

Dublin" event last weekend, said:

*"The Jesus who reveals to us who God truly is, is the one who is present among us every time we celebrate the Eucharist. The Mystery of Faith is the Mystery of the God who loves us and who gives us reason to hope, in the midst of the evils present in the world and in our own personal struggles in life.*

He added:

*"I have been almost fifty years a priest and recently twenty years a bishop. I have seen many changes and been called to challenges that I could not have imagined. My prayer is that your generation will now take on the challenge of renewing the Church for it to be the place where young people like yourselves will learn the beauty of faith and the joy of living the Gospel."*

When speaking at a General Audience in August 2017, Pope Francis spoke about the seasons. He asked *"We are people of spring more than autumn."*

He went on to explain:

*"I would like to ask now – each one answer in his heart, in silence, but answer 'Am I a man, a woman, a boy, a girl of spring or of autumn? Is my soul in spring or in autumn?'"*

He added: *"We do not delude ourselves in nostalgias, regrets and laments: we know that God wants us to be heirs of a promise and tireless cultivators of dreams."*

Our beautiful second reading today from St Paul is often read at weddings. He tells us that *"Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth."* The scripture scholar Father Martin Hogan has suggested replacing the word "love" in this reading with the word "Jesus" and we would then have a perfect picture of Jesus!

As we reflect on springtime and new beginnings, I ask you to keep Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) candidates, who will receive the sacraments at Easter throughout our Archdiocese, in your prayers as they continue their preparations for this important part of their journey of faith.

*Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes.*

## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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**3rd February 2019**

This is the first Sunday of February and marks the start of the Celtic season of Spring, which began on the Feast of St Brigid on February 1st. We are already beginning to see the first signs of the season as the new flowers are starting to appear in our parks and gardens. I was amazed to see cherry blossoms in the National Botanic Gardens at the weekend. As the song says: *"I've always loved spring time, the passing of winter, the green of the new leaves and life going on"*.

We also have a new Springtime in our Church with Pope Francis who is such a fantastic role model and example for all Christian people. I have recently read an article entitled *"The Last Monk of Clonmacnoise"* which spoke about what it must have been like for the last remaining monks to live

out their days in the ruins of the once great monastic foundation near Athlone. And the writer asks *"who was the last monk to say mass there and to blow out the last candle?"*

There is a sense of the end of an era as one age of Christianity passes away but also the emergence of a time of transition as a renewed church emerges by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

It is a good time to think again about our work and ministry and to ask Jesus if he is calling us to spread our wings a bit and also to make sure that we have adequate time to relax and renew ourselves.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has also been reflecting on the Springtime in the church. When speaking to young people at the "Panama in

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019**

**Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th September**

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

**5 Nights – Full Board**

**Fully Inclusive Price €759**

**(single room subject to availability €180 supplement )**

**In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage**

**To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274**



**Parish Lotto**

**Please Support your Parish Lotto**



Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 2 3 17 20      2nd Jackpot: 8 12 20 27

No Jackpot winner – The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:

M. Hammond; L. Conner; B. O'Toole; S. Duffy; J. Lindsay; A. Farrell; M. Burke.

Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €14,750      Second Jackpot €1,500

**Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25 & Five Special Prizes of €100**

**Holy Child National School  
Open Evening for Parents/Guardians  
Wednesday, 13th February 2019  
from 6.30p.m. to 8.00p.m.  
All Are Very Welcome**

Enrolments are now taking place for school year 2019/2020 in the above school. Closing date for enrolment is 28th Feb. Forms available to download from the school website [www.holychildns.ie](http://www.holychildns.ie) or alternatively call to the school office or Tel: 837 5870.

**Church Collections 27-1-2019**

1st Collection €1,755.00

Share €1,690.00

Family Envelope €970.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

**Church of the Nativity Beaumont –**

Centennial Pilgrim of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday 10th Feb. 2.30pm Eucharistic Adoration. 3.30 pm Mass World Day of Prayer for Sick.

Rosary & Investiture of Brown Scapular.

**St. Francis Hospice 30th Anniversary**

**Family Walk.** In St. Anne's Park at 1pm on Saturday 9th March. Refreshments & fun activities for children will follow the walk. Entry Fee €20 per adult.

Tel: 01 8327535

**We welcome in Baptism:**

Darragh Francis Joyce  
Aston Andrew Armstrong  
Cara Ruby Smith  
*We pray that these newly baptised children will always know and love Jesus as their friend.*



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



**Recently Deceased:** You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Peter Farrell  
Anne Garland  
Eileen Sinnott  
Helen Malone



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

**Praying the Scriptures**

**An Introduction to Lectio Divina:**

A three evening introduction to praying the Bible with Fr. Séamus O'Connell in the Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue, Holy Faith Sisters Old Finglas Road, Glasnevin. All welcome, no experience necessary.

Tuesdays 19th, 26th February & 12th March 7.30– 9.00p.m. Cost €35.

Tel. (01)797 9364

**Church Gate Collection**

No Church Gate Collection this weekend. Next weekend this collection will be for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week**

**Church of the Holy Child**

- Mon. 4th Feb.** 9.15a.m. Valerie McDonnell (Anniversary)  
7.00p.m. Maureen & John Halpin, Tommy Murray, Eileen Jackson, Paul Conlon.
- Tues. 5th Feb.** 9.15a.m. Mary Flynn (R.I.P.)  
7.00p.m. Robert Power, Pauline McCarthy (Anniversaries)
- Wed. 6th Feb.** 9.15a.m. Robert Moore (R. I. P.)  
7.00p.m. Annie & Jack Morrissey & Family (Annivs.)  
Philip Roe (Anniversary)
- Thurs. 7th Feb.,** 9.15a.m. Mary Ellen Moore (R. I. P. )  
7.00p.m. Available for Intention
- Fri. 8th Feb.** 9.15a.m. St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society  
7.00p.m. Martha Herron, Carmel Goodson (Anniversaries)
- Sat. 9th Feb. Vigil** 10.00a.m. Available for Intention  
7.00p.m. Jimmy Campbell (1st Anniv.) & Ger Campbell (Birthday Remembrance)  
Annette Murphy (1st Anniversary)  
Charles Curtis, Francis & Teresa Harding (Annivs.)  
Hughie Lynch (Anniversary)
- Sun. 10th Feb.** 11.15a.m. Louis Cottell (Anniversary)  
12.30p.m. Caroline & Seán O'Keefe, (Anniversaries)  
Mary Waldron (Anniversary)  
Dominic & Gretta Coll (Anniversaries)  
Rose & Thomas Doyle (Anniversaries)  
6.00p.m. Available for Intention
- Wed. 6th Feb.** 10.00a.m. Lynda Campelli (Anniversary)
- Sun. 10th Feb.** 10.00a.m. Seán MacGabhann (1st Anniversary)  
Douglas Virgo (Anniversary)  
Raymond & Nora Hanley & their son Ray (Annivs)

**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball**

**Central Remedial Clinic** Vernon Ave, Clontarf  
- Annual Art Exhibition-Saturday 16th Feb.  
11am-6pm, Sunday 17th Feb. 11-5pm Adm. Free

**Plunket College of Further Education** Swords Rd. Open Day Wed. 6th Feb. 2pm-5pm. Tel: 837 1689