

We too have been given this gift of the Gospel which St Matthew also discovered. Let us pray that in the coming week we may be able to share it with others in the different circumstances of our lives. And, while we may not have the Wisdom of Solomon, we can be sure that if we ask the Holy Spirit for guidance, he will most certainly assist us.

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NEWSLETTER



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Searching for Pearls of Wisdom

After my mother died ten years ago, one of the items of her jewellery that we could not locate for some time was a pearl necklace that my father bought for her on holidays many years ago. It was one of her favourite possessions and she always wore it on special occasions. After much energy and effort searching in drawers, wardrobes and cupboards, the necklace was eventually located where she had carefully put it away.

I was reminded of this story when reading over this Sunday's Gospel. We are told that:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it."

The "pearl of great value" which St

30th July 2017

Matthew speaks about is there within our grasp, it is freely available to each and every one of us. The kingdom of God is close, near and is within us. Jesus himself said that the kingdom of God is amongst us and that when two or three are gathered in his name that is when he will be with them.

As people we look for what gives meaning to our lives such as love of God, work or study that is fulfilling and worthwhile,

enduring friendships and helping those who are most in need. When people are asked what is most important to them in life, they often say the quality of

their network of relationships. This can be with our family, friends and colleagues but also our relationship with God. We can also find God in the routine



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

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**Eternal City,
Rome**

Thurs 28th Sep –Tues 3rd Oct

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please contact Anne in the Parish
Office. Tel: 01 8375274. Few places
remaining.

Friday 4th August - First Friday

Mass Schedule –Church of the Holy Child

9.15am. & 7.00p.m.

Blessed Margaret Ball: 10.00a.m.

Confessions on Thursday after the 9.15a.m.

Mass and before the 7.00p.m. Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers

The roster for the month of August is now
available for collection from the table in the
Reception area of the Parish Centre.

One Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

If you have thought about coming to Lough
Derg but never managed to get there, or if
you have been there in the past, and thought
you will go back some day, let that some day
be this year. **A one day Pilgrimage to Lough
Derg Saturday 26th August.**

Coach from Holy Child Church, Whitehall at
6.30am. Cost €60 includes bus, morning tea/
coffee, light lunch, stay on Island.

€20 deposit.

Contact Marie McAllister 842 5678

**One Year to World
Meeting
of Families 2018**

We invite you and all
your family to come
along to the launch of
the one-year
programme of
preparation for World
Meeting of Families

2018, which will take place at the Knock
Shrine, County Mayo, on Monday, 21st
August 2017, the anniversary of the
Apparition of Our Lady. This day of
celebration will include the celebration of
the Eucharist, workshops and faith and
fun activities for all the family. The
WMOF2018 Icon will be presented at
Mass in the Basilica at 3p.m. and then
begin its journey around the Dioceses of
Ireland.



**World Meeting of Families
Registration & Tickets for the
WMOF2018**

Registration for the World Meeting of
Families is now open. Visit the ticket
section on www.worldmeeting2018.ie to
access information on the different type
of tickets and registration available.
Accommodation booking is also availa-
ble online at time of registration through
the same booking form on the website.

Recently Deceased

You are asked to remember in your
Prayers: Gerard Mangan,
Patrick Dunne, Catherine Grimes,
Sara (Sally) O'Neill.



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

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 31st July	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	May Allen (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday 1st August	9.15a.m.	Special Intention
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Wednesday 2nd August	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Anthony & Elizabeth Flynn (Anniversaries)
Thursday 3rd August	9.15a.m.	Frank Fortune (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Joseph & Judy Noonan (Anniversaries)
Friday 4th August	9.15a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
	7.00p.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 5th August	10.00a.m.	Josie, Annie & Johnny McDonagh (Annivs.)
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Anne O'Flynn (1st Anniversary)
		Thomas Derwin (Anniversary)
		Thomas Jnr. & Nuala Byrne (Anniversaries)
Sunday 6th August	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Michael Murray (Anniversary)
	6.00p.m.	Available for Intention
		Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Wednesday 2nd August	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 4th August	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Sunday 6th August	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 9 12 20 29 2nd Jackpot: 17 27 28 29

No Jackpot winner. The winners of the Seven

Consolation prizes were:- J. Soden: E. McGinley: P. Lawler:
J. Hughes: J. Smith: M. McGuirk: C. Hanley.

Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €10,250 2nd Jackpot €2,000

Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25 & Five Special Prizes of €100



Novena 4th -12th August – Ardlea Par-
ish will host an Novena to St. John
Vianney in St. John Vianney Church,
Ardlea Road, Artane. Each day there
will be a Novena Mass at 10a.m. and
7.30p.m. (Fridays 4th and 11th), Saturday
6.00p.m., Sunday 9.30a.m. and 11.30a.m.

Care 4 Colin who has Special Needs and
whose Mother has recently been diagnosed
with a rare form of cancer
Sale of Work Saturday 19th August 2017
From 10.00a.m. outside Adrian Dunne's
Chemist, Collins Avenue.

**Special Collection – The Priests of the
Parish wish to thank parishioners for
their generous response to last week's
special collection. €8,410 was raised for
Trocaire to help the famine situation in
countries in Africa.**

**KNOW YOU FAITH: Come to Pathways:
exploring Faith and Ministry - An Adult
Faith Development Two Year Programme.**
Begins in Clonliffe College Thursday 28th
September (7.00pm – 9.30pm) Early book-
ing advisable. Cost €400 for the coming year.
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