

Gospel. During the 250 or so years when the church was in use, people gathered to share the ordinary things of life. They reached out to support the less well off, comfort the bereaved and offered consolation to the sick and distressed.

The people of that time would have led less complicated lives than we do. They would not have had long commutes to work. Many may not have travelled further than Dublin city in their lifetime. They were in touch with nature which, no doubt, inspired them and also provided them with an income through farming.

They would have known the changing of the seasons. The time for planting, for the harvest and for the fattening and selling of animals. And I'm sure that they recognised God's presence through this pattern of life as they prayed, attended mass and tried their best to live authentic Christian lives.

I'm sure that they were also a community of prayer. People would have called into the church to reflect, say a quick prayer to seek assistance in their needs. May we too know the power of prayer in our lives and seek the assistance of the Saints who have gone before us to God with our needs. We can be sure that God will not abandon us.

Every generation in difficult times has trusted in the spirit of God's mercy to help them. Despite great challenges, they trusted in God and he did not let them down. May we share their faith in our church of today.

They did not, I am sure, feel that they were doing anything extraordinary. But, in a way, they really were. They kept the flame of faith alive to share with the generations to come and showed how hard work and the gift of faith can lead to a satisfactory and fulfilling life. That flame of faith has, in turn been passed on to us and it is our job to share it with the generations to come.

That's what God asked of that community in Grange Abbey and it is also what he asks of us all today. Let us reflect on how we might do this most effectively as we continue to enjoy these summer days. Gerard Reilly

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PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



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Flame of Faith

4th August 2019

A number of years ago, our then parish priest, the late Father Eoin McCrystal, led us as a parish community on a pilgrimage to the ruined church at Grange Abbey which is located close to the Donaghmede roundabout.

The church was used regularly from the 14th-16th centuries but has remained, five centuries later, as a symbol of the faith of that community from hundreds of years earlier.

In those times, it would have been farming land in the area and I imagine it would mainly have been farm labourers who would have attended mass there, perhaps at the beginning of a hard working day bringing in the harvest or on a Sunday in their best clothes coming to celebrate the Eucharist in the company of their friends and neighbours.

There are no records that I am aware of concerning which priests served there over the years but there must have been many baptisms, weddings and funerals as the community

gathered together for significant family occasions.

I sometimes pause and reflect as I pass by the ruins on my way to the nearby Holy Trinity Church in Donaghmede. While we are separated by over 500 years from the worshippers in this beautiful church, we do have at least one thing in common with them and that is to share and celebrate the faith we have in the Risen Jesus who was present to them as he is equally so to each of us in our day.

Our challenges and opportunities may be very different but we can be sure that they too had their struggles with family life, ups and downs with illness, relationships to manage and friends who came in and out of their lives over the years.

There is a priest who celebrated the first mass there, lit the first candle and read the first

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th September 2019

Hotel Solitude ** 5 Nights Full Board
Fully Inclusive Price €759 per person sharing.**
(single room €180 supplement)

Travelling in conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage.
For more information and to book please contact Anne
in the Parish Office Tel: 01 8375274



Lough Derg – A one day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Saturday 24th August 2019: Coach from Holy Child Church Whitehall at 6.30a.m. Cost €60 includes Return Fare & Stay on Island, morning tea/coffee, light lunch. Concluding with Mass at 3.00p.m. A deposit of €20 is required. For more information contact Marie McAllister 01 842 5678 086 3990998

We welcome in Baptism:
Elsie Ayda Kavanagh
Thomas Robert Dunne
Matthew Benjamin Walsh
Eoghan John Lyndon



We pray that these newly baptised children will always know and love Jesus as their friend.

Ministers of the Word:
The new Group A Roster is available on the table in the Parish Centre reception area.

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: Sarah Brady John Dolan



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

Church Collection 28/7/2019

1st Collection	€1,570
SHARE	€1,335
Family Envelope	€1520

Triduum - St. Maximilian Kolbe: Fairview parish will hold a three-day Triduum in honour of St. Maximilian Kolbe, O.F.M. Conv. in the Church of the Visitation, Fairview from Mon 12th August- Wed 14th August the Feast day of St. Maximilian. The solemn act of consecration of Mary Immaculate and the Blessing of the relic of St. Maximilian will take place each day at the end of the 10.00a.m. Mass. All most welcome.



Legion of Mary Youth Conference: The annual Young Catholic Conference takes place in All Hallows College, Drumcondra, on Saturday August 31st and September 1st 2019. This is a fantastic weekend packed full of interesting events for young Catholics. Prices range from €25-€50, accommodation also available. For further details visit website <http://www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com/> or contact Lucy 087 9959803 Seek Beauty; Find Truth - Mary guide our hearts – A Legion of Mary Project

Pathways: Exploring Faith as an Adult: Pathways is a two year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development Course on Thursday evenings in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. Late September to May (7.00-9.30pm.) Application now open for September 2019. Contact Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594

Parish Lotto

Please Support your Parish Lotto



Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
1st Jackpot: 1 13 25 30 2nd Jackpot: 11 22 23 24 No Jackpot winner.
The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:
C. Reid; R. Joyce; J. Fitzgibbon; P. & P. Doyle;
A. Flood; M. Griffin; A. Byrne.

Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,450
Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25 and 5 Special Prizes of €100

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

Mon. 5th August 10.00a.m. Peter Howard (Anniversary) No evening Mass
Tues. 6th August 9.15a.m. Jack O'Donoghue (Anniversary)
7.00p.m. Thomas & Josephine Stafford (Birthday Remembrance)
Wed. 7th August 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Thurs. 8th August 9.15a.m. Available for Intention
7.00p.m. Mass followed by Intercession for Priests. Traditional Prayer Meeting led by Sr. Briege McKenna O.S.C.
Fri. 9th August 9.15a.m. St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society
7.00p.m. Dorothy Clancy, Philomena O'Keeffe (Month's Mind) Pat & John Graham (Renewal of 50th Anniversary Marriage Vows)
Sat. 10th August 10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Vigil 7.00p.m. Thomas Kane, James Phillips (Anniversaries)
Sun. 11th August 11.15a.m. Christopher Evans (Birthday Remembrance)
12.30p.m. Liam O'Donoghue (Month's Mind) Teresa Evans (100th Birthday Remembrance) Peter Finn, Anne Doyle (Anniversaries)
6.00p.m. Available for Intention

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wed. 7th August 10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Sun. 11th August 10.00a.m. Tony Fox (Anniversary)

Volunteers required by the Society of St Vincent De Paul: This Society urgently needs volunteers in areas of Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare to work in assistance with individuals and families for just once a week. This will be for 3 hours, day or night, (whatever suits you best). Full training and support provided. For more information Tel: 8198405

Age Action Computer Courses: Age Action are running a number of one to one computer Training courses for over 55s. They also run beginner courses in iPads and tablets for older people who have little or no experience. Courses once a week for 5 or 6 weeks Classes held in Dublin and are free. Tel: 01 475 6989.

The Parish Centre and Office will be closed until Mon 12th August. Newsletter Editorial Team are taking a break until the end of August.