

General Audience twenty years ago in May 1997. He said: "After Jesus had been laid in the tomb, Mary alone remains to keep alive the flame of faith, preparing to receive the joyful and astonishing announcement of the Resurrection."

He goes on to say "The Gospels mention various appearances of the risen Christ, but not a meeting between Jesus and his Mother. This silence must not lead to the conclusion that after the Resurrection Christ did not appear to Mary."

Saint John Paul explains: "The Gospels report a small number of appearances by the risen Jesus and certainly not a complete summary of all that happened during the 40 days after Easter. St Paul recalls that he appeared "to more than 500 brethren at one time" (1 Cor 15:6). He also raises a very important question: "It is legitimate to think that [his] Mother was probably the first person to whom the risen Jesus appeared. Could not Mary's absence from the group of women who went to the tomb at dawn (cf. Mk 16:1; Mt 28:1) indicate that she had already met Jesus?"

And he concludes his reflection with these words; "It seems reasonable to think that Mary had had a personal contact with her risen Son, so that she too could delight in the fullness of paschal joy."

Of course, Mary's role in the Church did not end there. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (965) reminds us that:

"After her Son's Ascension, Mary aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers. In her association with the apostles and several women, we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit [which would come to the Church at Pentecost], who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation."

As an Easter people, let us rejoice in the continued presence of Jesus amongst us throughout this wonderful season.

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## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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### Season of Easter

30th April 2017

It may surprise you to learn that the Season of Easter is the longest Season in the Church's year. It lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, surpassing the six weeks of Lent and also Advent and the Season of Christmas.

This shows the importance that the Church gives to this time of the year which is highlighted by our recent Gospel readings recording the post resurrection appearances of the Risen Lord. These include his appearance to Mary Magdalene at the tomb, his meeting with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, the two appearances with the apostles in the upper room one without Thomas present and eight days later when he was there, his appearance at the Sea of Galilee with the disciples when he shared a piece of fish and, of course, his final appearance immediately prior to the Ascension near

Bethany where Jesus left us all his tremendous parting promise to be with us until the end of time.

Of course, one very important post resurrection appearance of the Risen Jesus is not recorded but, by tradition of the Church, what most certainly took place is the meeting between the risen Lord and his mother Mary.

A number of Saints have reflected on this. St Ignatius of Loyola, who founded the Jesuits, wrote in this *Spiritual Exercises*: "First: He appeared to the Virgin Mary. This, although it is not said in Scripture, is included in saying that He appeared to so many others."

St Ambrose of Milan in the fourth century said "Mary saw the resurrection of the Lord. She saw it first and believed."

A more recent Saint John Paul II, also reflected on this at a



**Easter Garden** - Have you seen the beautiful Easter Garden in the Church of the Holy Child? It will be in place until Pentecost so don't forget to visit and say a little prayer. It is located at the top left hand side of the Church. Many thanks to all who donated flowers and a special thanks to Dorothy Gray and helpers who created the prayerful space.



**Eternal City, Rome**  
**Thurs 28th Sep - Tues 3rd Oct 2017**  
**Mgr. John Fitzpatrick will lead our tour to Rome**  
**Hotel Domus Carmelitana 3\***  
 is centrally located in Rome about 10 mins walk from St. Peters. Price €799.00 per person sharing B & B. For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office.  
**Tel: 01 8375274. Booking subject to availability.**

**First Friday – 5th May**  
**Mass Schedule:**  
**Church of the Holy Child:**  
**9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.**  
**Blessed Margaret Ball: 10.00a.m.**  
**Confessions on Thursday after 9.15a.m. Mass & before 7.00p.m. Mass.**

**Liturgy Team Meeting**  
 The next meeting of the Liturgy Team will take place on Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

**Recently Deceased:**  
 You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Ciaran Kelly  
 Mary Pierce,  
 Bernadette Longmore  
 Delia Bridget Whelan



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



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

**7th -12th September 2017**

**Hotel Solitude \*\*\*\***

**5 Nights – Full Board Fully Inclusive Price €725**

**Spiritual Director Rev. Tom Kearney**

**In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage - (single room subject to confirmation – supplement €175)**  
**To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274**

**Archdiocese of Dublin**

- ◆ In the Archdiocese of Dublin there are around 1 million Catholics, 199 parishes and 231 Churches.
- ◆ Last year 15,000 children were baptised into the Catholic Faith in our Diocese.
- ◆ Almost 8,000 funerals took place.
- ◆ 1,900 couples were married
- ◆ There are 466 Catholic Schools – thousands of children are currently preparing for and receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation.
- ◆ Thousands of people give generously volunteering in our parishes & schools.
- ◆ There are 372 Dublin Diocesan Priests and 149 Religious Priests working in the Diocese – over 100 Priests are retired.

**More information in the SHARE Newsletter which is available at the door of the Church please take one as you leave.**

**Church Gate Collection next week 6th/7th May** for the support of Dublin Diocesan Students preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood.

**Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child**

<b>Monday 1st May</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	<b>Available for Intention</b>
		<b>No Evening Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd May</b>	<b>9.15a.m.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
	<b>7.00p.m.</b>	<b>Patrick McElroy (Anniversary)</b>
		<b>Margaret Kelly (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Wednesday 3rd April</b>	<b>9.15a.m.</b>	<b>Available for Intention</b>
	<b>7.00p.m.</b>	<b>Available for Intention</b>
<b>Thursday 4th May</b>	<b>9.15a.m.</b>	<b>Patrick &amp; Bridget Forde (Anniversaries)</b>
	<b>7.00p.m.</b>	<b>Eleanor &amp; Thomas Byrne (Anniversaries)</b>
<b>Friday 5th May</b>	<b>9.15a.m. &amp; 7.00p.m.</b>	<b>Altar List of the Dead</b>
<b>Saturday 6th May</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	<b>Patrick Tyrrell (Anniversary)</b>
	<b>Vigil 7.00p.m.</b>	<b>Gerard Kavanagh, Anthony Delaney, Christina Traynor (Anniversaries)</b>
		<b>John Carney (Month's Mind)</b>
		<b>Johnny Carney (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Sunday 7th May</b>	<b>11.15a.m.</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>12.30p.m.</b>	<b>Andrew James Murray, Mai Harrahill, Eamonn &amp; Mary Murphy (Anniversaries)</b>
	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	<b>Available for Intention</b>

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

<b>Wednesday 3rd May</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	<b>Available for Intention</b>
<b>Friday 5th May</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	<b>Altar List of the Dead</b>
<b>Sunday 7th May</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	<b>Jack &amp; Matt McCormack (Anniversaries)</b>
		<b>John Long (Anniversary)</b>



**Please Support your Parish Lotto**

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were::

**1st Jackpot: 2 10 19 27**

**2nd Jackpot: 1 7 22 28**

There was no Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:

**C. Smith: M. Colgan: Mrs. Hobbs: H. Murphy:**

**P. Moore: P. Dunne: J. Costello.**

**Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €7,000 2nd Jackpot €2,000**

**Plus seven consolation prizes of €25 & Five Special Prizes of €100**



**Attention Pedestrians!**

Please be extremely careful in crossing the Swords Road at the pedestrian lights. Over the past few weeks a number of 'near' accidents and incidents have been witnessed and reported since the traffic lanes have been changed by the new barriers. Do not hesitate to report any such incidents to Public Representatives & the appropriate transport authorities.

**Whitehall Residents Reunion**

St. Colmcilles G.A.A. Club,  
 Collins Ave, on Saturday,  
 24th June 2017  
 Music, food & craic = friends.  
 Tickets €12 limited availability. Phone 8370663  
 087 0523052.  
 Admission only with ticket.